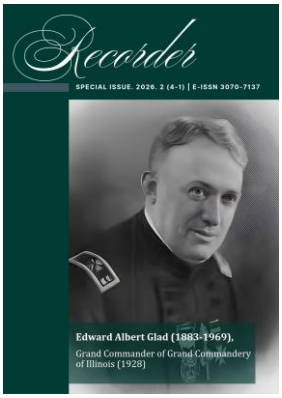
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Streator Commandery No. 70 (Streator, Illinois) on the Eve of the Great Depression: Organizational Development and Financial Challenges (1926–1929)

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Abstract

This article examines the history of Streator Commandery No. 70, Knights Templar (Streator, Illinois), from 1926 to 1929, on the eve of and during the initial phase of the Great Depression. The aim of the study is to reconstruct the activities of the Commandery and identify changes in its membership, financial condition, organizational development, and public activities. The source base consists of the minutes of the Commandery's meetings, preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA), as well as the published proceedings of the annual conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. A substantial body of archival documents is introduced into scholarly circulation for the first time. The study employs retrospective and historical-statistical methods, as well as source criticism.

The findings demonstrate that, after reaching a peak membership of 279 in 1924, the Commandery experienced a gradual decline, with membership falling to 268 by 1929. Financial difficulties were also identified, arising from unpaid membership dues and substantial expenses associated with maintaining the Masonic Temple. Despite these challenges, the Commandery maintained regular ritual activities, consistently high inspection scores, and active participation in public and religious events. Particular attention is devoted to the measures adopted by its leadership to address financial difficulties and improve internal administration. The study demonstrates that organizational and financial problems had emerged well before the stock market crash of October 1929. At the same time, documents from late 1929 provide no evidence of a sharp decline in the Commandery's activities. The findings contribute to a better understanding of the functioning of American fraternal organizations amid growing economic instability.

Keywords: Streator Commandery No. 70, Streator, Illinois, Grand Commandery of Illinois, Knights Templar, 1926–1929, Great Depression.

1. Introduction

The period preceding the Great Depression is often regarded as a golden age in the history of American fraternal organizations, as many of these organizations reached the peak of their institutional development during this time. The Knights Templar were no exception. This study examines the history and development of Streator Commandery No. 70 (Streator, Illinois) from 1926 to 1929, based on the minutes of the Commandery's regular meetings preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University.

The aim of the study is to reconstruct the activities of the Commandery and identify changes in its membership, financial condition, organizational development, and public activities.

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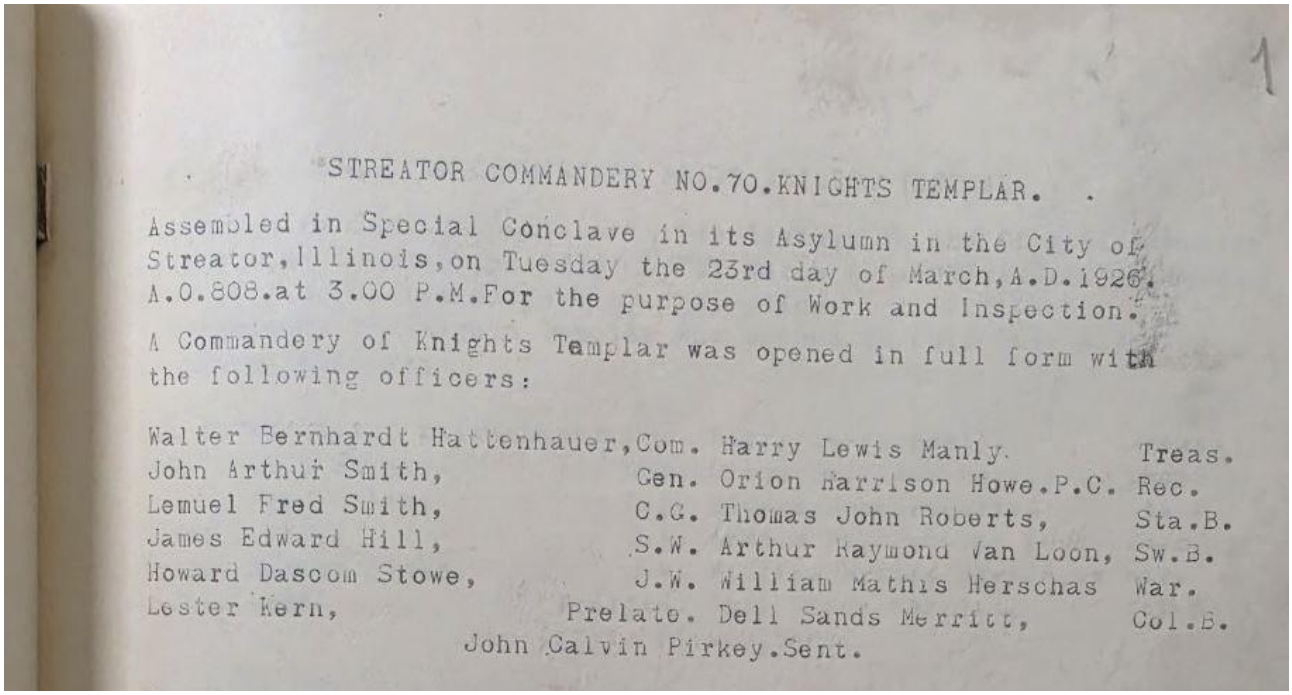
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2. Materials and Methods

The source base of the study consists of two groups of historical sources.

The first group comprises archival materials, a substantial number of which are introduced into scholarly circulation for the first time, documenting the history of Streator Commandery No. 70 during the period under consideration. These documents are preserved in Fond 3, *Collection of Documents on Masonic Organizations in the United States (1733–Present)*, of the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA). They consist of the Commandery's meeting minutes, compiled in *Minute Book of Streator Commandery No. 70, Knights Templar (Illinois), 1926–1930*. 1 volume, 133 items (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 1-128).

The minutes were typewritten on individual sheets (Fig. 1), each authenticated by the signatures of the Commander and the Recorder (Fig. 2).



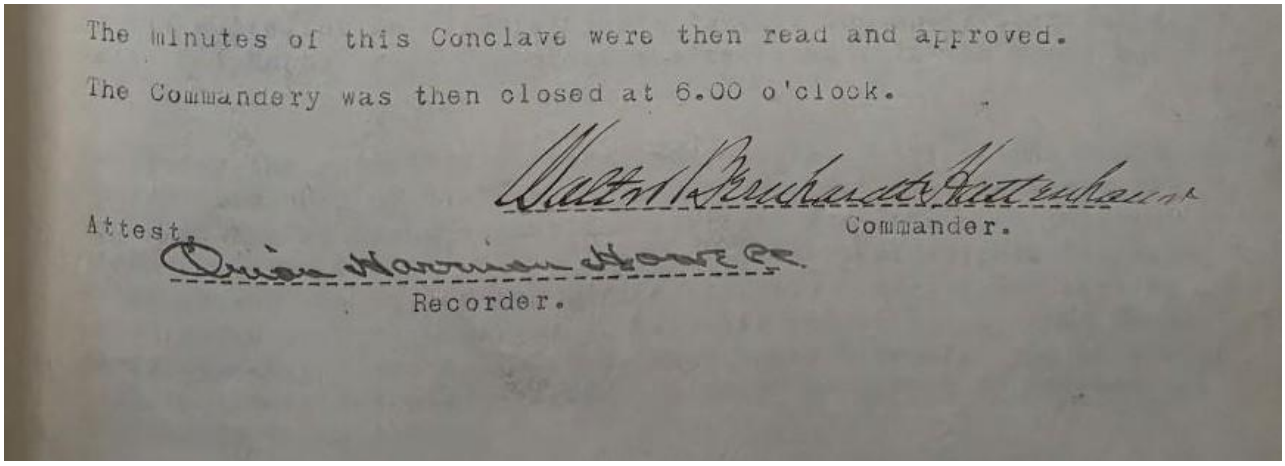
STREATOR COMMANDERY NO.70.KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylumn in the City of Streator,Illinois,on Tuesday the 23rd day of March,A.D.1926. A.O.808.at 3.00 P.M.For the purpose of Work and Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer,Com.	Harry Lewis Manly.		Treas.
John Arthur Smith,	Gen.	Orion Harrison Howe.P.C.	Rec.
Lemuel Fred Smith,	C.G.	Thomas John Roberts,	Sta.B.
James Edward Hill,	S.W.	Arthur Raymond Van Loon,	Sw.B.
Howard Dascom Stowe,	J.W.	William Mathis Herschas	War.
Lester Kern,	Prelate.	Dell Sands Merritt,	Col.B.
John Calvin Pirkey.Sent.			

Fig. 1. First sheet of the archival file for 1926 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 1)



The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 6.00 o'clock.

Walter B Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest: Orion Harrison Howe P.C.
Recorder.

Fig. 2. Signatures of the Commander and Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 1)

The second group of sources consists of published documentary collections, namely the *Proceedings of the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois* (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926; Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927; Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928; Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929). Materials from other annual conclaves were also consulted occasionally.

The methodological framework of the study is based on the principles of historicism, objectivity, and systematic analysis, which made it possible to examine the history of the Commandery in the context of socioeconomic developments in the United States during the second half of the 1920s.

The study employs retrospective and historical-statistical methods, as well as source criticism. The retrospective method made it possible to reconstruct the history of the Commandery between 1926 and 1929 in chronological sequence. The historical-statistical method was applied to analyze membership figures, the collection and payment of membership dues, and other quantitative indicators of the organization's activities. Source criticism enabled the comparison of information recorded in the minutes of Streator Commandery No. 70 with the published reports of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, thereby identifying specific features of historical documentation and certain discrepancies in the reported data.

3. Results

Streator Commandery No. 70 was constituted on February 13, 1906 (Cherkas, 2026: 1046), and subsequently experienced steady growth, with its membership exceeding 200 as early as 1920 (Sixty-fourth Annual Conclave..., 1920: 203).

The financial and organizational difficulties experienced by American fraternal organizations did not emerge entirely unexpectedly with the onset of the Great Depression. Certain signs of institutional vulnerability had already appeared several years before the major economic collapse. These developments can be examined through changes in the membership of Streator Commandery No. 70.

In 1924, the Commandery reached its historical peak membership of 279. During that year, seven members were created and two died (Sixty-eighth Annual Conclave..., 1924: 203). In 1925, for the first time in its history, the Commandery's membership declined, falling to 275. During the year, six members were created, one was admitted, two demitted, seven were suspended, and two died (Sixty-ninth Annual Conclave..., 1925: 253). The suspension of seven members represented an early warning sign of emerging organizational difficulties.

In 1926, the Commandery's membership increased slightly to 276. During the year, seven members were created, one was admitted, one demitted, five were suspended, and one died (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 253).

John Arthur Smith ..... Em. Commander

Orion Harrison Howe ..... Recorder (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 255).

Created: Willis Arthur Myers, Harry Fredrick Hall, Marsden Henry Duncan, John A. Robb, John Collier Dawson, Lawrence Sowden, James Henry Graham (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 299).

Admitted: Arthur Murdock Bourke.

Suspended: John Lester Brehman, Wayne Hughes Colchower, Edward Cannon Fellows, Ralph William Stone, Lewis Winfield Werner.

Demitted: Fred J. Ryon (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 300).

Dead: Sylvester Albert Blanchard (Jan. 13, 1926) (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 342).

In 1926, Past Grand Commander (PGC) William Henry Jennings was re-elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Illinois (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 2).

In the same year, Past Commander (PC) Richard J. Howells was re-elected Grand Captain of the Guard (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 2).

During the 1926 inspection, the Commandery achieved an average score of 97.9 points, representing a slight improvement over its previous results (Seventieth Annual Conclave..., 1926: 158).

The Commandery remained part of the Fourth District. On November 8, 1926, a School of Instruction was held in the asylum of Streator Commandery No. 70 in Streator, Illinois. The event was attended by 95 participants and five Grand Officers (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 176).

The minutes of meetings constitute one of the most detailed sources for studying the everyday activities of fraternal organizations, as they document the challenges encountered and the measures taken to address them. In the present case, the principal source is the *Minute Book of Streator Commandery No. 70*, which records meetings generally held twice a month. The minutes preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University begin in March 1926. Consequently, the records of four meetings held in January and February of that year are unavailable for this study.

These archival materials will be examined in detail below.

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 23rd day of March, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 3.00 P.M. For the purpose of Work and Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Lemuel Fred Smith, C.G.
James Edward Hill, S.W.

Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W.
Lester Herr, Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
William Mathis Herschas, War.
Dell Sands Merrick, Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

And members and visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

John Paul Hobbs, Grand Commander,
Glenn F. Coe, Deputy Grand Commander,
Aubrey Prosser, Grand Captain General, and the Inspection Officer of this District.
William Henry Jennings, P.G.C., Grand Recorder,
Richard J. Howells, Grand Captain of the Guard.

WORK.

LAWRENCE SOWDEN, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 6.00 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 1).

STREATOR COMMANDERY NO. 70, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 23rd day of March A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 9.00 o'clock P.M. For the purpose of Inspection.
A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Lemuel Fred Smith, C.G.
James E. Hill, S.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.

Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
William Mathis Hersch, as War.
Dell Sands Merritt, Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

And members and visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

John Paul Hobbs, Grand Commander.

Glenn F. Coe, Deputy Grand Commander.
Aubrey Prosser, Grand Capt.-General and Inspecting Officer of this district.
William Henry Jennings, P.G.C., Grand Recorder.
Richard J. Howells, Grand Capt.-Guard.

Inspection:
Following the reception of the Commander, Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, P.C., of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., acting as Grand Warden, was admitted and announced that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois had arrived accompanied by his suite, for an official visit to this Commandery. Sir Knight John Paul Hobbs, Grand Commander, was received with the honor due his rank.

Following the reception of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight George P. Walker, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, K.T., at Kankakee, Illinois, acting as Grand Warden, was admitted and announced that the Grand Captain-General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, and the Inspecting Officer of this district had arrived accompanied by his suite, for an official inspection of this Commandery. Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, Grand Captain-General, was received with the honor due his rank, and thereupon proceeded to inspect the Commandery in full form.

This being a Stated Conclave.—On motion the regular order of business was suspended until the next Stated Conclave, and the reading of the minutes of this and the previous Conclaves, laid over until the next Stated Conclave,—with the exception of the reading of the Orders and Circulars.
Circular No. 7 issued by the Grand Commander under the date of March 2nd, 1926, requesting the observance of Easter-Day was read.

Circular No. 8 issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of March 11th, 1926, In Memoriam for Sir Knight George W. Curtis, P.G.C., of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, who was called from labor February 5th, 1926, was read.

Following the Inspection a count of all the Sir Knights present in Uniform and not in Uniform was made, with the following results:

Streator Sir Knights in Uniform	80
" " " not "	0
Visiting " " " "	29
" " " " "	9
Total	118

At this time the Inspecting Officer, Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, Grand Captain-General complimented the Commandery upon their work, equipment and general appearance.
Sir Knight John Paul Hobbs, Grand Commander, then addressed the Commandery and urged a drilled company at the State Conclave to be held at Peoria, Illinois.

The Grand Commanders Staff was composed of the Grand Officers and Past Commanders Rich, Barckman, Howe, Hampton, Mulford, Rowland, Osborn and Patch of Streator Commandery.
The Commanders Committee was composed of the same Past Commanders of Streator.
The Grand Captain-General's staff was composed of all the visiting Commanders, Generalissimo's and Captain-Generals.

A Banquet was served in the Banquet Hall at 6.30 to the Sir Knights and their ladies.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.00 o'clock P.M.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 2-2v).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Sunday the 4th day of April A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 2.00 o'clock P.M. For the purpose of attending Easter Divine Worship.

Pursuant to Orders 53 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum. For the purpose of attending Easter Service at the Park Presbyterian Church.

The lines were formed by the Captain-General, under the direction of the Commander; the Commandery then marched to the Presbyterian Church where special service was held and conducted by Brother Rev. George M. Ellsbre. After the Service the lines were again formed and the Commandery returned to the Asylum, where the lines were then dismissed.

Sir Knights present in line:
Staff:
William Henry Jennings, P.C., P.G.C. and Grand Recorder,
Richard J. Howells, P.C. and Grand Captain of the Guard,
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C.,
Arthur Milan Barackman, P.C.,
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. and Recorder,
Samuel John Patch, P.C.,
Linden Chester Mulford, P.C.,
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C.,
Russell Carl Osborn, P.C.

Officers:
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Commander,
Lemuel Fred Smith, Captain-General,
Howard Dascom Stowe, Junior Warden,
Harry Lester Manly, Treasurer,
Lester Kern, Prelate,

Colors:
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sword Bearer,
William Mathis Hersch, as Standard Bearer,
Raymond C. Cate, as Color Bearer,
Clifford Archie McFarland, Warder,

Line:
Arthur J. Howe,
Herbert A. Miller,
George E. Mason,
Ward E. Swift,
Oscar E. Stokes,
Raymond B. Patch,
Louis F. Kollmorgen,
William B. Bryant,
Charles P. Gaut,
Charles H. Williams,
Donald R. Williams,
John Alband,
John E. Milburn,
Thomas Gay,
James H. Graham,
Lyston D. Howe, Sr.,
Eley E. Perisho,
William B. Jones,
William L. Applegate,
John Harner,
Roy Sexton,
John C. Dawson,
John L. Patterson,
Dell S. Merritt,
William H. Carew,
Omar A. Fanning,

Arthur H. Raymond,
Dunkin Stobs,
Harry Lester,
William H. Jones,
Paul H. Patterson,
Eldo M. Rinehart.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 3-3v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of April, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 8.00 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., as Gen.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as C.G.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W., as S.W.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, as J.W.
Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Rec.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, S.B.
Clifford Archie McFarland, War.
Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

No others present.

Reading of Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclaves of March 9th, 23rd, the Special Conclave of March 23rd, and the Assemblage of April 4th, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

W. B. Hattenhauer, 17.24 Inspection, postage & cigars,
Geo. T. Knox, 9.00 cigars,
Anderson Printing Co., 15.00 notices,
Anderson Printing Co., 7.00 Easter notices,
Sterns Maloney Co., 9.35 Record-book loose leaf,
O. H. Howe, Rec., .70 Flag repairs and type supls.

Total 58.29

A communication from Sir Knight C. H. Leonard, Recorder of Kenosha Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar, Kenosha, Wisconsin was read, this is a notice of the election to membership in Kenosha Commandery of Sir Knight Fred J. Ryon, who applied for Transfer Certificate at the Stated Conclave of January 12th, and is also a request for the Dimit to complete the transfer. The Dimit was issued.

The Eminent Commander submitted the following report of the sale of Banquet tickets for the Inspection Banquet. 99 tickets were sold at $1.25 each, amount received $123.75, 52 complimentary tickets were given out, and 200 were guaranteed.

A request from Sir Knight A. T. Sears, P.C., Chairman of the Publicity Committee of Siloam Commandery No. 54, Knights Templar, of Oak Park, Ills., was read. The International Traveling Beauseant is to come to Illinois and be received by Siloam Commandery No. 54, Knights Templar on May 20th, and it is the request that Streator Commandery mail to its Sir Knights the notice of this event at Streator Commandery's expense. Siloam Commandery to furnish and send on the printed material. On motion the request was granted, and the Recorder was instructed to notify Sir Knight Sears.

A communication from Sir Knight John Paul Hobbs, Grand Commander; issued under date of April 8th, 1926 was read. This was a notice of the result of this Commandery's inspection, which is given below:

Records 97.4
Officers Present 100
Manual of Officers 97.8
Manual of Lines 97.9
Rehearsal of Duties 98.4
Ritual 96.2
Total 587.7
Average 97.9

The Commandery was congratulated upon holding this very high standard.

The following invitations to attend Annual Inspections were received and read: Apollo Commandery No. 1, K.T., Chicago, Illinois on March 30th; St. Johns Commandery No. 26, K.T., Peru, Illinois, on April 9th; Blaney Commandery No. 5, K.T., Morris, Illinois, on April 16th; and Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 43, K.T., at El Paso, Illinois April 20th.

Regrets from Sir Knights A. F. Schoch, P.G.C., of Ottawa, Illinois; Harry H. Henson, P.G.C., of Springfield, Illinois; Edward A. Glad, Gr. Genl. of Grand Commandery of Chicago, Illinois; and Walter S. Corbly, Em. Com. of Austin Commandery No. 84, K.T., of Chicago, Illinois for inability to attend the Annual Inspection, were read.

Regrets from Mesdames John C. Ames, Nellie L. Curry and Annie S. Smith for inability to attend the Inspection Banquet were read.

Received for dues 15.90
" " assessments 6.00
" " Banquet 123.75
Total $145.65

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.45 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C.
as Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 4-4v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of April, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 8.00 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Lemuel Fred Smith, C.G.
James Edward Hill, S.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Prelate.

Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
Clifford Archie McFarland, War.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, as Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

No others present.

Reading of Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of April 13th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

John B. Milburn, Asst. P.M., 11.04 — 500 stamped envelopes.
Mayme Kopi, Sec. O.E.S., 200.00 — Inspection Banquet.
Total — $211.04

On motion, the Recorder is permitted to receive moneys on the installment plan from Knights of Malta to purchase uniforms only if they so desire.

Sir Knights Samuel J. Patch, P.C., Abner G. Rich, P.C., and Arthur R. Van Loon, Sw. B., presented the following proposed Standing Resolutions, which were read and received and laid over until the next Stated Conclave:

"The Recorder shall receive for his services One Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($150.00) per year, payable semi-annually".

"At the first Stated Conclave in December of each year the Recorder shall report to the Commandery the names of all members in arrears for dues, when if not excused by a majority vote of the members present, the Commander shall order a final notice sent to each of them, addressed to their last known residence, to appear in person or by communication at the next or a subsequent Stated Conclave and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues."
If they do not appear in answer to this notice, they may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at any Stated Conclave. Provided, the Commandery may remit the dues of members, who, through sickness or misfortune, are unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery".

An invitation to attend the Annual Inspection of Bethany Commandery No. 28, K.T., at Mendota, Illinois, May 7th, 1926, was read.

A communication from Sir Knight Hugh P. Marshall, Chairman of the Hotel Committee for the Seventieth Annual Conclave at Peoria, Illinois, was read.

Received for dues, 5.00
" " assessment, 1.00
Total, $6.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 5-5v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th day of May, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 8.00 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as C.G.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W., as S.W.
Herman P. Schlageter, as J.W.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
Clifford Archie McFarland, War.
Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of April 27th were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:

The proposed "Standing" Resolutions which were presented and read at the Stated Conclave of April 27th, were again read and on motion were adopted.

"The Recorder shall receive for his services, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year payable semi-annually".

"At the first Stated Conclave in December of each year the Recorder shall report to the Commandery the names of all members in arrears for dues, when if not excused by a majority vote of the members present, the Commander shall order a final notice sent to each of them, addressed to their last known residence, to appear in person or by communication at the next or a subsequent Stated Conclave and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. If they do not appear in answer to this notice, they may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at any Stated Conclave."

The Recorder was instructed to have this Resolution about members in arrears to go out to all the membership with the Annual Conclave notice, the Recorder is also instructed to have the two notices printed for future use.

New Business:

Bulletin No. 2 issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, under date of March 1st, 1926, was read.

Delinquents for Dues:

The Recorder submitted to the Commandery a list of Sir Knights in arrears for dues for one year or more. Action was had as follows: The Recorder was instructed to send Final Notices to the last known address of the following Sir Knights, to be registered with a signed return registered card:

Arthur P. Harwood, Ralph W. Stone, William A. Earl, Edwin C. Fellows, Elley L. Horo, James M. Fraser, John L. Brehman, Wayne H. Colehower, Benjamin F. Colehower and Lewis J. Werner. These Sir Knights are to show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues at the Stated Conclave of May 25th.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

John B. Milburn, Asst. P.M. $1.80 — 10 Registrations.

The Recorder submitted a report of the cost of the inspection as below:

Cigars 22.50
Postage 10.34
Notices 15.00
Gloves 15.00
Banquet 200.00
Total $262.89
Less Sale Banquet $123.75
Net Cost $139.14

Easter had no expense except $7.00 for notices
$6.65 for postage
Total $13.65

Received for dues 10.00
" " assessment 2.00
Total $12.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 6-6v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 25th day of May, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as C.G.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W., as S.W.
William David Lindsay, as J.W.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
Clifford Archie McFarland, War.
Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

and a visitor Sir Knight Charles Gilbert Welch, of Aurora Commandery No. 22, K.T., Aurora, Ills., present also Sir Knight James Edward Hill, S.W.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of May 11th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

Circular No. 9 issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May 20th, 1926, granting a Dispensation to all Commanderies to appear in Templar Uniform at the ceremony in connection with the presentation of the Traveling Beauseant to Siloam Commandery No. 54, K.T., at Oak Park, Illinois, Friday, May 28th, 1926, was read.

On motion the dues of Sir Knight Benjamin F. Colehower were remitted, it appearing that he was unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

On motion the following Sir Knights were indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues, it being ascertained that notices as required by the statutes and by-laws, had been duly sent them by the Recorder and no response had thereto:

John Lester Brehman, Ralph William Stone, Edward Cannon Fellows, Lewis Winfield Werner and Wayne Hughes Colehower.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

A. H. Anderson Printing Co., 3.00 — 300 Annual notices,
O. H. Howe, Recorder, 4.90 — Postage on notices,
Total — $7.90
The Recorder was instructed that all Sir Knight B. F. Colehower's dues were remitted up to June 1st, 1926.

Received for dues 95.00
" " assessment 23.00
Total $118.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 10.00 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 7-7v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of June, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Russell Carl Osborn, P.C., as C.G.
James Edward Hill, S.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W.
Walter Perry Hampton, P.C., as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, Sw. B.
Clifford Archie McFarland, Ward.
William David Lindsay, as Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

And members and visitors as per register.

Reading of the Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of May 25th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

Mason-Helm, 1.00 — Flowers,
O. H. Howe, Recorder, 75.00 — Salary,
J. C. Pirkey, Sent., 50.00 — ",
W. H. Jennings, Gr. Rec., 491.75 — Per Capita and Assessment,
J. B. Milburn, Asst. P.M., 11.04 — 500 Stamped Envelopes,
O. H. Howe, Recorder, 4.80 — Advance postage,
Total — $633.59

This being the Annual Conclave, the reports of the Treasurer and Recorder, together with the report of the Finance Board, showing the audit of the same were read, received and ordered to be entered of record.

Report of Finance Board:

We the Finance Board of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., have examined the report of the Treasurer and the Recorder and find them correct. It is the opinion of the Board that the present method of financing the Temple is wrong and not equitable, and recommend that some action be taken immediately to correct the same. Signed:

Walter B. Hattenhauer, John Arthur Smith, Abner G. Rich, P.C., Arthur M. Barackman, P.C., and William D. Lindsay.
Treasurer's Report:

Receipts:
Cash on hand, June 1st, 1925 ..... 677.33
Cash received from Recorder 2145.90
Total $2823.23

Disbursements:
Salaries 250.00
Stationary & Postage 152.33
Flowers 9.48
Per Capita Tax 488.75
Temple Board 1168.72
New Years Party (one third) 10.00
Malta Badges 22.66
Past Commanders Jewel 67.00
State Conclave, Hdqts 13.90
Manuals 6.00
Inspection 252.74
Charity to sick Sir Knight 21.25
Safety deposit box rent 7.50
Insurance 115.31
Miscellaneous 3.67
Cash on hand, June 1st, 1926 ..... 233.92
Total $2823.23

Order No. 1042. Amount $3.00 not presented to date.

Recorder's Report:

Receipts:
Dues 1315.15
Fees 425.00
Assessments 282.00
Inspection Banquet tickets 123.75
Locker key sales 1.50
Cash on hand, May 31st, 1925 ..... 677.33
Total $2824.73

Disbursements:
Temple Board Assessment 1168.72
Salaries 250.00
Sta. & Printing 44.65

Postage 75.64
Post, Sta. & Ptg. Del. 148.55
Entertainment:
Cigars 22.50
New Year Party 1/3 ..... 10.00
Inspection Banquet 200.00
Sundries:
Refund lockers 2.50
Flowers 9.48
Gr. Com dues, Assm 488.75
Jewels, P.C. & Malta 89.66
Miscellaneous 3.67
Cash on hand, May 31st, 1926 ..... 230.92
Total ..... $2824.73 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 8-8v).

Stated Conclave of June 8th, 1926. (Annual Conclave) Continued.

Recorder's report, continued.

Held 23 Stated Conclaves, 4 Special Conclaves and 1 Assemblage.
Last Annual Conclave held June 9th, 1925, Installation was held on the same date. Membership now 276.
Received 7 Petitions, elected 7.
Received and created 10 Red Cross's and Knights of Malta.
Received and created 7 Sir Knights in the Order of the Temple.
Received 1 by affiliation, lost 1 by Dimit and 1 by death.
Suspended 5 for non payment of dues, remitted the dues of 1.
Read and received Special Orders 3, 1 & 2, General Orders 1 & 2.
Circulars 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 and Grand Encampment Bulletin No. 2.
118 Sir Knights were present at the Inspection, 80 Sir Knights of this Commandery were present in uniform. The Inspection average was 97.9.
The Commandery attended Easter services Easter afternoon at the Park Presbyterian church, with an attendance of 53 Sir Knights.
A special dispensation for the election of a Finance Board was granted December 22nd, 1925, the following Sir Knights were elected to this Board: W. B. Hattenhauer, Com., Jno. Art. Smith, Genl., Abner G. Rich, P.C., Arthur M. Barackman, P.C., and William D. Lindsay to succeed the then board of Trustees.
July 28th, 1925, a note for $500.00 was endorsed by the three principle officers of the Commandery, by vote of the Commandery to assist the Order of DeMolay in the purchase of equipment.
A committee to revise by-laws and offer suggestions upon same was appointed to report prior to May 1st, no report has been submitted.
26 Sir Knights are in arrears for dues, amount $156.00.
There are 13 Knights of Malta who have not received the Order of the Temple, over half of them are two years old or better.
3 petitioners elected who have not received any work.

Election:

The election of officers and a Finance Board for the ensuing Templar year being now in order, the Commander appointed Sir Knights Samuel John Patch, P.C., and Russell Carl Osborn, P.C., as receiving tellers and Sir Knight Walter Perry Hampton, P.C., as distributing and collecting teller.

The ballots having been collected, sorted and tallied, the following were separately declared duly elected.

John Arthur Smith, Commander.
Harry Lewis Manly, Generalissimo.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Captain-General.
Clifford Archie McFarland, Senior Warden.
Thomas John Roberts, Junior Warden.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Carles Pearl Gaut, Treasurer.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Recorder.
and Sir Knights Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., Richard J. Howells, P.C., Howard Dascom Stowe, John Arthur Smith, Com., and William David Lindsay were separately elected as members of the Finance Board.

The Commander then announced that he would make his appointments for the offices of Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Color Bearer, Warder and Sentinel at a later date and that Installation would be held the next Stated Conclave June 22nd.

At this time the Commandery turned back in the Order of Business to discuss the financial condition of the Commandery and act upon the suggestion of the Finance Board. It was learned from the reports of the Recorder that the Commandery was falling behind in membership and funds, the only funds under the present arrangement with the Temple Board that are available for the use of the Commandery are monies derived from fees, and this is not sufficient to run the Commandery. It was shown that under the existing arrangement the Temple Board has the power to use all of the dues not paid for per capita; it was also shown that the Trustees of the three bodies who have title to the Temple make no effort to meet and plan the management of the Temple or in any way assume responsibility of its affairs. It was also shown that four other bodies who use the Temple do not contribute toward its upkeep or does the building show receipts of funds in any other way from any of the three bodies than that of an assessment of all their dues collectively. It is also shown that Masons who have membership in the three owning bodies are contributing to the upkeep of the building three separate times where a Blue Lodge member contributes but once, and it is the sense of the Sir Knights present at this meeting that the arrangement is neither equitable or right and some drastic means should be taken to have it re-arranged and corrected, as it is found absolutely impossible to continue as at the present. The Recorder's report shows about $230.00 on hand and owing now about $980.00 which must be paid out of new dues coming in.

On motion the newly elected Finance Board is to call a meeting of the Trustees of the Chapter and Blue Lodge to meet with themselves and see if they cannot arrive at a more satisfactory arrangement of running the Temple and derive more revenue for the building in a different way, and this to be done at an early date.

On motion, the Recorder is instructed to withhold the payment of the quarterly assessment of $293.25 due the Temple Board under the now existing arrangement June 1st, 1926, for two reasons: the Commandery has not got it, would have to borrow, and to force action on the part of the Trustees and Temple Board.

Received for dues 440.00
" " assessment 88.00
" " locker key ..... .50
Total $528.50

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 9-9v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd day of June, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 8.00 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Com.
John Arthur Smith, Gen.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as C.G.
Eldo Marion Rinehart, as S.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe, J.W.
Charles Pearl Gaut, as Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Thomas John Roberts, Sta. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, as Sw. B.

Clifford Archie McFarland, War.
William David Lindsay, as Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

Sir Knights present: Samuel John Patch, P.C., Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., George Hyde Forster, and Arthur James Howe.

Visiting Sir Knights present: Charles Gilbert Welsch, of Aurora Commandery No. 22, K.T., Aurora, Illinois, and William J. Dutton, of St. John Commandery No. 11, K.T., Willimantic, Connecticut.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of June 8th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

A communication under date of May 28th from Sir Knight Henry R. Lindblad, P.G.C., and Chairman of the Templar Memorial was received and read; this referred to the proposed Dormitory proposition at the Illinois State University. This was laid over until the next Stated Conclave.

Installation:

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, P.C., as the Installing Officer and Sir Knight Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Marshal.

The officers elected and appointed, except Sir Knight Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., re-elected Recorder, Sir Knight Lester Kern re-elected Prelate and Sir Knight John Calvin Pirkey, re-appointed Sentinel, were then duly installed into office as follows:

John Arthur Smith, Commander.
Harry Lewis Manly, Generalissimo.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Captain-General.
Clifford Archie McFarland, Senior Warden.
Thomas John Roberts, Junior Warden.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treasurer.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Standard Bearer.
Raymond Beam Patch, Sword Bearer.
Eldo Marion Rinehart, Warder.

and proclaimed as such.

At this time Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., presented the retiring Commander Sir Knight Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., with a Past Commanders jewel, which Past Commander Hattenhauer accepted from the Commandery and thanked them for past favors, assistance and also the jewel.

Visiting Sir Knights Button and Welch both made short talks.
The Commandery was then addressed by the new Commander Sir Knight John Arthur Smith who outlined and stated what the new officers would like to accomplish the on coming Templar year.

Received for dues 160.00
" " assessment 32.00
Total $192.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 10-10v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of July, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Eldo Marion Rinehart, Sw. B.
Warder.
Col. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of June 22nd were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:

Action upon the communication of Sir Knight Henry R. Lundblad, P.G.C., Chairman of the Templar Memorial, read at the Stated Conclave of June 22nd was again laid over.

New Business:

A written application for reinstatement to membership from Sir Knight John Lester Brehman who was suspended for non-payment of dues on May 25th, 1926, was read and it being ascertained that he had paid the amount due, the application was referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C., Walter H. Kerr and Arthur R. Van Loon, and action ordered taken at the next or a subsequent Stated Conclave.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

Anderson Printing Co., 5.00 — 500 letter heads,
Walter H. Kerr, 62.50 — Past Commanders Jewel,
O. H. Howe, P.C., Rec., 1.60 — Postage and registration,
Total — $69.10
A communication from Mrs Harriet Sears, Mrs Clarence L. Sears and Clarence Sears Jr., thanking the Commandery for floral piece sent at the time of their sorrow and bereavement was received and read.

A communication from Sir Knight John C. Pirkey, Sentinel, notifying the Commandery that he would be away until after September 1st, was received and read.

Received for dues 85.00
" " assessments 18.00
Total $103.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 11-11v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of July, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Raymond Earl Cate, as S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
William David Lindsay, as Sw. B.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C., as Warder.
Col. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of July 13th were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:
Action upon the communication of Sir Knight Henry R. Lundblad, P.G.C., Chairman of the Templar Memorial, read at the Stated Conclave of June 22nd, was ordered filed and action if any to be taken after the State Conclave at Peoria, Illinois.

New Business:
A communication from Rock Island Commandery No. 18, K.T., of Rock Island, Illinois, soliciting the honor of being host to the Grand Commandery of Illinois in 1927 was read and placed on file.

The Committee on the petition of Sir Knight John Lester Brehman for re-instatement to membership reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the Sir Knight was declared duly restored to membership.

A communication from the Chairman of the Reservations Committee at Peoria, Illinois, for the State Conclave was read, they wished to ascertain if possible now how many Sir Knights of this Commandery were going to attend the Conclave so as to provide accommodations. It being impossible to answer at this date, it was referred to the Commander to attend to.

Received for dues 25.00
" " assessments 5.00
Total $30.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 12-12v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of August, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen. as Com.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treas. as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe,
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C. as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Herman P. Schlageter, as Sw. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C. as Warder.
James H. Graham, as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of July 27th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

Circular No. 10, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of August 3rd, 1926, giving the program of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to be held in Peoria, September 8th, 9th and 10th, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 11, issued by the Grand Commander under date of August 3rd, 1926, giving the proposed changes and additions to the uniform by-laws to be proposed for adoption at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Peoria, Illinois, September 8th, 9th and 10th, was read together with the proposed changes and placed on file.

Special Orders No. 5, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of August 3rd, 1926, giving the schedules for the competitive drills to be held September 10th at Peoria, were read and placed on file.

A communication from Sir Knight Theo. Lass, P.C., General Chairman of Seventieth Annual Conclave at Peoria, Illinois, September 8th, 9th and 10th, outlining the general program for the Conclave was read.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:

Mason-Helm Co. ..... $2.00 — Flowers.
Received for dues 40.00
" " assessments 8.00
Total $48.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.,
as Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 13-13v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 24th day of August, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.

Howard Dascom Stowe,
Charles T. Rowland, P.C.
Thomas John Roberts,
Abner G. Rich, P.C. as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Raymond E. Cate, as Sw. B.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C. as Warder.
James H. Graham, as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of August 10th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

A communication from Sir Knight Theo. Bass, P.C., Peoria, Illinois, General Chairman, Seventieth Conclave on publicity of the Annual Conclave was read.

A communication from Sir Knight Edward H. Switzer, P.C., Marshall and Brigade Commander of the Seventieth Annual Conclave at Peoria, Illinois, was read.

The Recorder was instructed to obtain necessary type-writer supplies and postal notices.

Received for dues 15.00
" " assessments 3.00
Total $18.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 14).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Thursday the 9th day of September, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 5.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of attending the Seventieth Annual Conclave at Peoria, Illinois and taking part in the Parade there at 10.00 o'clock A.M.

The trip was made by automobile, the Headquarters of the Commandery was in Room 414 Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Illinois. The lines were formed under the direction of the Commander upon the corner of Fifth and Franklin Streets, the Commandery being a part of the Fourth Division.

After the Parade the Commandery was dismissed and most of its members returned home that same afternoon.

Sir Knights present in line:

Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Aide to the Marshall.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C.
John Arthur Smith, Commander,
Harry Lewis Manly, Generalissimo.
Thomas John Roberts, Jun. War.
Raymond E. Cate, as Color Bearer

Raymond B. Patch, as Warder
William H. Hersch, as Sword Bearer

Eldo M. Rinehart
William Bryant,
Omar Asa Fanning,
Frank Lorenz,
Herbert Praefcke,
Herman P. Schlageter,
John C. Dawson,
James H. Graham,
Marsden H. Duncan,
George Guentzner,

John Arthur Smith
Commander

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 15).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of September, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., as Com.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., as Gen.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, as S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, as J.W.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Prelate.
David Lewis, as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Edward S. Holmes, as Sw. B.
Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Warder.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C., as Col. B.
Raymond E. Cate, as Sentinel.

Sir Knights Walter Perry Hampton, P.C., and James Henry Graham present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of August 24th and the Assemblage of September 9th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

L. M. Mason ..... 2.00 — Flowers
O. H. Howe, Recorder ..... 2.91 — Office supplies and P.P.
William M. Hersch ..... 12.00 — Rental Hdqrs room Peoria
Anderson Printing Co. ..... 36.00 — 3000 Postal notices
O. H. Howe, Recorder ..... 6.00 — Carbon paper, repairs typewriter

Total $58.91

Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C., talked upon what was accomplished at the Seventieth Conclave at Peoria, and urged more and better attendance at these Conclaves, more especially the officers should give more attention to the business sessions.

Received for dues 20.00
" " assessments 4.00
Total $24.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
as Commander

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 16).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 28th day of September, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., as Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe,
Clifford Archie McFarland,
Thomas John Roberts,
Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Prelate.
George Hyde Forster, as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Charles F. Johnson, as S.B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
Raymond Earl Cate, as Col. B.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., Sent.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 14th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

General Orders No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of September 20th, A.D. 1926, assigning officers to the several Inspection Districts, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file. From these orders it appears that this Commandery being in the Fourth District, is placed in charge of Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General.

General Orders No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of September 20th, A.D. 1926, establishing a permanent Templar Brigade, and appointing Sir Knight Edward Hall Switzer, P.C., Woodlawn Commandery No. 76, K.T., as Brigade Commander, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

A communication from Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General and the Inspecting officer of this District was read,—he wished to ascertain the wishes of this Commandery in regards to the holding of a "School of Instruction," time, place and other proper and suitable arrangements.

Work:

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Arthur Calvin Dixon, Thomas

Fairbairn and Robert Fairbairn were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Order.
Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates. Arthur Calvin Dixon, Thomas Fairbairn and Robert Fairbairn, Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, were admitted to the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Sir Knight Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G., acted as Sovereign Master and Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., acted as Eminent Prior.

Received for fees 75.00
" " dues 15.00
" " Assess 3.00
Total $93.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
as Commander

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 17-17v).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Sunday the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 1.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of attending and acting as an Escort at the funeral of Sir Knight John A. Larimer, who passed on Thursday evening, September 30th, A.D. 1926.

Pursuant to orders 24 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., for the purpose of attending as an Escort the funeral of Sir Knight John A. Larimer.

The following Sir Knights were present and in line:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Gen.
Howard D. Stowe, C.G.
Clifford A. McFarland, S.W.
Thomas J. Roberts, J.W.
Raymond B. Patch, S.B.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G.

Charles Brooker,
William D. Lindsay,
C. Jesse Johnson,
Leonard Jacklin,
Raymond E. Cate,
Marsden H. Duncan,
Eley E. Perisho,
Clifford A. McCormick,
Herbert Praefcke,
Herman P. Schlageter,
George Hyde Forster,
John C. Dawson,
John A. Robb,
William Bryant,
Charles W. Kent,
Don Williams.

The Commandery was formed by Sir Knight John Arthur Smith, Em. Com., and marched to the late residence of the deceased, received and escorted the body to the First Methodist Church where services were conducted. After this service the remains were conveyed to Riverview Cemetery, where burial was made. The services at the grave were conducted by Streator Lodge No. 607, A.F. & A.M.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

John Arthur Smith
Commander

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 18).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of October, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
David Lewis, as Sw. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
Edward S. Holmes, as Col. B.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 28th and the Assemblage of October 3rd were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

L. M. Mason — $6.00, Flowers
A. H. Anderson Printing Co. — $3.50, Funeral notices
Total — $9.50

A communication from the John A. Larimer family, thanking the Commandery for its expression of sympathy during their trouble and loss was read.

A communication soliciting funds for the Salvation Army was read.

Sir Knight Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Order of DeMolay, read several communications from the Grand Council of the Order of DeMolay in which they stated that they were without sufficient funds from the Order itself to carry on necessary work and were asking the Sponsoring Bodies to raise certain quotas or funds to supply them with funds or to create an Endowment Fund. Their request from this Commandery was a minimum of $100.00.

On motion Sir Knight Rich is to pick his own committee from the Sir Knights and solicit a minimum of a one dollar contribution from each Sir Knight for this purpose; he is also authorized to get out a letter of solicitation for the purpose and mail to each member.
Sir Knight Eldo Marion Rinehart, Warder, tendered his resignation as Warder.

Sir Knight William Matis Hersch was appointed to fill the station of Warder.

Sir Knight Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G., tendered his resignation as a member of the Advisory Board of the Order of DeMolay.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.50 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 19-19v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of October, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate
Richard J. Howells, P.C., as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Recorder
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Raymond Dean Patch, Sw. B.
William David Lindsay, as Col. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

Sir Knights Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., Eldo Marion Rinehart, Sylvester Hash, David Lewis, Charles Frankland Johnson and Richard Henry Schurman were present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of October 12th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

General Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander under date of October 21st, 1926, setting the date for the seventy-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, as August 29th, 30th and 31st, 1927, to be held in the City of Rock Island, Illinois, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

Circular No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander under date of October 21st, 1926, assigning the Committee on Fraternal Relations for the ensuing Templar year, was read.

A proposed Amendment to the Constitution and by-laws of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., was received and read.

Article No. — Duties of Officers.

Section No. 1. It shall be the duty of the Finance Board to act with the Trustees of Streator Lodge No. 607, A.F. & A.M., and the Trustees of Streator Chapter No. 168, R.A.M., as a General Committee in charge of the Temple and other property owned jointly by this Commandery, Streator Lodge, and Streator Chapter.

Section No. — It shall be the duty of the Finance Board of this Commandery to attend regular meetings of the General Committee on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November in each year; and all special meetings of the said General Committee when called by its chairman.

Section No. — The Finance Board shall in January of each third year elect any member of this Commandery in good standing to serve on a Managing Board composed of such member and one person properly authorized each from Streator Lodge No. 607 and Streator Chapter No. 168.

Section No. — The General Committee is instructed and authorized by this Commandery to annually audit the accounts of the Managing Board and to render a full report of its doings to this Commandery as soon as is practicable after the regular November meeting of the General Committee.

Section No. — The General Committee is instructed and authorized by this Commandery to elect from its own membership a Chairman and a Secretary whose duties shall be those usual to such officers.

Section No. — The General Committee may delegate to the Managing Board any and all authority and power it may have not inconsistent with these by-laws, except the power to encumber or transfer real estate.

Section No. — The duty of the Managing Board (subject at all times to the direction of the General Committee) shall be to manage and superintend the Temple; care for all property jointly owned by the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery; and to keep proper records and accounts.

Section No. — The representative from this Commandery on the Managing Board shall attend the regular meetings held by the General Committee and all special meetings when notified by the Chairman of the General Committee so to do.

Section No. — Any vacancies that may occur in the representation of this Commandery on the Managing Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Finance Board of this Commandery.

Recommended October 14th, 1926 by Orion H. Howe, P.C., Recorder and approved by the committee (representing the three cooperating bodies) which has had under its charge the general control of the joint property (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 20-20v).

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Records of the Stated Conclave of October 26th, 1926 continued:

It being ascertained that Sir Knight Abner G. Rich, P.C., Chairman of the Advisory Board of the DeMolay, had advanced the postage to carry out the wishes of the Commandery, on motion of the Commandery he was ordered to be reimbursed the proper amount.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:

Abner G. Rich, P.C. — $10.99 — 500 stamped envelopes

Sir Knight Raymond Dean Patch tendered his resignation as Sword Bearer and it was accepted.

Sir Knight Albert Lincoln Roberts was appointed to fill the station of Sword Bearer.

It was announced that the School of Instruction of the Fourth District would be held here on Monday, November 8th, under the direction of Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General and the Inspection Officer of this district. The morning session will open at 9.30 o'clock and be carried on during the day. It is expected that a candidate will receive the Order of the Temple in the evening, the work to be conferred by visiting Sir Knights.

Work:
Thomas Fairbairn, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts:

Received for dues — 12.95

“ “ assessments — 3.00
Total — $15.95

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.00 o’clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 21).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Monday the 8th day of November, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 8.00 o’clock P.M. for the purpose of work.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C., as Sw. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder
David Lewis, as Col. B.
Russell Carl Osborn, P.C., as Sent.

And members and visitors as per register.

Work:

Arthur Calvin Dixon, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

A “school of instruction” for the Fourth District under the direction of Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General, was held in the Asylum on this date, morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session was opened at 9.30 and was closed at 5.00 P.M. Noon lunch was served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star in the banquet hall.

Sir Knights Aubrey Prosser, Grand Generalissimo; Thomas Greenwood Taggart, Grand Junior Warden; William Henry Jennings, Grand Recorder; and Richard J. Howells, Grand Captain of the Guard, with over a hundred Sir Knights of the District were in attendance.

The minutes of the Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.30 o’clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 22).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of November, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., as Prelate
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
William David Lindsay, as Sta. B.
Richard H. Schurman, as Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes, as Warder
Charles F. Johnson, as Sent.
(Col. B. not specified in line)

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of October 26th, and the Special Conclave of November 8th, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions:

The petition of Companion Daniel MacClain Emery was read, received and referred to a committee.

Unfinished Business:

The proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., "Duties of Officers," which was received and read at the Stated Conclave of October 26th, was again read and on motion was adopted as a part of the By-Laws.

New Business:

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

A. H. Anderson Printing Co. — $4.00 — 200 notices School Ins.

Receipts:

Received for fees — 25.00
" " dues — 12.95
" " assessment — 3.00
" " locker keys — 1.00
Total — $41.95
The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.00 o'clock.

— John Arthur Smith —
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 23-23v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C. as J.W.
Richard J. Howells, P.C. as Prelate.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Samuel John Patch, P.C. as Sw. B.
Oscar Eavil Stokes, as Warder.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 9th were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees upon Petitions:
The Committee on the petition of Companion Daniel McClain Emery for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business:
The application of Sir Knight William Crafora Dowdy for a transfer was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the transfer certificate was ordered issued.

A communication from Mrs. Frank Holmes and family, thanking the Commandery for sympathy expressed and for the floral gifts sent during their bereavement was read.

The General Committee of the Temple submitted a notice of the revision of the rentals for the various bodies which was read and ordered placed on file. The Commandery rental is to be $40.00 per year, payments to be made quarterly, December 1st, March 1st, June 1st and September 1st, and to go into effect December 1st, 1926.
This arrangement or revision of the rentals was recommended by the Finance Board, who are members of this General Committee.

On motion this revision was accepted and concurred in.

On motion the back rental not paid up to December 1st is to be paid to the Temple Board based upon the old agreement up to December 1st.

The Chairman of the Finance Board announced that the General Committee of the Temple was now functioning and completely organized, and announced Sir Knight Richard J. Howells as Chairman and Companion George Hamrin as Secretary of the Committee.

Received for dues, $25.00
" " assessment, $5.00
Total, $30.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 10.00 o'clock.

— John Arthur Smith — Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 24-24v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of December, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Arthur R. Van Loon, as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Albert Lincoln Roberts, Sw. B.
Frank D. Merritt, as Col. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sent.

Members present: Rollin L. Swindler, Jr., Herman P. Schlageter, Abner G. Rich, P.C., and Samuel J. Patch, P.C.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 23rd were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The Christmas Observance Circular No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander under date of December 1st, 1926, calling the attention of all Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction to their duty at this Christmas time, was read and placed on file. The Christmas sentiment prepared for the Grand Master and his response was also read.

An announcement of all the Inspection dates of the Grand Commandery for 1926–1927, issued by the Grand Commander, was received and read.

A communication from Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General, issued under date of November 26th, 1926, received by Sir Knight John Arthur Smith, Commander, was read. It was a caution to be prepared for the coming inspection, collection of dues, and to be prepared in advance for the inspection of the paraphernalia.

An invitation to attend the Christmas Entertainment of the Children of the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home at LaGrange, Illinois, Thursday evening December 23rd, was read.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:

Walter B. Hattenhauer, $9.00 — Cigars, School of Instruction
L. M. Mason, $5.00 — Flowers, Holmes funeral
N. Nelson & Son, $2.50 — Repairs, flags & standard
O. H. Howe, Recorder, $75.00 — Salary
John C. Pirkey, Sent., $50.00 — Salary
Total: $141.50

The Financial Report of the Board of Managers of the Temple, submitted by the Secretary of the Board John B. Milburn, under date of December 1st, 1926, was presented and read by Sir Knight Arthur R. Van Loon, Chairman of the Board.

The audit of this report by the Auditing Committee was also presented and read by Sir Knight Van Loon, the Chairman.

On motion, both reports were accepted and ordered placed on file.

Work:

Fred Edward Schnubert, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts:

Received for dues, $17.50
" " assessments, $4.00
" " locker keys, $.50
Total: $22.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.15 o'clock.

— John Arthur Smith —
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 25-25v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 28th day of December, A.D. 1926, A.O. 808, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C. as Gen.
Harry Allen Smalley, P.C. as C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
William B. Jones, as Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Marsden Henry Duncan, as Sw. B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
David Lewis, as Col. B.
Robert Arnold Ferguson, as Sent.

Members present: Samuel J. Patch, P.C., Richard J. Howells, F.C., Raymond B. Patch, and Thomas Fairbairn.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 14th were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:

It was found that the Commandery would not be able to pay the back rental to the Temple Board, $292.18 June to Sept and $292.18 Sept to December 1st, 1926, on account of the lack of funds, and not wishing to embarrass the Temple Board, the Finance Board recommended that the first quarter of the new rental $235.00 in advance Dec. 1st to March 1st be paid at this time.

New Business:

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

John B. Milburn, Sec. — $235.00 Quarterly rent Dec to Mar

A list of Sir Knights who were in arrears for dues was read to comply with the resolution adopted May 11th. On motion they are to get first notices to pay dues or show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.
Received for dues, $35.00
“ “ assessment, $7.00
Total, $42.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o’clock.

— John Arthur Smith —
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 26-26v).

Summarizing the results, it can be concluded that 1926 was characterized by a high level of ritual discipline and active public engagement on the part of Streator Commandery No. 70, despite growing financial difficulties. Thus, although the Commandery's membership increased to 276, problems associated with unpaid membership dues were recorded. During the reporting period, 23 stated conclaves, four special conclaves, and one assemblage were held. In its public activities, the Commandery participated in Easter religious services, the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois held in Peoria, and other events. It was under these circumstances that the Commandery entered 1927.

In 1927, the Commandery's membership declined to 274. During the year, five members were created, one was reinstated, four demitted, and four died (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 253).
Harry Lewis Manly ..... Em. Commander
James Edward Hill ..... Recorder (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 255).
Created: Thomas Fairbairn, Arthur Calvin Dixon, Fred Edward Schubert, Frederick Carroll Armstrong, Robert Fairburn.
Reinstated: John Lester Brehman (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 301).
Dead: Clarence Elsworth Sears (June 27. 1926), John A. Larimer (Sept. 30, 1926), Edward S. Holmes (Oct. 30, 1926), John Calvin Pirkey (May 9, 1927) (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 346).

In 1927, Past Grand Commander (PGC) William Henry Jennings was re-elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Illinois (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 2).
In the same year, Past Commander (PC) Richard J. Howells was re-elected Grand Captain of the Guard (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 2).
During the 1927 inspection, the Commandery achieved an average score of 96.6 points, its lowest inspection score during the period under study (Seventy-first Annual Conclave..., 1927: 179).

Let us now examine the matters discussed by the Commandery during 1927.

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th day of January, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o’clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascomb Stowe, C.G.
Clarence Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
James H. Graham, Prelate.
John Calvin Pirkey, Sentinel.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
David Lewis, As., Treas.
Benjamin Faber, St.B.

Charles H. Rowland, P.C., As., Warder.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 28th were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:

The bills for Fire Insurance Premiums on five insurance policies of Five Hundred Dollars insurance each on equipment presented again at this Conclave were ordered held over until the next Stated Conclave for further investigation.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

L. Mason, 1.00 — Flowers.
Anderson Printing Co., 13.00 — 500—ea due and finals.
The Masonic Supply Co., 5.04
Total, 19.04

The Recorder is directed to withhold payment upon the Masonic Supply Co. invoice and shipment, until the shipment is made complete.

A report of the Financial condition and the Activities of Streator Chapter Order of DeMolay, which is sponsored by this Commandery was read and placed on file. They are in a working condition, but have not been able to pay anything upon their Five Hundred Dollar Loan, which is guaranteed by this Commandery.

The Recorder reported that every Sir Knight indebted to the Commandery for dues has been notified of his indebtedness, to comply with the motion carried at the Stated Conclave of December 20th, 1926.

Received for dues, 20.00
" " assessments, 4.00
Total, $24.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Orion Harrison Howe
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 27-27v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 25th day of January, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Robert Arnold Ferguson, as Prelate.
David Lewis, as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Samuel John Patch, P.C., Sta.B.

Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
Charles I. Rowland, P.C., Warder.

Marsden Henry Duncan, as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of January 11th were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:

In the matter of the $2500.00 additional insurance, for which bills for premiums have been presented and held over, the Treasurer reports that he had looked into the matter and found that these premiums were due and recommends that they be paid.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

Sam Milourn, A.P.M., 11.04 — 500 stamped envelopes.
Ryon Agency, 10.10 — Prem. on $500.00 Ins.
A.J. Szabo, 8.57 — " " " "
Peoples Trust Savings, 10.09 — " " " "
Edw. G. Zilly, 10.10 — " " " "
A.J. Praffke Son, 10.10 — " " " "

Total, $60.00

The Recorder reports the receipt of the General Information and Inventory blanks to be filled prior to Inspection.
Invitations to attend the annual inspections of St. Paul Commandery No. 34, K.T., at Fairbury, Illinois, Tuesday, January 18th, and St. John Commandery No. 26, K.T., at Peru, Illinois, Wednesday, February 2nd, 1927, were received and read.

The resignation of Sir Knight Orion H. Howe, P.C., as Advisor upon the Advisory Council of the Order of De Molay was received.

The resignation of Sir Knight Albert Lincoln Roberts as Sword Bearer was received and accepted.

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Oscar Edvil Stokes to the office of Sword Bearer.

Received for dues, 65.00
" " assessments, 13.00
Total, $78.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 28-28v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of February A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Samuel John Patch, P.C., as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
Charles I. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col.B.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Sentinel.

Members Present:
Benjamin Faber, Arthur J. Howe, Raymond E. Cate, Carl H. Iserman, William F. Bryant, Louis F. Kollmorgen, George H. Forster, Ralph A. Swanson, Richard J. Howells, P.C., and Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of January 25th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

O. H. Howe, Recorder, 3.78 — Postage and registration.
" " 3.67 — Office supplies.
Total, $7.45

Invitations to attend the Annual Inspections of Ottawa Commandery No. 10, K.T., at Ottawa, Illinois, Thursday, February 10th; Blaney Commandery No. 5, K.T., at Morris, Illinois, Friday, February 18th; and Coeur De Leon Commandery No. 43, K.T., at El Paso, Illinois, Tuesday, February 22nd, 1927, were received and read.

An invitation to attend Easter Service at the morning service of the Congregational Church of this City at eleven o'clock Easter Sunday, from Rev. Harry A. Stemme, was received and read.

A request from Sir Knight William C. Dowdy of Chicago Heights, Ills., asking that we cancel his request for a Transfer to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, K.T., was read and granted.
The application of Sir Knight Brintnell Robbins Newlon for a Transfer to Quincy Commandery No. 77, K.T., was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the Certificate of Good Standing was ordered issued.

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Herman Pete Schlageter to the office of Color Bearer.

Sir Knight Oscar Edvil Stokes, who was appointed to the office of Sword Bearer, was then duly installed by Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, Past Commander.

On motion, the Recorder is to send Final due notices to all Sir Knights who are indebted to the Commandery two years or more to show cause at the next Stated Conclave why they should not be suspended for non payment of dues.

The Commander appointed Sir Knights Harry L. Manly, Gen., and Orion H. Howe, P.C., Recorder, to obtain and see that the Inspection invitations are sent out. Sir Knight Clifford A. McFarland, Sen. War., is to be responsible for the banquet tickets. Sir Knights Samuel J. Patch, P.C., and Howard D. Stowe, C.G., are to make the arrangements for the Inspection banquet.

Work:

Frederick Carrol Armstrong, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Received for dues, 20.00
" " assessments, 4.00
" " locker keys, 1.50
Total, $25.50

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.20 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 29-29v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd day of February, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Samuel J. Patch, P.C., as Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gout, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col.B.
Charles I. Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

Members Present:
Abner G. Rich, P.C., George H. Forster, Thomas Fairbairn, Arthur C. Dixon and David Lewis.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of February 8th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

Anderson Printing Co., 18.50 — Inspection invitations.
The Ryon Agency, 5.00 — Bonds for Treas. and Rec.
Total, $23.50

Ten Sir Knights acknowledged the receipt of their notices for dues, requesting further time; it was granted.

Received for dues, 75.00
" " assessments, 15.00

Total, $90.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 30).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Friday the 4th day of March, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of Work and Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gout, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

And members and visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

Glen F. Coe, Grand Commander,
David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain General, who witnessed and inspected the work.
William Henry Jennings, P.G.C.C., Grand Recorder,
Richard J. Howells, Grand Captain of the Guard.

Work:

Robert Fairburn, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 5:30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 31).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Friday the 4th day of March, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 8.00 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gout, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
Charles I. Rowland, P.C., as Warder.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder, as Sent.

And Members and visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

Glenn F. Coe, Grand Commander,
David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain General,
William Henry Jennings, P.G.C.C., Grand Recorder,
Richard J. Howells, Grand Captain of the Guard.

Inspection:

Following the reception of the Commander, Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, Past Commander of Streator Commandery No. 70, Knights Templar, acting as Grand Warder, was admitted and announced that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois had arrived, accompanied by his staff, for an official visit to this Commandery. Sir Knight Glen F. Coe, Grand Commander, was received with the honor due his rank.

Following the reception of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight William Irving Holcomb, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, Knights Templar, acting as Grand Warder, was admitted and announced that the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, and Inspecting Officer of this District had arrived, accompanied by his suite, for an official inspection of this Commandery. Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain General, was received with the honor due his rank, and thereupon proceeded to inspect the Commandery in full form.

Following the Inspection a count of all the Sir Knights present in Uniform and not in Uniform was made, with the following results.

Streator Sir Knights in Uniform 68
" " " not " " ..... 0 — 68
Visiting " " in " 60
" " " not " ..... 7 — 67
Total 137

At this time the Inspecting Officer Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain General addressed a few remarks to the Commandery, and was followed by the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Glen F. Coe who made a short talk.

The Grand Commanders Staff was made up of the following Sir Knights Al. F. Schoch, P.G.C., William H. Jennings, P.G.C. and G.R., Samuel J. Patch, Acting Grand Warder, A. H. Skelton, P.C., Blaney No. 5, Chas. B. Grover, P.C., Ottawa No. 10, R. K. Langer, P.C., Ottawa No. 10, J. W. Henshaw, P.C., St. John No. 26, O. J. Senfleben, No. 26, St. John, C. F. Whitmore, C. Ruhle and W. J. Martin, P.C.'s of Ivanhoe No. 33, C. A. Drury, P.C., Coeur de Leon No. 43, and J. C. Wolfe, P.C., C. A. Rawlins, J. J. Mitchell of Pontiac No. 85.

The Grand Captain Generals staff was composed of the following Sir Knights, Commanders C. W. Gay, Blaney No. 5, E. Z. Mercer, Ottawa No. 10, R. C. Hattenhauer, St. John No. 26, W. I. Holcomb, Ivanhoe No. 33, L. F. Kingdon, Coeur de Leon No. 43, and E. N. Robinson, Pontiac No. 85; Generalissimo R. V. Wright, Ottawa No. 10, C. W. Flemming, St. John No. 26, W. R. Sanborn, Ivanhoe No. 33, and E. H. Philips, Pontiac No. 85; Captain-Generals E. L. Mead, St. John No. 26, A. O. North, Coeur de Leon No. 43, and L. M. Shepard, Pontiac No. 85.

The Commanders committee was composed of the following Sir Knights Past Commanders of Streator No. 70, Arthur M. Barackman, Walter P. Hampton, Orion H. Howe and Russell C. Osborn.

A banquet was served in the banquet hall at 6:30 to the Sir Knights and their ladies.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 32-32v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of March, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., as Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
David Lewis, as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Sta.B.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., as Sw.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B., as Warder.
Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

None others present.

Reading of the Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of February 22nd and the Special Conclaves of Friday March 4th afternoon and evening for Inspection were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:
The Inspection Banquet Committee reported that one hundred and seventy plates were served, eighty five complimentary tickets were given out and eighty five tickets were sold at one dollar and a quarter each, netting them one hundred six dollars and fifty cents, being twenty five cents over in some manner. The plates are to be paid for at the rate of one dollar each, the total cost of the banquet is one hundred and seventy dollars, not counting the cigars.

The Recorder submitted a report on the cost of the Inspection as given below:

Notices, 18.50
Banquet, 170 plates, 170.00
Cigars, 9.00
Postage, 9.50
Total, $207.00

Less sale of 85 tickets at $1.25 — $106.50
Net Cost, $100.50

New Business:

Circular No. 3 issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of March 5th, 1927, requesting the observance of Easter Day was read.

The Recorder reported that if all bills were allowed, including the rental to the Temple Board of $235.00, they would amount to a total of $418.00. With the present cash balance on hand in the bank of $432.99 we would have but $14.99 to carry us thro the balance of the year.

On motion which carried, the Commandery will consider the payment of the three bills totaling $183.00 only.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

Order of the Eastern Star, 170.00 — Banquet.
W. B. Hattenhauer, 9.00 — Cigars.
W. C. Whelchel & Co., 4.00 — Flowers.
Total, $183.00

This action now leaves us in arrears to the Temple Board $319.36

Invitations to attend the Annual Inspections of Woodlawn Commandery No. 76, Knights Templar, Saturday March 12th, at the Midway Temple at Chicago, Illinois, and Bethany Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar, Friday March 18th, at Mendota, Illinois were read.

An invitation to attend the Annual Ball of St. John Commandery No. 26, Knights Templar, at Peru, Illinois, Wednesday evening March 23rd, was read.

A communication from the Publicity Committee of the Seventy-First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to be held at Rock Island, Illinois, August 29th, 30th and 31st was read.

Regrets, being unable to attend the Inspection or Banquet were received and read from Sir Knights Harry W. Hanson, P.G.C., Edward A. Glad, V.Eminent Dep. G. Com., Aubrey Prosser, Gr. Gen., Max Murdock and Lisle R. Colley.

Cards and regrets were received and read from Mrs Anna S. Smith and Mrs Nellie Curry, widows of Sir Knights.

A communication from Sir Knight William H. Jennings, P.C., stating the results of an investigation as to the welfare of Sir Knight George A. Morphew who is confined to the Osteopathic Hospital in Chicago, was read.

A communication from Sir Knight Max Murdock who called the attention of the Commandery to some errors in the design of the Coat of Arms was read, referred to the Officers and Finance Board.

The bill of the Masonic Supply Co which was ordered paid Jan. 11th for $6.74 was shipped short and the Recorder was ordered to change the order to read $5.09 instead and pay same.

The Recorder has been in receipt of a notice that Sir Knight Lisle R. Colley is at the Masonic Home at Sullivan, Illinois and is at present in the hospital suffering with a trouble called Stated Conclave of March 8th, continued. Sheet No. 2.

Multiple Sclerosis, he has been in this condition for past six years, cannot walk, and very little hope is held out for his recovery from it.

Receipts:

Received for dues, 10.00
" " assessments, 2.00
" " banquet tickets, 106.50
Total, $118.50

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

H. L. Manly as Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 33-34).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd of March, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen., as Com.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Marsden Henry Duncan, as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col.B., Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B., Warder.
Robert Fairburn, as Col.B.
David Lewis, as Sent.

None others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of March 8th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

A notice and certificate under seal from Quincy Commandery No. 77, Knights Templar of Quincy, Illinois certifying as to the election to membership in that Commandery of Sir Knight Brintnell Robbins Newlon thus completing the transfer was received and read; a Dimit was formally asked for, and it was granted.

A communication from Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Grand Captain-General and the Inspector for this district was received and read; this communication contained some comment upon the recent inspection and some hopeful suggestions.

Received for dues, 20.00
" " assessments, 4.00
Total, $24.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Harry Lewis Manly
as Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 35).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of April, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.

Harry Lewis Manly, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Robert Fairburn, as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
Benjamin Faber, as Warder.
David Lewis, as Col.B.
Frank D. Merritt, as Sent.

None others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of March 22nd were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions:

The petitions of Companions Norman Baldwin Williams and George Nathan Ross for the Orders, were read, received and referred to committees.

Unfinished Business:

On motion the Commandery accepted the invitation of Rev. Harry A. Stemme, Pastor of the First Congregational Church to attend that church for Divine worship on Easter Morning, April 17th, services at 11:00 o'clock, to meet at the Temple at 10:00 o'clock, in full uniform.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

M. Donahue, P.M., 2.19 — 100 Stamped Envelopes.
Western Union Telegraph Co., .85 — Telegram to Lilley Co.
A. H. Anderson Ptg. Co., 5.25 — 300 Easter Notices.
Streator Floral Co., 4.00 — Flowers for sick.
Thornton Floral Co., 6.00 — Flowers for sick.

Total, $18.29
A bill for rental from the Board of Trustees of the Temple was read; it was the opinion of the Commandery that on account of the lack of funds that it be carried over until a more opportune time for payment.

The Recorder was directed to obtain 500 stamped envelopes, so as to have them in time for mailing of notices for the Annual Conclave.

A communication from Rev. Norman B. Quigg, Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church extending kind wishes and sincere Easter Greetings to the Order was read.

Communication from Sir Knights R. E. Cate, Robert W. Law and Mrs. Jno. Hopkins and daughter extending thanks for flowers sent to them were read.

The Recorder reports the Easter Expense as below:

Notices, 5.25
Postage, 6.65
Total, $11.90

A communication from Sir Knight Glen F. Coe, Grand Commander, issued under date of April 2nd, 1927 was read. This was a notice of the result of this Commandery's Inspection, which is given below:

Records — 97.5
Officers Present — 100.
Manual of Officers — 96.
Manual of Lines — 94.8
Rehearsal Duties — 96.7
Ritual — 95.
Total — 580
Average — 96.6

The attention of the Commandery was called to the decline from the marking the last year.

Received for Fee's, $50.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 36-36v).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Sunday morning the 17th day of April, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 10.00 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of attending Easter Divine Worship.

Pursuant to Orders 59 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum for the purpose of attending Easter Church Service at the First Congregational Church.

The lines were formed by the Captain-General, under the direction of the Commander; the Commandery then marched to the First Congregational Church where services were held and conducted by Rev. Harry A. Stemme. After the Service, the lines were again formed and the Commandery returned to the Asylum, where the lines were then dismissed.

Sir Knights present in line:

Staff:
William Henry Jennings, P.C., P.G.C., and Grand Recorder,
Richard J. Howells, P.C., Grand Captain of the Guard,
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C.,
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., and Recorder,
Samuel John Patch, P.C.,
Russell Carl Osborn, P.C.,
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C.

Officers:
John Arthur Smith, Commander,
Harry Lewis Manly, Generalissimo,
Howard Dascom Stowe, Captain-General,
Clifford A. McFarland, Senior Warden,
Thomas John Roberts, Junior Warden,
Charles Pearl Gout, Treasurer,
Herbert W. Praffke, as Standard Bearer,
Frederick Schuppert, as Color Bearer,
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sword Bearer,
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.

Lines:
Arthur James Howe,
Lyston Drewett Howe, Jr.,

John A. Robb,
Ward E. Swift,
John Harner,
William D. Lindsay,

John B. Milburn,
Benjamin Faber,
George D. Warren,
Harry Lester,
Arthur N. McCord,
Ralph G. Mackey,
Leonard Jacklin,
James H. Graham,
Thomas Gay,
C. I. Jackson,
Michael Knetz,
William F. Bryant,
Charles Brooker,
W. LeRoy Applegate,
Harry F. Hall,
William B. Jones,
George Forster,
Frank D. Merritt,
Ray B. Patch,
Herman P. Schlageter,
John B. Patterson,

Raymond E. Cate,
C. Atlee McCormick,
Lawrence Sowden,
Harry C. Hill,
Louis F. Kollmorgen,
C. Jesse Johnson,
Arthur Dixon,
Arthur R. Van Loon,
Robert Fairburn,
Richard R. Howard,
Arthur H. Raymond,
Howard A. Stoller,
David Lewis,
Eley E. Perisho,
Ammon S. Johnson.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 37-37v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of April, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
David Lewis, as Prelate.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.

Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

No others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of April 12th and the Assemblage of April 17th were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions:

The Committees on the petitions of Companions George Nathan Ross and Norman Baldwin Williams for the Orders reported, whereupon the petitions were again read and ballot ordered separately, which being found clear in each case the petitioners were declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business:

A communication from Rock Island Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar regarding the program for the Seventy-First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery to be held in Rock Island the last three days in August this year was read.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

John B. Milburn, Asst. P.M., $11.04 — 500 Stamped Envelopes.

On motion the dues of the following Sir Knights were remitted, it appearing that they were unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

Benjamin F. Colehower, John Nixon Shinn, John C. Pirkey, David J. Spencer and George A. Morphew.
On Motion all of the Sir Knights who requested further time to pay dues, were granted the request.

The Recorder is instructed to make an effort to locate Sir Knight Lynn S. Broaddus prior to the last Conclave in May if possible.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 38-38v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of May, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Arthur Raymond Van Loon, as J.W.
Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gout, Treas.

Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as Sent.

None others present.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of April 26th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

Special Orders No. 2 issued by the Grand Commander, under date of April 19th, 1927, appointing new Chairmen to fill vacancies upon Grand Commandery Committees, were read at the “Head of the Lines” and placed on file.

Circular No. 4 issued by the Grand Commander, under date of April 19th, 1927, A Memoriam to Sir Knight Andrew Logan Anderson, Past Grand Commander, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the Conclave Committee of Rock Island Commandery No. 18, K.T., issued under date of May 2nd, 1927 was read.

The application of Sir Knight Robert Austin Ward for a Dimit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the Dimit was issued.

The application of Sir Knight Chester Earl Strawn for a Transfer to Siloam Commandery No. 54, K.T., was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the Certificate of Good Standing was ordered issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

Sir Knight R. A. Nara, .50 — Refund locker key.
O. H. Howe, Recorder, 1.98 — 11 Registers,
" " 2.19 — Stamped envelopes Easter
" " 4.92 — 32 Address’s Jan.

Total, $5.49

Sir Knight Arthur R. Van Loon, Chairman of the Temple Board then addressed the Commandery upon their indebtedness to the Board for past due rentals. Chairman A. G. Rich, P.C., of the Finance Board responded, and stated they would soon be in a position to come in to their meeting and talk with them, he had about finished compiling data upon the Commandery’s ability to pay.

Received for dues, 20.00
" " assessments, 4.00
Total, $24.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o’clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 39-39v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 24th day of May, A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
David Lewis, as Prelate.
Chester R. McColm, as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta.B.
James Henry Graham, as Sw.B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Robert S. Scharfenberg, as Col.B.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., as Sent.

Visiting Sir Knight: Charles G. Welch, Aurora Commandery No. 22, K.T.

Reading of the Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of May 10th were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions:

The petitions of Companions Edward William Greener and Albert August Koeneke for the Orders, were read, received and referred to committees.

New Business:

A notice from the Recorder of Siloam Commandery No. 54, K.T., of Oak Park, Illinois, certifying that Sir Knight Chester Earl Strawn was elected to membership in Siloam Commandery No. 54, K.T., Monday May 16th, 1927, was received and read. This notice completes the transfer that was requested. A Dimit was formally requested and granted.

The application of Sir Knight Lyston Drewett Howe, Sr., for a Dimit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the Dimit was issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

Anderson Printing Co., 6.00 — Printing Annual Notices.
Addressograph Co., .97 — Address plates.

Total, $6.97
A communication from Mrs Cora Pirkey and family thanking the Commandery for the floral gifts and sympathy extended at the death of the late Sir Knight John C. Pirkey, Sentinel, was received and read.

A formal invitation from Detroit Commandery, Detroit, Mich., inviting the Commandery to attend the National Conclave to be held at Detroit in 1928 was received and read.

Sir Knight Abner G. Rich, P.C., Chairman of the Finance Board made a report of the financial condition of the Commandery as in regards to the rental arrangements with the Temple Board, no action was taken.

Received for fees, 50.00
" " dues, 5.00
" " assessments, 1.00
Total, $56.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

John Arthur Smith
Commander.

Attest:
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C.
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 40-40v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of June A.D. 1927. A.O. 809, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith, P.C. as Com.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland, S.W.
Thomas John Roberts, J.W.
Russell Carl Osborn, P.C. as Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Sta. B.
Oscar Edvil Stokes, Sw. B.
William Mathis Hersch, Warder.
Herman P. Schlageter, Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. as Sentinel.

and members and visitors as per register.

Reading of the Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of May 24th, were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.

The Committees on the petitions of Companions Edward William Greener and Albert August Koeneke for the Orders reported, whereupon the petitions were again read and the ballot ordered separately, which being found clear in each case the petitioners were declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

Unfinished Business.

Chairman Abner G. Rich, P.C. of the Finance Board then read his report of the findings of the Board, who had gone back for six years to get an average as to the cost of running the Commandery, in order to ascertain what could be offered as a rental to the Temple Board. No action was taken.

New Business.

A communication from Sir Knight John N. Shinn, thanking the Commandery for remitting his dues, was read.

A communication from Sir Knight Harry L. Manly, Genl., thanking the Commandery for the flowers sent to him, was read.
Two communications from Rock Island Commandery No. 18, K.T. of Rock Island, Ills., were received and read.

On motion the dues of Sir Knight Lisle R. Colley were remitted, it appearing that he was unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery. He is now at the Masonic Home at Sullivan, Illinois.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

Thornton Floral Co., 7.00 — Flowers.
W. H. Carew, 62.50 — P.C. Jewel.
O. H. Howe, P.C., 75.00 — Recorder's salary.
Mrs. J. C. Pirkey, 50.00 — Sentinel's ".
E. C. Atchison, .50 — Locker key refund.
W. H. Jennings, Gr. Rec., 485.75 — Gr. C. dues, fees, assess.
Total: $680.75

This being the Annual Conclave, the reports of the Treasurer and the Recorder, together with the report of the Finance Board, showing the audit of the same were read, received and ordered to be entered of record.

Report of the Treasurer:

Streator, Illinois, June 14th, 1927.

To the Commander and Sir Knights, Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T.

The Treasurer's report for the year beginning June 1st, 1926 and ending June 1st, 1927, is respectfully submitted:

Receipts:
June 1st, 1926, balance forward 233.92
May 31st, 1927, cash received from Rec. .. 1679.40

Disbursements:
Paid out on orders to May 31st, 1927 ..... 1496.42
Cash on hand in the bank May 31st, 1927 .. $416.90

All the records and work incident to the Treasurer's office for the past year have been cared for by Sir Knight Harry L. Manly, Genl., in addition to his duties as Generalissimo. The account is with the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank and the statement of May 31st, 1927 agrees with this report.

Charles P. Gaut, Treasurer.

The Report of the Finance Board.

We, the Finance Board, have examined the reports of the Treasurer and the Recorder and find them correct. In the judgment of the board, after careful audit, we suggest that the Commandery offer to the General Temple Board the rental of $300.00 per year, as we believe that is all the Commandery can afford to pay based upon the income.
Stated Conclave June 14th (Annual Conclave) continued.

This report was made by Sir Knight Abner G. Rich, P.C., Chairman of the Board. Signed:
Abner G. Rich, P.C.; Richard J. Howells, P.C.; Howard D. Stowe, C.G.; and John Arthur Smith, Commander.

Recorders Financial Report.

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, and Sir Knights of Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T.

The Annual Financial Report of the Recorder Orion H. Howe, P.C., as of May 31st, 1927, is hereby submitted.

Receipts.

Received for dues 1138.40
" " assessments 231.00
" " petitions 125.00
" " initiations 75.00
" " total fees 200.00
" " sale banquet tickets 106.50
" " locker key deposits 3.50

Total receipts 1679.40
Balance on hand May 31st, 1926 ..... 230.92

Total $1910.32

Disbursements.

Rent (Dec 1st, 1926 to Mar 1st, 1927) 235.00
Conclave Hdqts at Peoria 12.00
Total rent paid out 247.00

Salaries (Recorder & Sent) 250.00

Postage 86.02
Printing 49.24
Stationary 22.09
Registered notices 3.78
Total printing, post, stationary, etc. 161.13

Cigars 18.00
Inspection banquet 170.00
Total banquet & cigars 188.00

Banner repairs 2.50

Per Capita to Gr. Comdy. 201.75
Fees 14.00
Assessments 276.00
Total to Gr. Comdy for May, 1926 ..... 491.75

Past Commanders Jewel, 1926 ..... 62.50
Bonds Treas. and Recorder 5.00
Flowers, sick and dead 31.00
Insurance 48.96
Miscellaneous 11.58

Total disbursements 1499.42
Balance on hand May 31st, 1927 ..... 410.90

Total $1910.32

The Recorder shows the difference of $6.00 between the Treasurer and the Recorder's report as being caused by Order No. 1092 issued to the Anderson Printing Co. for this amount, having not been presented for payment.

The Annual Report of the Recorder, Sir Knight Orion H. Howe, P.C., on the activities of the Commandery as of May 31st, 1927 is hereby submitted:

Held 24 Stated Conclaves, 3 Special Conclaves (one for work and two for Inspection) and had 3 Assemblages, one Sept. 9th, 26, when 20 Sir Knights assembled to attend the Peoria State Conclave, one to act as escort at the funeral of Sir Knight John A. Larimer, October 3rd, 26, and one when 59 Sir Knights attended Easter service at the Congregational Church April 17th, 1927.

The last annual Conclave was held June 8th, 1926, with a membership of 276. Installation was held June 22nd.

Received 5 petitions and elected 3.
Received and created 3 Red Cross's and Knight of Malta.
Received and created 5 in Order of the Temple.
Re-instated one Sir Knight. Dimitted 4, and lost 4 by death, a net loss of 2. Total membership now is 274. Remitted dues for 4. Total $42.00.
63 Sir Knights in arrears for dues. Amount $410.70.

All Orders, Special Orders, Circulars and Bulletins issued by the Grand Commander that have been received, were read.

Inspection was held March 4th, 1927 with an attendance of 136.

68 Sir Knights of this Commandery were present in uniform.

A school of instruction for this district was held in the Asylum on November 8th, 1926 (poorly attended by local Sir Knights).

Inspection average was 96.6 against 97.9 last year.

There are 11 Knights of the Red Cross who have not received the Order of the Temple. 3 Companions elected who have received no work, and 2 petitions that have not been balloted upon.

149 Sir Knights reside in the city, 13 in the country adjacent, the balance being non-resident (40 out of the state).

77 Sir Knights are not affiliated with lodge or Chapter at Streator.

The Inspection floor work was critical, but the records were not inspected.

All three reports on motion were received and accepted and ordered placed on file.

On motion the report and suggestion of the Finance Board in reference to the offer of $300.00 rental to the General Committee of the Temple was accepted and by vote of the Commandery, the board is to pass on this proposal to the General Board.

Election.

The election of officers and a Finance Board for the ensuing Templar year being now in order, the Commander appointed Sir Knights Stated Conclave June 14th, 1927 (Annual Conclave) Continued.

Russell Carl Osborn, P.C., Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., and Samuel John Patch, P.C., as recording, distributing and collecting tellers.

The ballots having been collected, sorted and tallied, the following were separately declared duly elected:

Harry Lewis Manly — Commander.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Generalissimo.
Clifford Archie McFarland — Captain-General.
Thomas John Roberts — Senior Warden.
William Mathis Hersch — Junior Warden.
George Hyde Forester — Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gaut — Treasurer.
James Edward Hill — Recorder.

Harry Lewis Manly,
Howard Dascom Stowe,
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C.,
Richard J. Howells, P.C.,
John Arthur Smith,

as members of Finance Board.

As the newly elected Commander Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly is unable to be out on account of being at home bedfast, it is not known at this time when the Installation of the Officers will take place, neither is it known at this time who the appointments in the second division will be. Hence the report to the Grand Commandery will be delayed some.

The Recorder reports the following liabilities of the Commandery:

Unpaid rental to Temple Board.
June to September 1926 ..... 292.18
September to December 1926 ..... 292.18
March to June 1927 ..... 235.00
June to September 1927 ..... 235.00

Note to Chester Jack (over 2 years back)
For DeMolay 200.00

Total $1254.36

At this time Sir Knight Russell Carl Osborn, P.C., with a few befitting remarks presented the retiring Commander Sir Knight John Arthur Smith with a Past Commander's Jewel in token of service rendered the Commandery.

The condition of the Commandery financially was freely discussed at this Conclave to enlighten the Sir Knights who were not familiar with it.
Receipts.

Received for dues 501.70
" " assessments 102.00
Total receipts $603.70

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.45 o'clock.

— John Arthur Smith, Commander.

Attest: Orion Harrison Howe, P.C., Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 41-43v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 28th day of June A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

John Arthur Smith — Com.
David Lewis — as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe — C.G.
Clifford Archie McFarland — S.W.
Thomas John Roberts — J.W.
George Hyde Forster — as Prel.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C. — as Treas.
Orion Harrison Howe, P.C. — Rec.
Arthur Herbert Dakin — St. B.
Samuel John Patch, P.C. — as Sw. B.
William Mathis Hersch — Warder
Herman Pete Schlageter — Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. — as Sen.

Sir Knights present: Richard J. Howells, Robert S. Scharfenberg, James Edward Hill, Carl Henry Iserman and Oscar E. Stokes.

Reading of Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of June 14, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

Installation.

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C. as the Installing Officer and Sir Knight Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., as Marshal.

The Officers elected and appointed except Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, who was elected Commander, were then duly installed into office as follows:

Howard Dascom Stowe — Generalissimo.
Clifford Archie McFarland — Captain General.
Thomas John Roberts — Senior Warden.
William Mathis Hersch — Junior Warden.

George Hyde Forster — Prelate.
Charles Pearl Gaut — Treasurer.
James Edward Hill — Recorder.
Herman Pete Schlageter — Standard Bearer.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sword Bearer.
Arthur Herbert Dakin — Warder.
Charles Townsend Rowland — Sentinel.

and proclaimed as such.

At this time Sir Knight John Arthur Smith, Acting Commander, announced that permission had been obtained from the Grand Commander to install Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, newly elected Commander, at his home here in Streator, Sir Knight Manly being confined there with a broken hip, and instructed the Installing Officers to install him there at their earliest possible convenience.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:45 o'clock P.M.

John Arthur Smith
as Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 44-44v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of July A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe, as Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland, C.G.
Thomas John Roberts, S.W.
William Matis Hersch, J.W.
David Lewis, as Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut, Treas.
James Edward Hill, Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sw. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, War.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights present.

Reading of Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of June 28, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

The Commander then announced that the Installing Officer Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C., and the Marshal Sir Knight Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P.C., had reported that they had installed Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, the newly elected Commander, at his home on June 29, 1927, according to the instructions that they had received at the Stated Conclave of June 28, 1927, Sir Knight Linden Chester Mulford, P.C., being present during the installation.

At this time Sir Knight William Matis Hersch, Junior Warden, presented the Commandery with a new set of Officers Chevrons.

On motion, the Commander thanked Sir Knight William Matis Hersch, on behalf of the Commandery, for his very generous gift.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 8:45 o'clock P.M.

Received for Dues: $55.00
Assessments: $11.00
Total: $66.00

Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen.
as Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 45).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of July A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe, as Com.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland, C.G.
Thomas John Roberts, S.W.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., as J.W.
David Lewis, as Prel.
Richard J. Howells, P.C.G.C.G., as Treas.
James Edward Hill, Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sw. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, War.
John Arthur Smith, P.C., as Col. B.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, as Sen.

No other Sir Knights present.

Reading of Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of July 12, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
Circular No. 5, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of July 14, 1927, in regard to the issuing of the Certificates of Merit, attained by the Commanderies of the State that received a mark of 95 or better at the Inspections of 1926–1927, to be given to the said Commanderies, at the State Conclave to be held in Rock Island, August 29, 30, 31, 1927, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 6, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of July 14, 1927, giving the program of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to be held in Rock Island, Illinois, August 29, 30, 31, 1927, was read and placed on file.

Special Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of July 14, 1927, giving the schedules for the competitive drills to be held at the State Conclave at Rock Island, August 29, 30, 31, 1927, were read and placed on file.

The application of Sir Knight Harry Murdaugh Taggart, for a dimit, was read, and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books, and no charges pending against him, the dimit was issued.

A communication from the Conclave Committee of Rock Island Commandery No. 18, K.T., together with a diagram of the Line of March of the Knights Templar Parade, issued under the date of July —15—1927, was read and placed on file.

Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C.G.C.G., then said a few words in regard to the State Conclave to be held in Rock Island on the dates of August 29, 30, 31, and urged that Streator Commandery No. 70, K.T., send as many Sir Knights as possible to this years Conclave.

On motion, the Commander appointed Sir Knights Thomas John Roberts, Herman Pete Schlageter and Carl Henry Iserman, to act as a committee, for the purpose of obtaining the names of those who are planning to go to Rock Island, Illinois, during the Conclave.

On motion, the Recorder was instructed to write Sir Knight William Henry Jennings, P.C., the Grand Recorder, to reserve one room for this Commandery, to serve as Headquarters, during the State Conclave.

On motion, the Recorder was instructed to write for information regarding the condition of Sir Knight George A. Morfew, who had been reported as one who needed assistance both financially and medically.

Receipts:
Received for Dues $85.00
Received for Assessments ... $17.00
Total $102.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:25 o'clock P.M.

Howard Dascom Stowe
as Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 46-46v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day August A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe, as Com.
Richard J. Howells, P.C.G.C.G., as Gen.
David Lewis, as C.G.
Thomas John Roberts, S.W.
William Matis Hersch, J.W.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Prel.
John Arthur Smith, P.C., as Treas.
James Edward Hill, Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. B.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, as Sw. B.
Carl Henry Iserman, as War.
Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of July 26, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business:
The report of the investigation as to the financial and physical condition of Sir Knight George A. Morphew, was read.

New Business:
On motion, the back rental for the second quarter of this year, ending May 31, 1927, was ordered paid.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Streator Floral Company — Flowers $1.00

2. J. B. Milburn, Secy. — Rent $235.00
Total $236.00

Receipts:
Received for Dues $5.00
Received for Assessments $1.00
Total $6.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 8:45 o'clock P.M.

Howard Dascom Stowe
as Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 47).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 23rd day of August A.D. 1927, A.O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Com.
David Lewis, as Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen., as C.G.
Thomas John Roberts, S.W.
William Matis Hersch, J.W.
Richard J. Howells, P.C.G.C.G., as Prel.
Abner Gentry Rich, P.C., as Treas.
James Edward Hill, Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sw. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, War.
James H. Graham, as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of August 9, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
Circular No. 7, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of August 3, 1927, a Memorial to Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton, Past Grand Commander, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, was read and placed on file.

General Orders No. 1, issued by the Grand Marshal, under the date of August 12, 1927, in regard to the staff of the Grand Marshal, the assignments of the Marshal and his Aides to the five Divisions, the formation of the Parade, Place of Formation, Hour of Assembly and the Route of the Parade, was read and placed on file.

General Orders No. 2, issued by the Grand Marshal, under the date of August 15, 1927, in regard to the Brigade Parade and Review, to be held at Rock Island, August 30, 1927, was read and placed on file.

General Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Marshal, under the date of August 17, 1927, in regard to the resignation of Col. R. J. Shand, the death of Major Bertram S. Purinton, P.C., and the appointment of Sir Knight James Howard Ireland to the command of the Third Regiment and the Brigade Roster, was read and placed on file.

A communication from Sir Knight Ivan J. Mitchell, a member of the Fraternal Relations Committee, in regard to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, to be held at Rock Island August 29, 30, 31st, was read and placed on file.

An invitation to attend the Open House at the New Harper Hotel, Rock Island, Illinois, to be given by Humboldt Park Commandery No. 79, K.T., during the Annual Conclave, was read.

A communication from Voss Bros Express and Storage Company, Rock Island, Illinois, was read.

Receipts:
Received for Dues $45.00
Received for Assessments $9.00
Total $54.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:25 o'clock P.M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 48-48v).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 30th day of August A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 4:15 o'clock A. M. For the purpose of attending the Seventy First Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Rock Island, Illinois, and taking part in the Parade there at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

The trip was made by automobile, to the Headquarters of the Commandery which was Room H 2, Fort Armstrong Hotel, Rock Island, Illinois. The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Thomas John Roberts, Senior Warden, acting as Commander, upon the North side of Tenth Avenue, facing West, the Commandery being a part of the Fourth Division.

After the Parade the Commandery was dismissed and most of its members returning home that same afternoon.

Sir Knights present in line:

Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C.
Linden Chester Mulford, P. C.
Thomas John Roberts, Senior Warden.
Herman Pete Schlageter, Standard Bearer.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sword Bearer.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Warder.
Raymond Beam Patch.
Marsden Henry Duncan.
Arthur Ray Van Loon.
James H. Graham.
Arthur Nelson McCord.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 49).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of September A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G.
Thomas John Roberts, S. W.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G., as J. W.
George Hyde Forster, Prel.
James Edward Hill, Treas.
Herman Pete Schlageter, Rec.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, St. B.
Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., as Sw. B.
as War.
Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of August 23, 1927, and the Assemblage of August 30, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
General Orders No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of September 10, A. D. 1927, assigning officers to the several Inspection Districts, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file. From these orders it appears that this Commandery being in the Fourth District, is placed in charge of Sir Knight Edwin Daniel Wade, Grand Captain General.

A communication from Sir Knight Edwin Daniel Wade, Grand Captain General, and the Inspecting Officer of this District was read, he wished to ascertain the wishes of this Commandery in regard to the holding of a School of Instruction, our choice of Place, time and other proper and suitable arrangements.

A communication from the John Lightholder family, thanking the Commandery for its expression of sympathy, during their trouble and loss, was read.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid.

1. Anderson Printing Co. — Printing — $4.00

2. Fort Armstrong Hotel — Rental Hdqts. — $21.00
Total — $25.00
Receipts.

Received for Dues. — $10.00
Received for Assessments. — $2.00
Total. — $12.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 8:45 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 50-50v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of September A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G.
Thomas John Roberts, S. W.
James Henry Graham, as J. W.
George Hyde Forster, Prel.
James Edward Hill, Treas.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G., as St. B.
David Lewis, as Sw. B.
Herman Pete Schlageter, as War.
Samuel John Patch, P. C., as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 13, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
An invitation to attend the Reception to be given in honor of Sir Knight Charles Haddon Stephen, Eminent Grand Color Bearer, of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Illinois, Wednesday evening, September 28, 1927, at the Masonic Temple, at Elgin, Illinois, was read.

A communication from Sir Knight C. A. Hallgren, P. C., and General Chairman, of the Annual Conclave that was held at Rock Island, Illinois, was read.

A communication from the Art Anima Film Studios, Rock Island, Illinois, in regard to the booking of the Moving Picture Film that was taken of the recent Conclave held in Rock Island, Illinois, was read. This was laid over until the next Stated Conclave.

On motion, the Recorder was instructed to write for more information in regard to the film taken of the Grand Commandery Conclave, held at Rock Island.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Anderson Printing Co. — Letter Heads — $8.00.
Receipts.

Received for Dues. — $15.00
Received for Assessments. — $3.00
Total. — $18.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:05 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 51-51v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th day of October A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly, Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G.
Thomas John Roberts, S. W.
William Matis Hersch, J. W.
George Hyde Forster, Prel.
Samuel John Patch, P. C., as Treas.
James Edward Hill, Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sw. B.
Orion Harrison Howe, P. C., as War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg, as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C., Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 27, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business.
Action upon the communication of the Art Anima Film Studios, Rock Island, Illinois, read at the Stated Conclave of September 27, 1927, was again laid over.

New Business.
A communication from Sir Knight Edwin Daniel Wade, Grand Captain General, informing the Commandery that the School of Instruction of the Fourth District would be held in the Asylum of Blaney Commandery No. 5, at Morris, Illinois, on Monday, October 24, 1927, under his direction. The morning session will open at 10:00 o'clock, Ottawa Commandery No. 10 exemplify the ritual, in the afternoon Blaney Commandery No. 5, Morris Illinois, exemplifying the manual. This communication was read in full and ordered placed on file.

An invitation to attend the Reception to be given in honor of Sir Knight Edward Albert Glad, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois, and, Sir Knight Peter Joseph Gerner, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois, to be given by Humboldt Park Commandery No. 79, K. T., in their Asylum, on Saturday evening October 8, 1927, was read.

A communication from Companion Daniel Maclain Emery, inquiring about his work in the Commandery, was read.
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Thornton Floral Co. — Flowers — $1.00
2. Streator Floral Co. — Flowers — $2.00
Total — $3.00

Work.
The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Edward William Greener and Albert August Koeneke were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form. Sir Knight Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G., acting as Sovereign Master.

The Council was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Receipts.

Received for Fees — $50.00
Received for Dues — $10.00

Received for Assessments — $2.00
Total — $62.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:15 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 52-52v).

Streator Commandery No. 70., Knights Templar.

A Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross under the jurisdiction of Streator Commandery No. 70., assembled at Streator Illinois, on the 17th day of October A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, the constitutional number of Knights Templar being present.

The Council was opened in form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland — S. M.
Harry Lewis Manly — P. C.
Howard Dascom Stowe — P. M. P.
Thomas John Roberts — M. C.
William Matis Hersch — M. I.
George Hyde Forster — H. P.
Raymond E. Cate — M. F.
James Edward Hill — M. D.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin — War.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Companions Present: Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P. C., Samuel John Patch, P. C., Robert Fairburn, Albert August Koeneke and Edward William Greener.

Work.
Companion Daniel Maclain Emery, was introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Sovereign Master then declared the business of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross suspended, and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates.

Daniel Maclain Emery, Albert August Koeneke and Edward William Greener, Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, were introduced into the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form. Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, Commander, acting as Eminent Prior.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Receipts.

Received for fees — $25.00
Received for dues — $10.00
Received for assessments — $2.00
Total — $37.00
The minutes of this Council were then read and approved.

The Council was then closed at 10:10 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 53-53v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 25th day of October A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
Rawley Theodore Irwin — as Prel.
Robert Fairburn — as Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Abner Gentry Rich, P. C. — as War.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G. — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Samuel John Patch, P. C., and David Lewis.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of October 11, 1927, and the Special Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross of October 17, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

Communications.
A communication from the Art Anima Film Studios, Rock Island, Illinois, was read.

Unfinished Business.
The communication of the Art Anima Film Studios, Rock Island, Illinois, read at the Stated Conclave of September 27, 1927, was ordered placed on file.

Receipts.
Received for Dues — $5.00
Received for Assessments — $1.00
Total — $6.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:25 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 54).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of November A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
David Lewis — as C. G.

Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Sylvester Hash — as St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Abner Gentry Rich, P. C. — as War.
Robert Fairburn — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

No other Sir Knights Present.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of October 25, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
A communication from Sir Knight William C. Dauble informing the Commandery about his financial and physical condition, was read.
A communication from the Grand Trunk Railway System, giving the rates and the time schedules of the service that they intend offering for the Commanderies that are planning to attend the Triennial Conclave, to be held at Detroit, Michigan, was read.
On motion, the dues of Sir Knight William C. Dauble, were remitted, it appearing that he was unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. S. O. Spring, Grand Treas. — Manuals — $3.00
2. Streator Floral Company — Flowers — $12.30
Total — $15.30

Receipts.
Received for Dues — $46.25
Received for Assessments — $10.00
Total — $56.25

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 9:30 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 55-55v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd day of November A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut — Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes — as War.

James H. Graham — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G., Samuel John Patch, P. C., Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P. C., Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., John Arthur Smith, P. C., Orion Harrison Howe, P. C., John Milburn, Robert Fairburn, Frank Dilson Merritt, David Lewis, and Arthur Ray Van Loon.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 8, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
The application of Sir Knight Richard Rouhier Howard for a dimit, was read, and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the dimit was issued.

The following recommendations of the Finance Board were then read:

That for and in consideration of one dollar ($1.00) and other considerations that Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T., sell to Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., the one third interest which said Commandery owns in the Streator Masonic Temple real estate.

That one of the considerations required from Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., is that a Temple Board of management similar in organization and power to the present one shall be maintained by the said Lodge, and that this consideration may be prepared in a written agreement, and not incorporated in the deed.

That one of the considerations required from Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., be that it secure from Streator Chapter No. 168, R. A. M., its one third interest in the Streator Masonic Temple property, and that this consideration may be prepared in a written agreement and not incorporated in the deed.
That for and in consideration of the foregoing, it is further agreed between Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., and Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T., that the said Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., assume all the obligations of indebtedness against the Streator Masonic Temple property, thereby releasing the Finance Board of Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T.

That the Finance Board of this Commandery be authorized to meet with the trustees of Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., to prepare the necessary legal proceedings, to deed to said Streator Lodge No. 607, A. F. & A. M., the one third interest in the Streator Masonic Temple now owned by this Commandery, and that the said officers report at the next Stated Conclave of this Commandery, and that the Recorder of this Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T., mail a notice to each member that this matter will be concluded at our next Stated Conclave, to be held December 13, 1927. Signed by the Finance Board.

On motion, the recommendations of the Finance Board were received.

The Sir Knights then freely discussed what the Finance Board should offer the future Board of Managers, as a rental for this Commandery.

On motion, it was recommended that the Finance Board offer the Board of Managers a rental of $500.00 per annum.

Receipts.

Received for Dues — $35.00
Received for Assessments — $7.00
Total — $42.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:50 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 56-56v).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Thursday the 8th day of December A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Samuel John Patch, P. C. — as S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes — as War.
Raymond Beam Patch — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P. C., David Lewis, Wellington H. Shay, Eley Ebert Perisho, and Frank Dilson Merritt.

Work.
Daniel Maclain Emery, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts.
Received for Dues — $110.00
Received for Assessments — $22.00
Total — $132.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11:15 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 57).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of December A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
Lester Kern — as Prel.
Robert S. Scharfenberg — as Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P. C. — as War.
Arthur Ray Van Loon — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., John Arthur Smith, P. C., Orion Harrison Howe, P. C., David Lewis, Harry Francis Hall, and Emanuel Marvin Davis.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 22, 1927, and the Special Conclave of December 8, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

Unfinished Business.
Action upon the recommendations of the Finance Board, read at the Stated Conclave of November 22, 1927, was again taken up. On motion, the recommendations of the Finance Board, read at the Stated Conclave of November 22, 1927, were adopted.

New Business.
The Christmas Observance Circular No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of December 1, 1927, calling the attention of all Sir Knights in this Jurisdiction to their duty at Christmas time, was read and placed on file. The Christmas sentiment that was communicated to the Most Eminent Grand Master, and his response, was also read.

A communication from Ottawa Commandery No. 10, K. T., inviting the Sir Knights of this Commandery to attend the conferring of the Order of Malta in full form on a class of candidates, on December 15, 1927, was read and placed on file.

An invitation to attend the Christmas Entertainment, December 23, 1927, at the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home, LaGrange, Illinois, was read and placed on file.
Communications from Sir Knights Jacob H. Klosath and Benjamin F. Colehower, saying that they were unable at this time to contribute to the support of the Commandery, was read.

A communication from St. John Commandery No. 26, K. T., informing this Commandery of the band that they were organizing, and issuing an invitation to the Sir Knights of Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T., that play instruments to join them, was read.

On motion, the Recorder was instructed to answer the communication from St. John Commandery No. 26, K. T., and if possible submit a list of Sir Knights of this Commandery that would like to join the band that they are organizing.

A list of Sir Knights who were in the arrears for dues, was read to comply with the resolution adopted May -11- 1926.

On motion, the Sir Knights that are in the arrears for dues for two or more, were to receive final notices to pay their dues or show cause why they should not be suspended for the non-payment of dues.

On motion, the dues of Sir Knights Benjamin F. Colehower, John N. Shinn and David J. Spencer, were remitted, it appearing that they were unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. J. E. Hill, Recorder. Stamped Envelopes. $11.04.
2. J. E. Hill, Recorder. Salary. 75.00.
3. Anderson Printing Co. 250 postals. 4.50.
Total. $90.54.

Work.
Albert August Koenexe, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts.
Received for Dues. $15.00.
Received for Assessments. 3.00.
Total. $18.00.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11:40 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 58-58v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of December A. D. 1927, A. O. 809, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
— — — Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Orion Harrison Howe, P. C. — as St. B.
Harvey Henry Julien — as Sw. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — as War.
David Lewis — as Col. B.
Abner Gentry Rich, P. C. — as Sen.

No other Sir Knights present.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 13, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
An invitation to attend the Annual Inspection of St. John Commandery No. 26, K. T., at Peru, Illinois, was received and read.

Communications from Sir Knights Robert W. Law and William T. Crawford, were read and placed on file.

The application of Sir Knight Charles R. Dyer for a dimit was read, and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the dimit was issued.

The Recorder reported that every Sir Knight owing dues for two years or more, had been notified of his indebtedness, to comply with the motion that was carried at the Stated Conclave of December 13, 1927.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. J. E. Hill, Recorder. Postage and Registration. $3.06.

On motion, it was ordered that this Commandery entertain jointly, with Streator Lodge No. 607 A. F. & A. M., and Streator Chapter No. 168, R. A. M., at an Open House Party to be given on January 2, 1928.
The Sir Knights then freely discussed some ways and means, to create new enthusiasm among the members of the Streator Chapter Order of De Molay.

Receipts.
Received for Dues. $157.00.
Received for Assessments. 32.00.
Total. $189.00.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:40 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 59-59v).

Thus, in 1927, the Commandery's financial difficulties became even more pronounced. A total of 63 Sir Knights were in arrears on their membership dues, with outstanding payments amounting to $410.70. During the year, 24 stated conclaves, three special conclaves, and three assemblages were held. The standard of ritual proficiency remained exceptionally high. In May 1927, the Commandery's cash balance stood at approximately $416, while its outstanding obligations amounted to $1,254. Financial difficulties remained the principal challenge facing the Commandery. To address these problems, a decision was made in principle to transfer the Commandery's one-third ownership interest in the Masonic Temple to Streator Lodge No. 607, with the aim of relieving the Commandery of its financial obligations. Public activities continued to include participation in Easter religious services, events organized by the Grand Commandery of Illinois, charitable initiatives, and assistance to Sir Knights in need. Under these circumstances, the Commandery entered 1928.

In 1928, the Commandery's membership declined to 270. During the year, seven members were created, one was reinstated, four demitted, three were suspended, and five died (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 253).

Howard D. Stowe ..... Em. Commander
Rawley T. Irwin ..... Recorder (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 255).

Created: Edward William Greener, Albert August Koeneke, Daniel Maclain Emery, Norman Baldwin Williams, Julius Eric Uebler, Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, Robert Franklin McCauley.

Reinstated: Lewis W. Werner.

Demitted: Harry Murdaugh Taggart, Richard Rouhier Howard, Charles R. Dyer, Floris W. Nichols.

Suspended: Thomas W. Ward, John F. McCoy, Lynn S. Broaddus (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 301).

Dead: George A. Murphew (Aug. 24, 1927), Ralph D. McCullough (Dec. 5, 1927), Robert H. Zoller (Oct. 10, 1927), Jonathan Wilson (May 10, 1928), Paul R. Chubbuek (May 29, 1928) (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 348).

In 1928, Past Grand Commander (PGC) William Henry Jennings was re-elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Illinois (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 2).

In the same year, Past Commander (PC) Richard J. Howells was re-elected Grand Captain of the Guard (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 2).

The published proceedings also included a photograph of the Commandery (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3. Streator Commandery No. 70 during a parade, 1928 (Seventy-second Annual Conclave..., 1928: 110)

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of January A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut — Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
David Lewis — as St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — Sw. B.
Herman Pete Schlageter — as War.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., Emanuel M. Davis, Robert S. Scharfenberg, and Harvey Henry Julien.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 27, 1927, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
An invitation to attend the Annual Inspection of Athelstan Commandery No. 45, K. T., at Danville, Illinois, was received and read.

A communication from Sir Knight J. F. McCoy, was read and placed on file.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board was, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Scharfenberg Bros. Gloves. $9.00.

The Streator Chapter Order of De Molay, was again discussed by the Sir Knights. At which time Sir Knight William Matis Hersch, J. W., reported that he had on several occasions, spoken before Masonic gatherings, in behalf of the De Molay.

Receipts.
Received for Dues. $15.00.
Received for Assessments. 3.00.
Total. $18.00.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:25 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 60-60v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 24th day of January A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts — S. W.
William Matis Hersch — J. W.
George Hyde Forster — Prel.
David Lewis — as Treas.
James Edward Hill — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter — St. B.
James H. Graham — as Sw. B.
Carl Henry Iserman — as War.
Frank D. Merritt — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Raymond E. Cate, Marsden H. Duncan and Benjamin Faber.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of January 10, 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.
Invitations to attend the Annual Inspections of Ottawa Commandery No. 10, K. T., at Ottawa, Illinois, Thursday, February 2nd, Aurora Commandery No. 22, Aurora Illinois, Friday February 3rd., and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, K. T., at Kankakee, Illinois, Thursday January 26th 1928, were received and read.

Communications from Sir Knights Edwin F. Burkholder, Clifford G. Bennington and Chauncey P. Ball, and Mr. William C. Flick Jr., were read. Sir Knights Burkholder, Bennington and Ball requesting more time for the payment of their dues, and Mr. W. C. Flick Jr., referring to his letter of January 9, 1928.

The resignation of Sir Knight Arthur H. Dakin, as Warder, was received and accepted.

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Oscar Edvil Stokes, to the office of Warder.

On motion, further time was granted to the following Sir Knights to pay their dues in arrears: Roger C. Williams, Victor Lee Strawn, Bertram W. Smith, Franklin D. Peterson, Duncan G. Dewar, Raleigh D. Ball, Chauncey P. Ball, Edwin F. Burkholder and Clifford G. Bennington.

On motion, the following Sir Knights were indefinitely suspended for the non-payment of dues, it being ascertained that notice as required by the statutes and by-laws, had been duly sent them by the Recorder and no response had thereto: Thomas W. Ward, John F. McCoy and Lynn S. Broaddus.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Streator Floral. Flowers. $3.00.
2. M. J. Kmetz. Party. $26.34.
Total. $29.34.

Work.
The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companion Norman Baldwin Williams, was introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates.

Norman Baldwin Williams, a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, was admitted to the Priory and made a Knight of Malta in due form.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Receipts.
Received for Dues. $60.00

Received for Assessments. 12.00
Received for Fees 25.00
Total. $97.00.

The Minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:55 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 61-61v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of February A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. S. W.
William Matis Hersch. J. W.
George Hyde Forster. Prel.
Thomas Fairbairn. as Treas.
James Edward Hill. Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. as War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.

Members present: Orion Harrison Howe, P. C., Richard J. Howells, P. C., Samuel John Patch, P. C., Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., Arthur J. Howe, Benjamin Faber, Herbert W. Praefcke, Arthur Herbert Dakin, David Lewis, Frank Dilson Merritt, Eldo Marion Rinehart, Charles F. Johnson, Clifford Atlee McCormick, and William Francis Bryant.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of January -24- 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions.
The petition of Companion Julius Eric Uebler, was read, received and referred to a committee.

New Business.
A communication from Sir Knight Richard Rouhier Howard, informing the Commandery that he had been elected to membership in Peru Commandery No. 60, K. T., Peru, Indiana, was read.

Sir Knight Oscar Edvil Stokes appointed Warder and Sir Knight Robert S. Scharfenberg appointed Color Bearer, were then duly installed to their respective offices by Sir Richard J. Howells, P. C.

The Commander then appointed Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, P. C., to make the arrangements for the Inspection banquet, and Sir Knights Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen., and Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G., to obtain and mail the Inspection invitations.
On motion, the Recorder was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer, payable to the Streator Chapter Order of De Molay, for $25.00, to be used to cover deficit that their Treasury now shows in the payment of some bills out standing.

Work.
Edward William Greener a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts.
Received for Fees. $25.00.
Received for Dues. 12.25.
Received for Assessments. 3.00.
Total. $40.25.

The Minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11:05 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 62-62v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 28th day of February A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. S. W.
William Matis Hersch. J. W.
George Hyde Forster. Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. Treas.
James Edward Hill. Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.

Members present: Samuel John Patch, P. C., Abner Gentry Rich, P. C., Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, P. C., Arthur Herbert Dakin, Arthur J. Howe, Herbert W. Praefcke, Robert Fairburn, Fred Edward Schubert, William Francis Bryant, William Nusbaum, Ralph Walter Swanson, David Lewis, William B. Jones, Arthur Ray VanLoon, Michael John Kmetz, Walter Henry Kerr, Paul Hamilton Patterson, and Thomas Fairbairn.

Reading of Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of February -14- 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions.
The petitions of Companions Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke and Robert F. McCauley were read, received and referred to a committee.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.
The Committee on the petition of Companion Julius Eric Uebler for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business.
An invitation to attend the Annual Inspection of Saint Paul Commandery No. 34., K. T., at Fairbury, Illinois, was read.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:
1. Board of Managers. Rent. $125.00.

2. J. E. Hill, Recorder. Stamps. 6.00.
Total. $131.00.

Receipts.
Received for Fees. $75.00.
Received for Dues. 20.00.
Received for Assessments. 4.00.
Total. $99.00.

The Minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:50 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder.

Inspected
March 2, 1928
By
John Samuel Howell
Grand Captain General (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 63-63v).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Friday the 2nd day of March A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. For the purpose of Work and Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. S. W.
William Matis Hersch. J. W.
George Hyde Forster. Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. Treas.
James Edward Hill. Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.

And Members and Visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

Edward Albert Glad. Gr. Com.
Edwin Daniel Wade. Gr. C. G.
William Henry Jennings, P. G. C. Gr. Rec.
Charles H. Stephens. Gr. Col. B.
Richard J. Howells. Gr. C. of G.
Albert F. Schock. P. G. Com.

Work.
Norman Baldwin Williams, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 5:50 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 64).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Friday the 2nd day of March A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. For the purpose of Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. S. W.
William Matis Hersch. J. W.
George Hyde Forster. Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. Treas.
James Edward Hill. Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.

And Members and Visitors as per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

Edward Albert Glad. Gr. Com.
Edwin Daniel Wade. Gr. C. G.
William Henry Jennings, P. G. C. Gr. Rec.
Charles H. Stephens. Gr. Col. B.
Richard J. Howells. Gr. C. of G.
Albert F. Schock. P. G. Com.

Inspection:

Following the reception of the Commander, Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, Past Commander of Streator Commandery No. 70., Knights Templar, acting as Grand Warder, was admitted and announced that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, had arrived accompanied by his staff, for an official visit to this Commandery. Sir Knight Edward Albert Glad, Grand Commander, was received with the honor due his rank.

Following the reception of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wallis R. Sanborn, Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33, Knights Templar, acting as Grand Warder, was admitted and announced that the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, and the Inspecting Officer of this District had arrived accompanied by his suite, for an official inspection of this Commandery. Sir Knight Edwin Daniel Wade, Grand Captain General, was received with the honor due his rank, and thereupon proceeded to inspect the Commandery in full form.
The following count of all the Sir Knights present in Uniform and not in Uniform was made:

Streator Sir Knights in Uniform. 55.
Streator Sir Knights not in Uniform. 2. 57.
Visiting Sir Knights in Uniform. 66.
Visiting Sir Knights not in Uniform. 2. 68.
Total. 125.

Following the Inspection, Sir Knight Edward Albert Glad, Grand Commander, made a short talk to the Sir Knights in the line and the Commandery, he was followed by Sir Knight Edwin Daniel Wade, Grand Captain General, who addressed a few remarks to the Commandery.

The Grand Commanders Staff was made up of the following Sir Knights: William Henry Jennings, P. G. C. and Gr. Rec., Chas. H. Stephens, Gr. Col. B., Richard J. Howells, G. C. G., Samuel John Patch, Acting Gr. Warder, C. R. Curtis, P. C. Coeur de Leon No. 43, C. F. Curtis, P. C. Coeur de Leon No. 43, C. A. Drury, P. C. Coeur de Leon No. 43, J. W. Henshaw, P. C. St. John No. 26, R. C. Hattenhauer, P. C. St. John No. 26, E. Mercer, P. C. Ottawa No. 10, O. J. Senftleben, P. C. St. John No. 26, G. A. Armstrong, P. C. Coeur de Leon No. 43, C. E. McDonald, P. C. Coeur de Leon No. 43, I. J. Mitchell, P. C. Pontiac No. 85, G. McCormick, P. C. Pontiac No. 85, Edw. Robinson, P. C. Pontiac No. 85, and Albert F. Schock, Past Grand Commander.

The Grand Captain Generals Staff was composed of the following Sir Knights: Wallis R. Sanborn Com. and Acting Grand Warder, Ivanhoe No. 33, Earl Rathbun, Com. St. Bernard No. 35, H. M. Clark, Com. Coeur de Leon No. 43, R. V. Wright, Com. Ottawa No. 10, C. H. Toothe, Com. Galesburg No. 8, H. H. Phillips, Com. Pontiac No. 85, C. W. Fleming, Com. St. John No. 26, Arthur North, Gen. Coeur de Leon No. 43, C. M. Rice, Capt. G. Coeur de Leon No. 43, and Fred G. Hall, Capt. G. Galesburg No. 8.

The Commanders committee was composed of Sir Knights, Walter Perry Hampton, Russell Carl Osborn and Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer, Past Commanders of Streator Commandery No. 70., Knights Templar.

A banquet was served in the banquet hall at 6:30 to the Sir Knights and their ladies.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:15 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 65-65v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of March A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. — S. W.
William Matis Hersch. — J. W.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. — as Prel.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P. C. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill. — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. — Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. — War.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. — as Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

Members present: John B. Milburn, Charles Brooker and David Lewis.

Reading of the Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of February -28- 1928, and the Special Conclaves of Friday March -2- 1928, afternoon and evening for Inspection, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions.
The petition of Companion Edwin Swinker Dewey, was read, received and referred to a committee.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.

The Committees on the petitions of Companions Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke and Robert F. McCauley for the Orders reported, whereupon the petitions was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear in each case, the petitioners were declared duly elected to received the Orders.

New Business.

A communication from the Advisory Board of the 37th Triennial Conclave Committee, of Detroit, Michigan, was read and placed on file.

A communication from Sir Knight Frank D. Rock, P. G. C., expressing his regrets of being unable to attend our Annual Inspection, was read.

Invitations to attend the Annual Inspections of Pontiac Commandery No. 85, K. T., March -19- 1928, at Pontiac Illinois, Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 43, K. T., March -20- 1928, at El Paso, Illinois and Joliet Commandery No. 4, K. T., March -17- 1928, at Joliet Illinois, were read.

The following invitations from Rev. H. M. Bloomer, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. G. W. Engelter of First Evangelical Church, and Rev. Norman B. Quigg, of the Christ Episcopal Church, inviting this Commandery to attend the Easter Sunday Services at their churches, were received and read.

On motion, Sir Knights Richard J. Howells, P. C., John B. Milburn, and Clifford Archie McFarland, C. G., were appointed as a committee, to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of the Sunday Easter observance, in the Asylum, if the arrangements can not be made, it was moved that we accept at our next Stated Conclave on March -27-, one of the invitations as issued by the Rev. H. M. Bloomer, G. W. Engelter and Norman B. Quigg.

On motion, it was decided that the usual costume of reading the invitations to attend the Easter Services, be done away with, and that they be read at the next Stated Conclave after their reception, and to be received and voted upon at the will and pleasure of the Sir Knights.

On motion, Sir Knights Howard Dascom Stowe, Gen., William Matis Hersch, J. W., and Richard J. Howells, P. C., were appointed as the committee on the 37th Triennial Conclave.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

1. Streator Floral Co. — $1.00 — Flowers.
2. Anderson Printing Co. — $25.50 — Notices.
3. Ryon Agency — $5.00 — Bond & Ins.
4. Mr. H. D. Stowe — $3.35 — Supplies.
5. W. B. Hattenhauer — $13.50 — Cigars.
6. Charles P. Gaut — $1.10 — Supplies.
7. Charles T. Rowland — $1.00 — Services.
8. Eastern Star — $160.00 — Banquet.

Total — $210.45.

Reinstatement.

A written application for reinstatement to membership from Sir Knight Lewis W. Werner, who was suspended for the non-payment of dues on May -25- 1927 was read, and it being ascertained that he had paid the amount due, the application was referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Richard J. Howells, P. C., Carl H. Iserman, Sw. B., and Oscar E. Stokes, Warder, and action ordered taken at the next or a subsequent stated Conclave.

Receipts.
Received for Dues — $37.00.
Received for Assessments — 3.00.
Received for Fees — 25.00.
Total — $65.00.

The Minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 9:45 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 66-66v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of March A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. — S. W.
William Matis Hersch. — J. W.
George Hyde Forster. — Prel.
Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill. — Rec.
John B. Milburn. — as St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. — Sw. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. — as War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. — Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. — Sen.

No other Sir Knights present.

Reading of the Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of March -13- 28, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions.
The petition of Companion Frank J. Harrison, was read, received and referred to a committee.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.
The committee on the petition of Companion Edwin Swinker Dewey for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

Unfinished Business.
The matter of the application of Sir Knight Lewis W. Werner, for reinstatement, presented at the Stated Conclave of March -13- 28, and action deferred, was taken up, the committee reported and ballot ordered, which being found clear the applicant was declared duly restored to good standing in the order and to membership in this Commandery.
New Business.

Invitations to attend the Annual Inspections of Peoria Commandery No. 3, K. T., March 30 1928, at Peoria Illinois, and Rock Island Commandery No. 18, K. T., March -24- 1928, at Rock Island Illinois, were read.

The Easter Observance Circular No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of March -10- 1928, calling the attention of all Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction to their duty at the Easter Time, was read and placed on file.

The Inspection Banquet Committee reported that seventy three tickets were sold at $1.25 each, that eighty seven complimentary tickets were issued and that one hundred and sixty were served in the Banquet on that occasion. The following report was then given:

Notices. — $25.50.
Banquet Plates. — 160.00.
Cigars. — 13.50.
Postage. — 6.00.
Ladies supplies. — 3.35.
Total — $208.35.

Less sale of tickets — 91.25.
Net Cost — $117.10.

The committee on the Easter Service then reported that full arrangements had been made to hold the Services in Asylum. On motion, they were instructed to complete their plans.

Work.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Julius Eric Uebler, Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke and Robert F. McCauley, were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

The Minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 10:50 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 67-67v).

Streator Commandery No. 70., Knights Templar.

A Priory of Knights of Malta, under the jurisdiction of Streator Commandery No. 70, K. T., convened at Streator, Illinois on the 5th day of April A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., the constitutional number of Knights Templar being present.

The Priory was opened in form with the following officers:

Russel V. Wright. — Em. Prior.
Al. F. Schock, P. G. C. — Lieut. Com.
J. H. Pearson, P. C. — Cap. Gen.
E. J. Mercer, P. C. — Marshal.
M. J. Gemberling. — Chaplain.
W. P. Fread. — Cap. Outpost.
Charles T. Rowland, P. C. — Guard.

Sir Knights of this Priory and Visiting Sir Knights as per register.

Julius Eric Uebler, Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke and Robert F. McCauley, Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, were introduced into the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form.

The Offices for this Priory, were filled by the Officers and Sir Knights of Ottawa Commandery No. 10, K. T., who so willingly accepted our invitation to confer this degree for this Commandery in Full Form. After the work, a lunch was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, in the Banquet Room of the Temple.

The minutes of this Priory were then read and approved.

The Priory was then closed at 10:05 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 68).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Sunday the 8th day of April A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of attending Easter Divine Worship.

Pursuant to Orders 43 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum. For the purpose of attending the Easter Service to be held and conducted by Sir Knight Rev. Matthew C. Baker.

The lines were formed by the Captain-General, under the direction of the Commander, the Commandery then repaired to the Auditorium of the Asylum, were the Service were held, after the Service the lines were again formed and then dismissed.

Sir Knights present and in line:

Staff.
William Henry Jennings, P. C., P. G. C., and Gr. Rec.
Richard J. Howells, P. C., and Grand Capt. of Guard.
Charles T. Rowland, P. C.
Abner G. Rich, P. C.

Officers.
Harry Lewis Manly, Commander.
Howard Dascom Stowe, Generalissimo.
Clifford Archie McFarland, Capt. General.
Thomas John Roberts, Senior Warden.
William Matis Hersch, Junior Warden.
George Hyde Forster, Prelate.
James Edward Hill, Recorder.

Colors.
Herman Pete Schlageter, St. Bearer.
Carl Henry Iserman, Sword Bearer.
Robert S. Scharfenberg, Color Bearer.
Oscar E. Stokes, Warder.

Line.
Edwin A. Wolferman.
Francis Peterson.
Ward E. Swift.
John H. Schroeder.
Harry F. Hall.
Thomas Fairbairn.
George Hood.
Lyston D. Howe, Jr.
Arthur H. Dakin.
David Lewis.
Arthur N. McCord.
Harry S. Lester.
Michael J. Kmetz.
Arthur M. Bourke.
George B. Koontz.
William L. Applegate.
Albert A. Koeneke.
Ely Ebert Perisho.
George D. Warren.
James H. Graham.
Arthur H. Raymond.
Charles H. Williams.
Rawley T. Irwin.
John B. Milburn.
John Alband.
Chester Jack.
Walter VanLoon.

William D. Brown.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:
James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 69-69v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of April A. D. 1928, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., A. O. 810.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. — S. W.
John Arthur Smith. P. C. — as J. W.
George Hyde Forster. — Prel.
Richard J. Howell. P. C. G.C.G. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill. — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. — Sw. B.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. — Col. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. — War.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Arthur Herbert Dakin, Charles Alford Porter, Albert August Koeneke, Clifford Atlee McCormick, and Abner Gentry Rich P. C.

Reading of the Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of March -27- 28, the Priory of Knights of Malta of April -5- 28, and the Assemblage of April -8- 28, were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.
The committee on the petition of Companion Frank J. Harrison for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business.
The application of Sir Knight Floris W. Nichols for a dimit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges were pending against him, the dimit was issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

1. Scharfenberg Bros. — Gloves. $7.20.
2. Streator Floral Co. — Flowers. 1.00.
3. Anderson Printing Co. — Supplies. 13.00.

Total. $21.20.

On motion, it was ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer, payable to the Choir of the Episcopal Church, for $15.00, as some sort of compensation for the song service that they rendered at the Easter Service on Sunday April -8- 1928.

Work.

Julius Eric Uebler, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.05 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:

James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 70-70v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 24th day of April A. D. 1928, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., A. O. 810.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. — S. W.
William Matis Hersch. — J. W.
George Hyde Forster. — Prel.
Richard J. Howells. P. C. G. C. G. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill. — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. — Sw. B.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. — Col. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. — War.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Abner Gentry Rich P. C., Arthur Herbert Dakin, David Lewis, John B. Patterson, and Albert August Koeneke.

Reading of the Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of April -10- 28, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.

A communication from Sir Knight Ray B. Patch, extending thanks for the flowers sent to him, was read.

A communication from Sir Knight Edward A. Glad, Grand Commander, issued under the date of April -11- 1928 was read. This was a notice of the result of this Commandery's Inspection, which was given as follows:

Records. — 97.7
Officers Present. — 100.
Manual of Officers. — 95.
Manual of Lines. — 95.3
Rehearsal of Duties. — 95.5
Ritual. — 93.9
Total. — 577.4
Average. — 96.2

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

1. Anderson Printing Co. — $10.25.
2. Board of Managers. — $125.00.
3. Streator Chapter O. E. S. — $45.50.

4. W. B. Hattenhauer. — $9.00.
Total. — $189.75.

Work.

Robert F. McCauley, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:50 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:

James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 71-71v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of May A. D. 1928, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., A. O. 810.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. — Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. — Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. — C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. — S. W.
William Matis Hersch. — J. W.
George Hyde Forster. — Prel.
Richard J. Howells. P. C. G. C. G. — as Treas.
James Edward Hill. — Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. — St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. — Sw. B.
Roberts S. Scharfenberg. — Col. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. — War.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. — Sen.

Members present: Arthur Herbert Dakin, Thos. Fairbairn, Walter B. Hattenhauer, P. C.

Reading of the Records.
The Records of the Stated Conclave of April -24- 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions.
The petition of Companion Adolph Frederick Sass, was read, received and referred to a committee.

New Business.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

1. Streator Floral Co. — Flowers. $1.00.
2. C. T. Rowland. — services. 1.00.
3. J. E. Hill, Recorder. — envelopes. 22.08.
Total. — $24.08.

Work.

Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:30 o'clock P. M.

Receipts.

Received for Fees. $25.00.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:

James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 72-72v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd Day of May A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly.	Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe.	Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland.	C. G.
Thomas John Roberts.	S. W.
William Matis Hersch.	J. W.
George Hyde Forster.	Prel.
Richard J. Howells. P. C. G. C. G. as	Treas.
James Edward Hill.	Rec.
Herman Pete Schlagerter.	St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman.	Sw. B.
Robert S. Scharfenberg.	Col. B.
Arthur Herbert Dakin.	as War.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C.	Sen.

Members present: William Henry Jennings, P. C. P. G. C. G. Rec.,
and Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer P. C.

Reading of the Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of May -8-1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions.

The committee on the petition of Companion Adolph Freederick Sass for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business.

General Orders No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May-10-1928, announcing the dates of the Seventy-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, K. T., of Illinois, as September -29-, -30- and October -1- 1928, also stating that the usual Drill Regulations as adopted by the Grand Encampment would be followed, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May -10- 1928, a Memoriam to Sir Knight Holman Greene Purinton, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 4, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May -10- 1928, announcing the Rules that govern the Competitive Drills at the Thirty-seventh Triennial Conclave, to be held at Detroit, was read and placed on file.

A communication from the Committee on Advisability of Consolidation, calling our attention to a circular mailed to us under the date of March -14- 1928, was read. The Recorder was instructed to write to Sir Knight Alonzo Dolan, the Chairman of this Committee, informing him that we would appreciate another copy of this circular, as it appeared that we did not receive the original copy.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. W. H. Carew. P. C. Jewel. $62.50.
2. Anderson Printing Co. Supplies. 4.50. Total. $67.00.

Work.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companion Frank J. Harrison, was introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates.

Frank J. Harrison, a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, was admitted to the Priory and made a Knight of Malta in due form. Sir Knight Archie McFarland, C. G., acting as Sovereign Master and Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, E. C., as Eminent Prior.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Receipts. Received for Fees. $25.00.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10:15 o'clock P. M.

Harry L. Manly
Commander.

Attest:

James Edward Hill
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 73-73v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of June A. D. 1928, A. O. 810, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Harry Lewis Manly. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. Gen.
Clifford Archie McFarland. C. G.
Thomas John Roberts. S. W.
William Matis Hersch. J. W.
Richard J. Howells. P. C. G. C. G. as Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. Treas.
James Edward Hill. Rec.
Herman Pete Schlageter. St. B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Sw. B.
Oscar E. Stokes. War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.

And members and visitors as per register.

Reading of the Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of May -22- 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.

Special Orders No. 1, under the date of May -15- 1928, issued by the Grand Commander, announcing the street parade in connection with the devotional exercises, of the Seventy-second Annual Conclave, and the appointing of Sir Knight Edward Hall Switzer, as the Grand Marshal and Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, as the supervisor of the competitive and exhibition drills, was read and placed on file.

General Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May -15- 1928, establishing a permanent Templar Brigade and the appointing of Sir Knight Edward Hall Switzer, Brigade Commander, as appointed by Orders No. 2, December -1- 1921, (Jennings), was announced as hereby to be continued in force, was read and placed on file.

General Orders No. 4, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May -15- 1928, announcing the dates of the Thirty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment that is to be held at Detroit, Michigan, as July 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1928, and other information regarding this Conclave, was read at the head of the lines and placed on file.

Circular No. 5, issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of May -15- 1928, announcing the Activities of the seventy-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois, at Chicago, September 29, 30, and October 1, 1928, were read and placed on file.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board, were by the vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid.

1. Streator Floral Co. Flowers. $12.25.
2. John Lightholder. Repairs. 1.58.
3. J. E. Hill, Recorder. Salary. 75.00. Total. $88.83.

This being the Annual Conclave, the reports of the Treasurer, and the Recorder, together with the report of the Finance Board, showing the audit of the same were read, received and ordered to be entered of record.

Report of the Treasurer:

Streator, Illinois, June -12- 28.

To the Commander, and Sir Knights of Streator Commandery No. 70., Knights Templar.

The Treasurers report for the year beginning June -1- 27, and ending June -1- 1928, is respectfully submitted:

Receipts. Balance on hand June -1- 1927. $416.90. Cash received from the Recorder to 6-1-28. 1895.45. Total. $2312.35.

Disbursements. Orders paid to June -1- 28. $1722.47. Balance cash on hand June -1- 28. $589.88.

The vouchers and bank Statements submitted herewith as part of this report.

Signed: Charles Pearl Gaut, Treasurer.

The Report of the Finance Board.

We the Finance Board, have examined the reports of the Treasurer and the Recorder and find them correct. This report was made by Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G. Signed: Harry Lewis Manly. Howard Dascom Stowe. Richard J. Howells, P. C. G. C. G. John Arthur Smith.

Recorders Financial Report.

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, and Sir Knights of Streator Commandery No. 70., K. T.

The Annual Financial Report of the Recorder James E. Hill, as of May -31- 1928, is hereby submitted. Stated Conclave June -12- 28, continued (2)

Receipts.

Dues. $1250.20.
Assessments. 254.00.
Petitions $125.00
Initiations 200.00
Total Fees. 325.00.
Sale of Banquet tickets. 91.25.
Total receipts. $1920.45.
Balance cash on hand May -31- 27. 410.90.
$2331.35.

Disbursements.

Rent. $485.00.
Conclave Hdgts. Rock Island. 21.00.
Total rent. 506.00.
Salaries. 200.00.
Postage 43.56.
Printing & Stationery. 68.37.
Total Prt, Stat, and Post. 111.93.
Cigars. 22.50.
Banquets. 231.84.
Per Capita, Grd. Commandery. 399.00.
Fees, " " " 24.00.
Assessments, " " " 544.00.
Total, " " " 967.00.
P. C. Jewel. 1927 - 1928. 125.00.
Bonds. Treas. and Rec. 5.00.
Flowers. 29.50.
Donations. 40.00.
Misc. 26.15.
Balance cash on hand May -31- 1928. 66.63.
$2331.35.

Annual Report of Activities.

Stated Conclaves Held. 23.
Special Conclaves Held. 5.
Assemblages Held. 2.
Petitions received. 5.
Elected. 5.
Red Cross 8.
Knights of Malta. 8.
Order of the Temple. 7.
Reinstated. 1.
Dimited. 4.
Died. 5.
Suspended. 3.
Loss. 12.
Gain. 8.
Total. Membership. 270.

The last annual Conclave was held June -14- 1927, with a membership of 274. Installation was held on June -28- 1927.

All Orders, Special Orders, Circulars and Bulletins issued by the Grand Commander have been received and read.

Inspection was held on March -2- 1928, with an attendance of 125 Sir Knights, 57 Sir Knights of this Commandery in Uniform.

Inspection Average was 96.2 against 96.6 of last year.

There are 12 Knights of the Red Cross, that have not received the Order of the Temple, and two who have not received any work at all.

All three reports on motion were received and accepted and ordered placed on file.

Election.

The election of Officers and a Finance Board for the ensueing Templar year being now in order, the Commander appointed Sir Knights Samuel J. Patch P. C., Walter B. Hattenhauer P. C. and John Arthur Smith P. C., as the Tellers and Judges.

The ballots having been collected, sorted and tallied, the following were separately declared duly elected.

Howard Dascom Stowe. Commander.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Generalissimo.
Thomas John Roberts. Captain-General.
William Matis Hersch. Senior Warden.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. Junior Warden.
Lester Kern. Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly. Treasurer.
Rawley T. Irwin. Recorder.
Howard Dascom Stowe.
Clifford Archie McFarland.
Samuel John Patch. P. C.
Walter Bernhardt Hattenhauer. P. C.
Richard J. Howells P. C. G. C. G. as members of the Finance Board.

The Commander elect subsequently appointed the following to the offices set opposite their respective names:

Carl Henry Iserman. St. B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw. B.
Herman Pete Schlageter. War.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P. C. Sen.
Robert F. McCauley. Col. B.

Stated Conclave June -12- 1928, continued. (3)

The officers, except Sir Knight Lester Kern, who was elected Prelate and who was not present, were then duly installed by Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C. and G.C.G. and proclaimed as such, Sir Knight Samuel John Patch P.C., acting as Marshall.

At this time Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C. and G. C. G., with a few befitting remarks presented the retiring Commander Sir Knight Harry Lewis Manly, with a Past Commanders jewell in token of the service that he had rendered the Commandery.

Receipts.

Received for dues. $359.50
Received for assessments. 71.00
Received for fees. 25.00
Total. $455.50

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.45 o'clock P.M.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander.

Attest:

Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 74-76).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Thursday the 14th day of June A.D. 1928, A.O. 810, at 7:45 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of work.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas. as Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlageter. War.
Robert F. McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

No other Sir Knights present.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandry suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companion Edwin Swinker Dewey was introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates. Edwin Swinker Dewey, a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, was admitted to the Priory and made a Knight of Malta in due form.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandry.

Received for fees. $25.00
Received for dues. 6.00
Total. $31.00

The minutes of this conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:30 o'clock.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 77).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Saturday the 16th day of June A.D. 1928 A.O. 810. at 8 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of work.

A Commandrey of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Samuel John Patch P.C. as Gen.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. as C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Thomas John Roberts C.G. as J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Arthur Herbert Dakin J.W. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
John Collier Dawson as Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlageter. War.
Robert F. McCauley. Col.B.
Dave Lewis as Sen.

Members present: Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, Arthur Herbert Dakin C.G., John Collier Dawson, Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Chester Jack, William Henry Jennings Jr.

Work.

Edwin Swinker Dewey a Knight of Malta was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Receipts:

Received for dues. $30.00

The minutes of this conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11 o'clock.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 78).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of June A.D. 1928 A.O.810. at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
George Hyde Forster as Prel.
James Edward Hill as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Marsden Henry Duncan as Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlageter. War.
Robert F.McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present: Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, Robert S. Scharfenberg, Samuel John Patch. P.C.

Reading of the Records. The Records of the Stated Conclave of June 12 1928, and the Records of the Special Conclaves of June 14 and June 16-1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business. The following bills having been approved by Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

Anderson Printing Company, Supplies $7.50.

Received for dues. $72.00.

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9:30 o'clock.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander.

Attest.

Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 79).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of July A. D. 1928, A. O. 810., at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C. G.
William Matis Hersch. S. W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J. W.
Stanley E. Sendecke. as Prel.
Richard J. Howell, P. C. G. C. G. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St. B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw. B.
Herman P. Schlageter. War.
Robert F. McCauley. Col. B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P. C. Sen.

Members present: Arthur Ray VanLoon.

Reading of the Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of June -26- 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board, were by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:

1. Anderson Printing Co. supplies $ 5.00
2. Streator Floral Co. flowers 10.00
3. L. Bennallack. refund key .50
Total. $15.50

Receipts.

Received for dues. $36.00

Received for Keys. .50
Total. $36.50

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 8:45 o'clock.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 80).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of August A.D. 1928, A.O. 810, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Herbert Arthur Dakin. J.W.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. as Prel.
Richard J.Howells P.C.--G.C.G. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Samuel John Patch.P.C. as Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlageter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present: George Dee Warren.

Reading of Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of July 24th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board, were by vote of the Commandery, allowed and oedered paid:

1. Streator Floral Co. Flowers $15.00
2. Anderson Printing Co. Cards 8.00
3. J.F. McCoy Refund locker key .50
Total $23.50

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the cost of useing the electric sign which we now have as a sign out in the street on the Temple to be lighted on meeting nights.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the cost of a sign to include all the bodies meeting in the Temple.

The Commander then appointed, Samuel John Patch P.C. Arthur Herbert Dakin and William Matis Hersch as a committee on both motions.
Receipts:

Received for dues $60.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

Attest.

Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 82-82v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11st day of September A.D. 1928, A.O. 810, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe.	Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland.	Gen.
Thomas John Roberts.	C.G.
James Edward Hill, as	S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin.	J.W.
Harry Lewis Manly, P.C. as	Prel.
Samuel John Patch, P.C. as	Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin.	Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman.	St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler.	Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter.	War.
Robert Franklin McCauley.	Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C.	Sen.

Members present: Robert Sebastian Scharfenberg.
Edward William Greener.

Reading of Records:

The Records of the Stated Conclave of August 14th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:

Special Orders No. 2 issued by the Grand Commander, under the date of August 18th 1928 in regard to the schedules for the competitive drills to be held September 29th in Humboldt Park, Chicago, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 6 issued by the Grand Commander under the date of August 27th, in regard to Registration, Railway Rates, Drills, Parade and Program of 72nd Annual Conclave was read and placed on file.

Communications:

Communication from Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, in regard to reservations for Annual Conclave, was read and placed on file. Communication from Headquarters Illinois Knights Templar Brigade regarding Parade and Brigade Review at Annual Conclave was read and placed on file.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee consisting of the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General interview the members as to attending the Annual Conclave in Chicago.

Receipts:

Received for dues	$15.00
Received for assessments	3.00
$18.00	

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9 o'clock.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander.

Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 83-83v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 25th day of September A.D. 1928, A.O. 810, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. William Matis Hersch. S.W. Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, as Prel. Samuel John Patch, P.C. as Treas. Harry Lewis Manly, P.C. as Rec. Carl Henry Iserman. StB. Julius Eric Uebler. SwB. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Robert Franklin McCauley. ColB. Charles Towsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

Members present.

Arthur James Howe, Arthur Nelson McCord, Ray Beem Patch, LeRoy Applegate, Sylvester Hasch, William Bryant, John Harner.

Reading of the Records.

The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 11th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business.

The following bill having been approved by the Finance Board, was allowed and ordered paid.

Browns Business College 175 letters $2.50

Communications.

From the Salvation Army was read and ordered placed on file.

Motion.

On motion, it was ordered that the canopy be rented to the Elks Lodge for a charge of $10.00 on date of Oct.12th 1928.

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o'clock.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander.

H. L. Manly as Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 84).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Sunday the 30th day of September A.D. 1928, A.O. 810 at 8.30 o'clock A.M.

Pursuant to orders 29 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery for the purpose of attending the Seventy-Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Chicago Illinois and take part in the parade.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Charles Pearl Gout, acting as drill master on Richmond Avenue, the Commandery being a part of the Fourth Division.

The trip was made via Chicago & Alton special train.

After the Parade the Commandery was dismissed and returned to Streator the same date.

Sir Knights present and in line:

Howard Dascom Stowe, Com. Clifford Archie McFarland, Gen. Thomas John Roberts, C.G. Arthur Herbert Dakin, J.W. Herman Pete Schlegeter, War. Carl Henry Iserman, St.B. Julius Eric Uebler, Sw.B. Robert Franklin McCauley, Col.B. Charles Pearl Gout. Samuel John Patch, P.C. Liniel Chester Mulford, P.C. Arthur Howard Moon. Marsden Henry Duncan. Charles Brooker. John Hugh Graham. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. John Harner. William Plegate. Samuel Kirk. Arthur H. Raymond. Emra Thomas Davis. George H. Forster. Raymond Earl Gite. Arthur Harold. William Bryant. Albert Koerner. George Warren. Sylvester Hash.

Attest,

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 85).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of October A.D.1928 A.O.810 at 1 o'clock P.M.

Pursuant to Orders, 12 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No.70 for the purpose of attending and acting as escort to Wenona Lodge No. 344 A.F.& A.M. at the funeral of Sir Knight George Grentzner, which was held at Wenona Illinois.

The trip was made by automobiles.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Samuel John Patch P.C. as Commander at the Undertakers Parlor. The Commandery then escorted the remains and Wenona Lodge to the Presbyterian Church where Church and Masonic services were held, after which the body was conveyed to the Cemetary where burial was held.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

Sir Knights present and in line.

Samuel John Patch. P.C. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. William Matis Hersch. S.W. Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Charles Towsand Rowland. P.C. Sen. Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. Ray Beam Patch. Harvey Henry Julian. William Bryant. Francis Peterson. Siloam Commandery No. 54.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Samuel J. Patch P.C. As Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 86).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of October A.D. 1928, A.O.810 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. William Matis Hersch. S.W. Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. as Prel. Samuel John Patch, P.C. as Treas. Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec. Carl Henry Iserman. St.B. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B. Charles Towsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present. Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. Robert Sebastian Scharfenberg.

Reading of the Records. The Records of the Stated Conclave of September 25th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business. The Commander appointed Sir Knights Ralph D.Huggans, Thomas Fairbain and Emmanuel M.Davis as Hermits also Sir Knights James Edward Hill, Raymond Earl Cate and Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke as guards.

On motion it was ordered that a sweater coat and a boquet of flowers be sent to Sir Knight Lisle R.Colley who is ill in the hospital of the Masonic Home at Sullivan Illinois.

Communications. Communications from Sir Knights John B.Patterson, Louis F.Kollmorgan and Rollin L. Swindler were read and placed on file.

A communication from Eminent Sir Thomas Greenwood Taggart, G.C.G. regarding time and place of School of Instruction was read and action was had as follows: The Recorder was instructed to reply that Streator, Kankakee or Ottawa be the place and November 6th to 10th or November 26th to 29th be the date for School.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 87).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 23d day of October A.D. 1928. A.O.810 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. Charles Towsend Rowland. P.C. as S.W. Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. as Prel. Harry Lewis Manly. P.C. Treas. Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec. Carl Henry Iserman. St.B. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B. Raymond Earl Cate. as Sen.

Members present: Richard J.Howells P.C. G.C.G. Emanuel Marvin Davis Sylvester Hash, Robert S. Scharfenberg, James Edward Hill, Lester Kern.

Reading of the Records. The Records of the Assemblege of September 30th and October 9th and of the Stated Conclave of October 9th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Referring and Receiving Petitions. The petition in due form of Companion John Dyck for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights Robert S. Scharfenberg and James Edward Hill representing that he is now a member of Long Point Lodge No.552 located at Long Point, Illinois; and Streator Chapter No.168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected, that he was born on the 7th day of May A.D.1875 in Kubhan, Russia, that he resides at Ancona Illinois, that his occupation is that of Station Agent was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights C.A. McFarland, T.J. Roberts and H.L. Manly.

The petition in due form of Comapnion Frank Alford Sass for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights R.S. Scharfenberg and James Edward Hill representing that he is now a member of Long Point Lodge No.552 located at Long Point Illinois; and Streator Chapter No.168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected, that he was born on the 15th day of May A.D.1887 at Ancona Illinois, that he resides at Ancona Illinois, that his occupation is that of farmer was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights H.P. Schlegeter, A.H. Dakin and J.E. Uebler.

The petition in due form of Companion Oscar Louis Lorenz for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights H.D. Stowe and C.A. McFarland representing that he is now a member of Streator Lodge No.607 located at Streator Illinois and Streator Chapter No.168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected, that he was born on the 9th day of April A.D.1880 in Germany; that he resides at Streator Illinois; that his occupation is that of decorater was read received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights R.J. Howells, E.M. Davis and J.E. Hill.

The petition in due form of Companion Eugene Glenn McWilliams for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights C.A. McFarland and H.D. Stowe representing that he is now a member of Streator Lodge No.607 located at Streator Illinois and Streator Chapter No 168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected, that he was born on the 4th day of March A.D.1888 at Olney Illinois that he resides at Streator Illinois; that his occupation is that of machinist was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights R.F. McCauley, C.H. Iserman and S.E. Sendecke.

New Business.

General Orders No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of October 8th A.D.1928, assigning officers to the several Inspection Districts, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file. From these orders it appears that this Commandery being in 4th District, is placed in charge of Sir Knight Thomas G. Taggart Grand Captain General.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid. Streator Floral Company. $20.00 Wm. Hardy. 5.00

Communications were read from Sir Knight L.R. Colly and placed on file.

The Commander appointed Sir Knight Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as Installing Officer and Sir Knight Robert S. Scherfenberg Marshel.

The officers appointed were then duly installed into office as follows: Lester Kern. Prelate. Emanuel M. Davis. Thomas Fairbain. Hermits. Ralph D. Huggans. James Edward Hill. Raymond Earl Cate. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. Guards.

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Received for fees $100.00 Received for dues 50.00 Received for Assmt. 10.00 Total $160.00

Attest.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 88-88v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of November A.D. 1928. A.O.810 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. Arthur Herbert Dakin. as S.W. Robert S.Scharfenberg. as J.W. Richard J.Howells.P.C.G.C.G. as Prel. Treas. Rawlwy Theodore Irwin. Rec. Robert Franklin McCauley. as St.B. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Emanuel M.Davis. as Col.B. Charles Towsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

No other members present.

Reading of the Records. The Records of the Stated Conclave of October 23rd 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions. The Committee on the petition of companion John Dyck for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

The Committee on the petition of companion Frank Alford Sass for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

The Committee on the petition of companion Oscar Louis Lorenz for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

The Committee on the petition of companion Eugene Glenn McWilliams for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business. The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid. M.J.Donahue Postmaster, stamped envelopes $22.08 Streator Floral Co. flowers 14.60 Masonic Supply Co. supplies 2.58 Henderson-Ames Co. beards for hermit 8.21 Board of Managers Masonic Temple 125.00 Total $172.47
Communications.

A communication from Sir Knight Thomas Greenwood Taggert Grand Captain General advising that the school of instruction would be held in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No.70 on December 5th 1928 was read.

The Commander appointed Sir Knights McFarland, Roberts and Dakin as a committee with the Recorder to mail a notice to each resident member inviting them to attend the school of instruction.

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Received for dues $200.00
Received for assesment 40.00
$240.00

Attest.

Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 89-89v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of November A.D. 1928 A.O. 810 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. William Matis Hersch. S.W. Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W. Lester Kern Prel. Robert S.Scharfenberg. as Treas. Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec. Carl Henry Iserman. St.B. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B. Charles Towsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present: Richard J.Howells P.C. G.C.G. Samuel John Patch P.C. John H.Cook. Marsden Henry Duncan.

Reading of the Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 13th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business: General Orders No.2, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of November 15th A.D.1928, referring to form of petitions, demits and suspensions, the words "For Educational Foundation $1.00" to be itemized on receipt cards for dues, new rituals and distribution of printed matter for publicity of "Knights Templar Educational Foundation" to the membership.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Adolph Frederick Sass, John

Dyck and Frank Alfred Sass were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Adolph Frederick Sass, John Dyck and Frank Alfred Sass, Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, were admitted to the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form.
The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Received for fees $75.00 Received for educational foundation 13.00 Received for dues 65.00 Total $153.00

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11 o'clock.

Attest.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 90-90v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th day of December A.D. 1928 A.O. 810 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com. Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen. Thomas John Roberts. C.G. William Matis Hersch. S.W. Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. as Prel. Robert S.Scharfenberg. as Treas. Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec. Carl Henry Iserman. St.B. Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B. Herman Pete Schlegeter. War. Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B. Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present: Richard J.Howells P.C. G.C.G. Samuel John Patch P.C. Emanuel M.Davis.

Reading of the Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 27th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

New Business: Circular No.1 issued by the Grand Commander under date of November 30th 1928 referring to Christmas Observance was read and placed on file. Special Orders No.1 issued by the Grand Commander under date of December 4th 1928 referring to the appointment of Sir Knight Edward E.Core in the Committee on Grievances on account of a vacancy caused by the death of Sir Knight Alfred A.Whipple P.G.C. The Commander appointed Sir Knights Howells,Davis and McFarland as a committee with the recorder to confer with delinquent members. On motion it was ordered to send a letter to each member oweing two years dues or more. On motion it was ordered to make the Sentnel a gift of $50.00 for Christmas present. On motion it was ordered to send Sir Knight A.R.VanSkiver a box of cigars instead of flowers.
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery ordered paid:

Streator Floral Co. $3.60 The Ryon Agency. 13.76 E.G.Zilm. 13.54 A.J.Prafcke & Son. 13.54 Browns Business College. 2.25 R.T.Irwin salary 75.00 Order Eastern Star. 86.25 Chas. T.Rowland. 50.00 Total $257.94

Received for dues $55.00 Received for Educational Fda. 11.00 Received from sale of tickets for lunch at school of instruct. 80.25 Total $146.25

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 91-91v).

Thus, in 1928, the Commandery intensified its ritual activities and achieved a modest improvement in its financial condition, although its membership continued to decline. During the reporting period, 23 stated conclaves, five special conclaves, and two assemblages were held. Seven candidates received the Order of the Temple, while eight candidates each received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. The cash balance as of June 1 increased from approximately $416 to $589. In terms of public activities, the Commandery participated in Easter religious services and the parade held during the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois in Chicago. Assistance to sick Sir Knights also continued. Despite the positive developments in the Commandery's financial condition, the problem of unpaid membership dues persisted.

In 1929, the Commandery's membership declined to 268. During the year, seven members were created, one was reinstated, two demitted, and eight died (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 253).

Clifford A. McFarland ..... Em. Commander

Rawley T. Irwin ..... Recorder (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 255).

Created: Edwin Swinker Dewey, Adolph Fredrick Sass, Frank Joseph Harrison, John Dyck, Frank Alfred Sass, Oscar Louis Lorenz, Eugene Glenn McWilliams.

Reinstated: Isaac Carlos Ames.

Demitted: Robert William Crawford, Edwin Swinker Dewey (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 295).

Dead: William Batie Jones (July 6. 1928), Rollin Leland Swindler (Sept. 16. 1928), George Grentzner (Oct. 6, 1928), Henry Albert Grube (Jan. 23, 1929), Ezra Hunt Bailey (May 8, 1929), Arthur Milan Barackman, P. C. (May 9, 1929), Robert Watson Law (May 10, 1929), Benjamin F. Colehour (May 14, 1929) (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 315, 342).

In 1929, Past Grand Commander (PGC) William Henry Jennings was re-elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Illinois (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 2).

In the same year, Past Commander (PC) Richard J. Howells was re-elected Grand Captain of the Guard (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 2).

On March 11, 1929, Streator Commandery No. 70 requested permission to appear in full Templar uniform and participate in a parade in Streator, Illinois, on March 12, 1929. Pontiac Commandery No. 85 was also expected to participate in the parade alongside Streator Commandery No. 70 (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 119).

During the 1929 inspection, the Commandery slightly improved its average score, achieving 96.9 points. A total of 75 Sir Knights attended the inspection, all in uniform. In this respect, the Commandery was recognized as one of the best in the state of Illinois (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 127).

The published proceedings also included a photograph of the Commandery participating in the parade during the annual conclave (Fig. 4).



Fig. 4. Streator Commandery No. 70 participating in the parade during the annual conclave, 1929 (Seventy-third Annual Conclave..., 1929: 180)

Let us now examine the Commandery's records for 1929. The stock market crash of October 1929, traditionally associated with the beginning of the Great Depression, was marked by Black Thursday on October 24, 1929.

Streator Commandery No. 70 Knights Templar.

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of January A.D. 1929. A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
James Edward Hill.as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Robert S. Scharfenberg.as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present: Walter Bernard Hattenhauer P.C. Ray Beam Patch. Dave Lewis. Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. Arthur Ray VanLoon.

Reading of the Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 11th 1928, were read from the journal and approved.

Communications were read from Sir Knight W.D. Lindsey and E.D. Roberts and family.

New Business: A written application for reinstatement to membership from Sir Knight Isaac Carlos Ames who was suspended for non payment of dues on May 6th 1926, was read and it being ascertained that he had paid the amount due, the application was referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights W.B. Hattenhauer, A.R. VanLoon and Jas. E. Hill and action ordered taken at the next or subsequent Stated Conclave.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid: Gaut & Co. Cigars $2.25 Streator Lodge No. 607 AF&AM $125.00 Streator Floral Co. 6.42 " " 24.66 A.J. Prafcke & Son 11.60 Peoples Trust & Savings Bank 14.13 Addressograph Co. .56 Total $184.62

Work: Adolph Frederick Sass a Knight of Malta was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Received for dues. $25.00
Received for Educational Fund. 5.00 Total $30.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved. The Commandery was then closed at 11 P.M.

Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.
Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 92).

Assembled in special conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois on Monday the 21st day of January A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 8 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.

Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Ray Beam Patch as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Sebastian Scarfenberg as Col.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley as Sen.

Members present:
Richard J.Howells P.C. G.C.G.
Samuel J.Patch P.C.
David Lewis.
Adolph F.Sass.
S.E.Sendecke.

Work:
Frank Joseph Harrison, a Knight of Malta was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this conclave were then read from the journal and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 93).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22d day of January A.D. 1929. A.O. 811 at 8 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Samuel John Patch. P.C. as Prel.
Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Robert Franklin McCauley as St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Col.B.
Sen.

No other members present.

Reading of the Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of January 8th, and the Special Conclave of January 21st, 1929, were read from the journal and approved.

An invitation from St. John Commandery No. 26 Knights Templar, located at Peru, Illinois, to attend their annual inspection January 26th, 1929, was read.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.45 o'clock.

Collected for dues. $21.00

Collected for assessment. 5.00
Collected for locker key. .50 Total $26.60

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 94).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois on Tuesday the 12th day of February, A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke.as Prel.
Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. Std.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Robert S. Scharfenberg.as Sen.

No other members present.

Reading of Records- The Records of the Stated Conclave of January 22d 1929 were read from journal and approved.

Unfinished Business- The matter of the application of Sir Knight Carlos Ames for reinstatement, presented at the Stated Conclave of January 8th 1929 and action deferred, was taken up, the committee reported and ballot ordered, which being found clear the applicant was declared duly restored to good standing in the Order and to membership in this Commandery.

New Business- The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid: Ryon Agency, premium on bond $5.00 R.T. Irwin new cut for coat of arms 5.95 Streator Floral Co. Flowers 6.00 W.B. Hattenhauer cigars 13.50 total $30.45

An invitation from StPaul Commandery No. 34 to attend their inspection February 15th 1929 was read.

A communication from Sir Knight W.T. Crawford was referred to the committee on dues.

A communication from Mrs. H.A. Grube notifying the Commandery of the death of her husband, Sir Knight H.A. Grube was read. On motion it was ordered that the dues of Sir Knight Grube be remitted, a receipt card and letter of condolance sent to the widow.

After some discussion it was agreed to charge $1.00 per plate for inspection banquet, guarentee 150 plates and admit visiting Sir Knights free.
The Commander appointed Sir Knights McFarland, Roberts and Hersch as a committee to arrange for invitations to inspection.

Received for dues $20.00
Received for Educational fund 4.00 total 24.00

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 95-95v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois on Tuesday the 26th day of February A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Emanuel Marvin Davis.as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert S. Scharfenberg.as Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland.P.C. Sen.

Members present:
Samuel John Patch P.C. Benjamin Faber, David Lewis
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke, Adolph F. Sass, Sylvester Hash,
William F. Bryant, John H. Cook, George H. Forster, Ray B. Patch,
Arthur R. VanLoon.

Reading of Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of February 12th 1929 were read from journal and approved.

New Business:
Special Orders No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of February 14th, A.D. 1929, relieving Sir Knight Carl A. Hallgren, Grand Warden, from duty until February 27th 1929 as inspecting officer of 8th District, and Special Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of February 16th, A.D. 1929, relieving Sir Knight Louis Eugene Wanglen, Grand Senior Warden from duty of inspecting Mary Commandery No. 67 Knights Templar were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

The application of Sir Knight Robert William Crawford for a dimit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges pending against him, the dimit was issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid: W.B. Hattenhauer cigars $4.50 R.T. Irwin postage 7.00 $11.50

On motion it was decided to attend Easter Services at some church to be selected at next Stated Conclave.
A communication from H.D. Stowe and family was read and placed on file.

Invitations from Coeur de Leon Commandery No. 43 at ElPaso and Ottawa Commandery No. 10 at Ottawa Illinois to attend their inspections were read.

The Commander announced the resignation of Sir Knights Ralph D. Huggans and Thomas Fairbain as Hermits and appointed Sir Knights Samuel J. Patch P.C. and David Lewis to the offices, also the resignation of Sir Knight Raymond E. Cate as Guard and appointed Sir Knight Arthur J. Howe instead.

Work: John Dyck a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Received for dues $35.00
Received for educational fund 7.00 $42.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.15 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 96-96v).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of March A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 2.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of work and Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members and visitors present per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:
Thomas Greenwood Taggart. G.C.G.
Charles Henry Smith. G.J.W.
Richard J. Howells. G.C.G.
Edward Albert Glad. Past G.Com.

Work:
Frank Alfred Sass a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 5.20 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 97).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of March A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 8.45 o'clock P.M. for Inspection.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members and visitors per register.

The following Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery line were present:

Aubrey Prosser. Grand Commander.
Thomas Greenwood Taggart. Grand Captain General.
Charles Henry Smith. Grand Junior Warden.
Richard J. Howells. Grand Captain of Guard.
Albert F. Schoch. Past Grand Commander.
Edward A. Glad. Past Grand Commander.

Inspection:

Following the reception of the Commander, Sir Knight Samuel John Patch P.C. of Streator Commandery No. 70 K.T. acting as Grand Warder was admitted and announced that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, had arrived accompanied by his suite, for an official visit to this Commandery.

Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, Grand Commander was received with the honor due his rank.

Following the reception of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Louis Milton Shepherd, Commander of Pontiac Commandery No. 85 Knights Templar, acting as Grand Warder was admitted and announced that the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois and the Inspecting Officer of this the fourth district had arrived accompanied by his suite for an official inspection of this Commandery.

Sir Knight Thomas Greenwood Taggart, Grand Captain General was received with the honor due his rank, and thereupon proceeded to inspect the Commandery in full form.

This being a Stated Conclave, the regular order of business was suspended until the next Stated Conclave, also the reading of the record of this and the previous Conclaves, except the matter of attending Easter services, by permission of the Inspecting Officer.

Invitations to attend Easter services were read from Rev. H.A. Stemme and Rev. John Hardcastle. On motion it was ordered to accept the invitation of Rev. John Hardcastle. The Commander appointed Sir Knights Hersch, Dakin and Uebler as a committee to arrange for notices to members for the Easter services.

Following the Inspection a count of all the Sir Knights present in Uniform and not in Uniform was made with the following results:

Streator Sir Knights in Uniform 75
Streator Sir Knights not in Uniform 0
Visiting Sir Knights in Uniform 85
Visiting Sir Knights not in Uniform 1 Total 161.

Following the Inspection Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, Grand Commander, made a short talk to the Commandery in which he mentioned the absence of Sir Knight William Henry Jennings, Grand Recorder who is in ill health in Florida at this time. This being the twenty third annual Inspection and the first one Sir Knight Jennings has missed, the Grand Commander proposed a resolution, which was carried by a unanimous standing vote that the recorder write a letter of condolence and best wishes of all present and send it to Sir Knight Jennings at his Chicago address. The Grand Commander also recomended that the recorder write a letter to the Ladies of the Eastern Star thanking them for the very excellent dinner they served. He was followed by Sir Knight Edward Albert Glad, Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight C.C. Howland P.C. Peoria Commandery No. 3, Sir Knight E.H. Poole, Commander, Ottawa Commandery No. 10 and Sir Knight Thomas Greenwood Taggart Grand Captain General and Inspecting Officer.

The Grand Commanders Staff was made up of the following:
Sir Knights Albert F. Schoch, P.G.C.
Edward Albert Glad, P.G.C.
Charles Henry Smith, G.J.W.
Richard J. Howells, G.C.G.
Samuel John Patch, Acting G. War.
E.S. Mercer, P.C. Ottawa No. 10.
Chas. B. Grover, P.C. Ottawa No. 10.
A.H. Skelton, P.C. Morris No. 5.
C.W. Fleming, P.C. Peru No. 26.
R.K. Langer, P.C. Ottawa No. 10.
R.V. Wright, P.C. Ottawa No. 10.

E.N. Robinson, P.C. Pontiac No. 85.
E. Hoobler, P.C. Pontiac No. 85.
J.C. Wolf, P.C. Pontiac No. 85.
C.C. Howland, P.C. Peoria No. 3.
F. Hillyer, P.C. Peoria No. 3.
C.H. Rowland, P.C. Pontiac No. 85.
F.L. Dauber, P.C. Peru No. 26.

The Grand Captain Generals staff was composed of the following: Sir Knights:
L.M. Shepherd, Com. Pontiac No. 85.
E.H. Poole, Com. Ottawa No. 10.
Edwin Mueller, Gen. Peoria No. 3.
C.E. Groves, Gen. Blaney No. 5.
Geo. Condie, Gen. St. John No. 26.
Frederick Hierth, Gen. Pontiac No. 85.
F.C. Brewer, C.G. Peoria No. 3.
W.C. Lindeman, C.G. Ottawa No. 10.
F.L. Crocker, C.G. Pontiac No. 85.

The Commanders committee was composed of Sir Knights, L.C. Mulford, R.C. Osborn, W.B. Hattenhauer, and W.P. Hampton Past Commanders of Streator Commandery.

At six o'clock P.M. Streator Commandery No. 70 with the Drum and Bugle Corp of Pontiac Commandery No. 85 and all other visiting Sir Knights made a parade on the streets of Streator by authority of the following special dispensation:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.
Headquarters of the Grand Commander.
To the Commander of Streator Commandery No. 70 K.T.
By virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation authorizing Streator Commandery to appear in full Templar uniform and parade in Streator, Illinois, March 12, 1929.
Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof, and will be returned to the Grand Commander.
Given under my hand and seal, this 11th day of March A.D. 1929 A.O. 811.
Signed Aubry Prosser. Grand Commander.

After the parade a banquet was served to the Sir Knights and their ladies.

Received for sale of banquet tickets $113.00

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 98-99).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of March A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
Richard J. Howells P.C. as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Robert Scharfenberg. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. as St.B.

Carl Henry Iserman. as Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present:
E.W. Greener, A.M. Bourke, David Lewis, E.M. Davis,
F.D. Merritt, R.B. Patch, J.B. Patterson, E.E. Perisho.

Reading of the Record: The Records of the Stated Conclave of Feb. 26th, Special Conclave of March 12th and Stated Conclave of March 12th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business: The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board, were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid: Streator Chapter O.E.S. Banquet $238.00 R.T. Irwin postage 4.00 Streator Floral Co. Flowers 2.16 Mrs. H.D. Stowe Tally cards .65 H.D. Stowe Letters from B.B. College 2.00 A.H. Anderson Printing Co. Printing 48.50 Henderson-Ames Co. Gloves 9.75 Howells and Hampton Cigars 15.45 The Minerva Press Electro 2.71 Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. Rent 125.00 Total $448.22

A communication from Mrs. W.L. Smith was read and placed on file.

On motion the Recorder was instructed to secure two rooms for headquarters at Peoria, Illinois for the Annual State Conclave.
The Commander appointed Sir Knights McFarland, Roberts and Hersch as a committee to arrange to attend the Annual State Conclave at Peoria, Illinois.

The Commander appointed Sir Knights Howells, Dakin and Scharfenberg as a committee to arrange to attend the Passion Play at Bloomington, Illinois on the day reserved for Knights Templar.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates.

Companions Oscar Louis Lorenz and Eugene Glenn McWilliams were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.45 o'clock.

Collected for fees. $50.00
Collected for dues. 25.00
Collected for educational fund. 5.00 Total $80.00

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 100-100v).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Sunday the 31st day of March A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 9.45 o'clock A.M.

Pursuant to Orders 26 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No.70 for the purpose of attending Easter Services at the Primitive Methodist Church, Reverend Brother John Hardcastle preaching the sermon.

The lines were formed under the direction of the Captain General, the Commandery proceeded to the church where services were held. After the services the lines were again formed, the Commandery returned to the Asylum and were dismissed.

Sir Knights present and in line:

Staff:

William Henry Jennings, P.C. P.G.C. G.Rec.
Richard J. Howells, P.C. G.C.G.

Officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe, Commander.
Clifford Archie McFarland, Generalissimo.
Thomas John Roberts, Captain General.
William Matis Hersch, Senior Warden.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, Junior Warden.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, Recorder.
Julius Eric Uebler, Sword Bearer.

Line:

W.F. Bryant.
David Lewis.
Chas. Brooker.
W.E. VanLoon.
Robert Scharfenberg.
E.M. Davis.
John B. Milburn.
S.E. Sendecke.
A.M. Bourke.
D.R. Williams.
John Lightholder.
Thos. Fairbain.
R.H. Schurman.
W.H. Jennings, Jr.
Chester Jack.
A.H. Raymond.
A.R. VanLoon.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 101).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of April A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as Sen.

Members and visitors present: Chester Jack, James H. Graham, David Lewis, E.M. Davis, S.E. Sendecke, E.W. Greener, Robert Scharfenberg, R.B. Patch, N.I. Stringer, Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 38, Paxton Ill.

Reading of the Record: The Records of the Stated Conclave of March 26th and the Assemblage of March 31st were read from the journal and approved.

New Business: Circular No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of March 11th A.D. 1929, referring to Easter observance, and Special Orders No. 4 under date of March 25th A.D. 1929 relieving Sir Knight Earl Stanley Welch, Grand Standard Bearer from duty as inspecting officer and assigning Sir Knight David W. Isenhour Deputy Grand Commander, as Inspecting Officer of 8th District, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid: G.C. Daniels, refunded for locker key $ .50 A.H. Anderson Printing Co. Printing 18.00 Brix Cleaning robes 8.50 $27.00

A communication from Sir Knight F.C. Brewer, Hotel Committee for State Conclave at Peoria Illinois assigning Streator Commandery two rooms for headquarters was read and placed on file.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates.
Oscar Louis Lorenz and Eugene Glenn McWilliams Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross were introduced into the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Work:

Oscar Louis Lorenz a Knight of Malta, was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Received for dues $20.00
Received for educational fund 4.00
Total $24.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.50 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 102-102v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 23d day of April A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Chester Jack. as Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Matis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Lester Kern. Prel.
Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members and visitors present:
F.A. Sass, John Dyck, David Lewis, F.D. Merritt, S.E. Sendecke, J.H. Graham, W.A. Myers, W.B. Hattenhauer P.C., Wm. Gillooly, Muskegon Commandery No.22 Muskegon Mich.
N.I. Stringer, Mt. Olivet Commandery No.38 Paxton Ill.

E.L. Wood, Blaney Commandery No.5 Morris Ill.

Reading of the Records: The Record of the Stated Conclave of April 9th was read from the journal and approved.

New Business: The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid: Knetz and Grant, prizes for ladies night of inspection $4.00 Steven, Maloney & Co. Stationary 1.70 Total $5.70

Communications were read from Sir Knights D.S. Merritt and Robert Law.

Work: Eugene Glenn McWilliams a Knight of Malta was dubbed Knight and created a member of the Order of the Temple in due form.

Received for dues $25.00
Received for assesment 5.00 $30.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 11.10 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 103).

Pursuant to Orders 34 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No.70 on Sunday the 12nd day of May A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of attending and acting as an escort at the funeral of Sir Knight Arthur Milan Barackman, P.C., who died May 9th A.D. 1929.

The lines were formed under the direction of the Commander and proceeded to the residence where services were held. After this service the remains were conveyed to Riverview Cemetery where burial was made. The services at the grave were conducted by Streator Lodge No.607 A.F. & A.M.

The following Sir Knights were present and in line:

Howard D. Stowe. Com.
Clifford A. McFarland. Gen.
Thomas J. Roberts. C.G.
Rawley T. Irwin. Rec.
Carl H. Iserman. St.B.
Julius E. Uebler. Sw.B.
Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G.
Samuel J. Patch. P.C.
Harry A. Smalley. P.C.
Abner G. Rich. P.C.
Walter B. Hattenhauer. P.C.
John A. Smith. P.C.
Russel C. Osborn. P.C.
Linden C. Mulford. P.C.
E.M. Davis.
J.H. Graham.
R.B. Patch.
J.B. Milburn.
G.D. Warren.
W.F. Bryant.
M.H. Duncan.
O.L. Lorenz.
O.E. Stokes.
G.H. Forster.
S.E. Sendecke.
C.F. Johnson.
Robt. Fairburn.

A.H. Raymond.
A.S. Johnson.
J.A. Robb.
David Lewis.
John Harner.
John Alband.
D.R. Williams.

The following Sir Knights were pall bearers:
A.G. Rich.
L.C. Mulford.
W.B. Hattenhauer.
R.C. Osborn.
J.A. Smith.
H.A. Smalley.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 104).

Pursuant to Orders 20 Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No.70 on Monday the 13th day of May A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 1.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of attending and acting as an escort at the funeral of Sir Knight Robert Watson Law who died May 10th A.D. 1929.

The lines were formed under the direction of the Commander and proceeded to the residence were services were held. After this service the remains were conveyed to Riverview Cemetery where burial was made. The services at the grave were conducted by Streator Lodge No.607 A.F. & A.M.

The following Sir Knights were present and in line:

Howard D. Stowe. Com.
Clifford A. McFarland. Gen.
Thomas J. Roberts. C.G.
Arthur H. Dakin. J.W.
Rawley T. Irwin. Rec.
Herman P. Schlegeter. War.
Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G.
Abner G. Rich. P.C.
John A. Smith. P.C.
David Lewis.
A.M. McCord.
O.E. Stokes.
H.F. Hall.
E.M. Davis.
John Harmer.
D.R. Williams.
A.H. Raymond.
Thos. Fairbain.
J.H. Graham.
Lawrence Sowden.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 105).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 14th day of May A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. Warder.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present:
Robert S. Scharfenberg, E.G. McWilliams, David Lewis,
Oscar L. Lorenz, A.N. McCord, M.H. Duncan, Charles P. Gaut.

Reading of the Records:
The records of the Stated Conclave of April 23d and the Assemblages of May 12th and May 13th A.D. 1929 were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
The application of Sir Knight Edwin S. Dewey for a dimit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges pending against him, the dimit was issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:
Streator Floral Company $12.50
Anderson Ptg. Co. 5.00
Browns Business College 2.65

Communication from Reverend John Hardcastle was read.

Communication from Grand Commander giving Inspection report as follows:
Record 97.1
Officers present 100.0
Manual of Officers 96.6
Manual of Lines 96.3
Rehearsal of Duties 96.2
Ritual 95.4
Total 581.6
Average 96.9

On motion it was agreed to organize a drill team to meet Friday nights, with Sir Knight Charles P. Gaut elected drill master.
The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 106-106v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 28th day of May A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Com.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Mattis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke. as Prel.
Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Robert S. Scharfenberg as Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Ray Beam Patch as Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

No other members present.

Reading of the record: The records of the Stated Conclave of May 14th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business: General Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander under date of May 14th A.D. 1929 advising that the Seventy-third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois will be held at Peoria, September 9, 10 and 11 1929.

The following bills having been approved by the finance board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid: E.C. VanLoon & Sons locker keys .50 M. Rabatine, refund for locker key .50 Times-Press Publishing Co, notices 1.80 Total $2.80

Communications were read from Mrs. Robert Law and daughter and from Mrs. E.H. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Herbert.

The minutes of this conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder. Howard Dascom Stowe Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 107).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 11th day of June A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Howard Dascom Stowe. Commander.
Clifford Archie McFarland. Gen.
Thomas John Roberts. C.G.
William Mattis Hersch. S.W.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. J.W.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Carl Henry Iserman. St.B.
Julius Eric Uebler. Sw.B.
Herman Pete Schlegeter. War.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present: E.M. Davis, George Warren, O.L. Lorenz, Benj. Faber, John Smith, Robert Scharfenberg, A.M. Bourke, R.B. Patch, S.J. Patch P.C., R.J. Howells P.C. G.C.G., David Lewis.

Reading of the Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of May 28th 1929 were read from the journal and approved.

The following bills having been approved by the finance board, were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid: W.H. Carew Jewel $67.50 Streator Floral Co. Flowers 34.60 Thornton Floral Co. 9.75 A.H. Anderson Ptg. Co. Postals 8.00 R.T. Irwin for Post Master, Envelopes 21.74 W.H. Jennings G. Rec. Per cap tax 477.75 R.T. Irwin Rec. Half year salary 75.00 Total $694.34

A communication from Mrs. Ella Barackman and family was read and placed on file.

This being the Annual Conclave, the reports of the Treasurer, and Recorder were read and ordered to be entered in the Record.

Report of the Treasurer:
Streator, Ill. June 1st 1929.

Report of Treasurer of Streator Commandery No. 70 for year ending June 1st 1929.

Dr.
Balance on hand June 1st 1928 ..... $589.88
Received from R.T. Irwin, Recorder 1965.16
Total $2555.04

Cr.
Per capita tax $481.25
Past Commanders jewel 62.50
Rent 500.00
Printing 95.40
Flowers 102.53
Safety Dep. box rent 5.00
Post cards 8.00
Recorders salary 150.00
Sweater coat L.R. Colley 5.00
Stamped envelopes 33.08
Christmas gift Chas. Rowland 50.00
Cigars 35.70
New Years party 1/3 cost 24.66
Banquet and lunches 324.25
Electro plates 8.66
Gloves 9.75
Prizes inspection night 4.65
Record book 1.70
Cleaning robes 8.50
Notices 1.80
Misc'l 17.93
Insurance 71.57

Total $2001.93
Cash on hand to balance 553.11
Total $2555.04

Signed H. L. Manly, Treas.

Report of the Recorder:

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of Streator Commandery No. 70 Knights Templar, the annual financial report of the Recorder, as of May 31st 1929 is hereby submitted:

Receipts:
Dues $1225.91

Educational fund 246.00
Petitions 100.00
Initiations 175.00
Banquet tickets 194.25
Locker keys 3.00
Total receipts $1944.16
Balance June 1–28 ..... 66.63
Total $2010.79

Disbursements:
Rent $500.00
Salaries 150.00
Postage 33.08
Ptg & stationary 105.68
Cigars 35.70
Banquets 324.25
Bonds 5.00
Insurance 66.57
Flowers 102.53
Donations 50.00
Equipment 26.62
Misc'l 54.25

Total $1453.68
Balance 557.11
Total $2010.79
Report of Activities:

Stated Conclaves 22
Special Conclaves 4
Assemblages 5
Petitions 4
Elected 4
Red Cross 6
Knights of Malta 6
Order of the Temple 7
Reinstated 1
Dimitted 2
Died 8
Gain in membership 8
Loss in membership 10
Total membership 268

The last Annual Conclave was held June 12, 1928 with a membership of 270. The officers elected were installed the same date. All Orders, Special Orders, Circulars issued by the Grand Commander have been received and read.

The Annual Inspection was held March 12th 1929 with an attendance of 161 Sir Knights, 75 Sir Knights of Streator Commandery in uniform. Inspection average 96.9 as against 96.2 last year.

Signed R.T. Irwin
Recorder.

The books and reports of the Treasurer and Recorder have been audited by Sir Knight James E. Hill. All reports on motion were received, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Election.

The election of Officers and a Finance Board for the ensuing Templar year being now in order, the Commander Sir Knights E.M. Davis, S.E. Sendecke and O.L. Lorenz as Tellers and Judges. The ballots having been collected, sorted and tallied, the following were separately declared duly elected:

Clifford Archie McFarland ..... Commander
Thomas John Roberts ..... Generalissimo

William Matis Hersch ..... Captain General
Arthur Herbert Dakin ..... Senior Warden
Herman Pete Schlegeter ..... Junior Warden
Lester Kern ..... Prelate
Harry Lewis Manly, P.C. ..... Treasurer
Rawley Theodore Irwin ..... Recorder

Clifford Archie McFarland
Thomas John Roberts
Samuel John Patch, P.C.
Walter Barnhard Hattenhauer, P.C.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G. as members of Finance Board.

The Commander elect subsequently appointed the following to the offices set opposite their respective names:
Julius Eric Uebler. ..... Standard Bearer.
Robert Franklin McCauley. ..... Sword Bearer.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. ..... Color Bearer.
Carl Henry Iserman. ..... Warder.
Samuel John Patch, P.C. ..... Hermit.
Emanuel Marvin Davis. ..... Hermit.
David Lewis. ..... Hermit.
Ray Beam Patch. ..... Guard.
Benjamin Faber. ..... Guard.
Stanly Ellsworth Sendecke. ..... Guard.
Eldo Marion Rinehart. ..... Stereoptician.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. ... Sentinel.

All of the officers were then duly installed by Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G., and proclaimed as such by Sir Knight Samuel John Patch, P.C., acting as Marshall.

At this time Sir Knight Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G., with a few befitting remarks presented the retiring Commander, Sir Knight Howard Dascom Stowe, with a Past Commanders jewel in token of the service that he had rendered the Commandery.

Received for dues $453.27
Received for assmt. 81.00
Total $534.27

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A. McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 108-109v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 25th day of June A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland ..... Com.
Thomas John Roberts ..... Gen.
William Matis Hersch ..... C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin ..... S.W.
Herman Pete Schlegeter ..... J.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe, P.C. as ..... Prel.
Charles Pearl Gaut as ..... Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin ..... Rec.

Julius Eric Uebler ..... St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley ..... Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman ..... Warder
Oscar Louis Lorenz ..... Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. ... Sen.

Members present; S.E. Sendecke, Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G.

Reading of the Record:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of June 11th 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
Memorial Circulars No. 3 & 4 issued by the Grand Commander, to Sir Knight Alfred Augustus Whipple, and Sir Knight Joseph Atkinson Painter, Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois were read and placed on file.

Communications from Sir Knight D.J. Spencer and family, and from Sir Knight Arthur Moody, Recorder of Plattsville Commandery No. 35, Plattville, Wisconsin were read and placed on file.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:
Times Press Publishing Co. $5.10
Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. .. 125.00
Total $130.10

The Commander appointed Sir Knights Hersch, Dakin and Schlegeter as a ways and means committee to arrange to attend the Triennial Conclave to be held in Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir Knight W.M. Hersch presented shoulder straps to the three officers in the East.
On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Sir Knight Hersch.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.15 o'clock.

Collected for dues $65.00
For assmt. $15.00
Total $78.00

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A. McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 110).

Assembled in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois on Wednesday, the 3d day of July A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 1.30 o'clock P.M.

Pursuant to orders 27 Sir Knights assembled in the asylum of Streator Commandery No. 70 for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of Sir Knight Ruffin Drew Fletcher, a member of Elwood Commandery No. 6.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Howard C. Haungs, P.C., Peoria Commandery No. 3 acting as Commander. The Commandery marched to the Wagner funeral home where services were held, after which the body was conveyed to Riverview Cemetery and deposited in the grave.

The Knights Templar funeral service was conducted by Sir Knight Howard C. Haungs, P.C., Peoria Commandery as Commander and Sir Knight Cedric C. Howland, P.C., Peoria Commandery as Prelate.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

The following Sir Knights were present:

Clifford A. McFarland, Com.
Thomas John Roberts, Gen.
William M. Hersch, C.G.
Rawley T. Irwin, Rec.
Julius E. Uebler, Std.B.
Charles T. Rowland, P.C., Sen.
Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G.
Abner G. Rich, P.C.
Samuel J. Patch, P.C.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C.
Howard D. Stowe, P.C.
Linden C. Mulford, P.C.
John A. Smith, P.C.
Emanuel M. Davis
George T. Knox
Arthur M. Bourk
James H. Graham
Ray B. Patch
Robert S. Scharfenberg
Adolph F. Sass
Thomas Fairbairn
David Lewis

Thomas R. Holmes
Ward E. Swift
Howard C. Haungs, P.C., Peoria No. 3
Cedric C. Howland, P.C., Peoria No. 3
Francis Perterson, Siloam No. 54

Pall Bearers:
Abner G. Rich, P.C.
Samuel J. Patch, P.C.
Walter B. Hattenhauer, P.C.
Howard D. Stowe, P.C.
Linden C. Mulford, P.C.
John A. Smith, P.C.

This funeral service was conducted at the request of Elwood Commandery No. 6 located at Springfield Illinois.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A. McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 111).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of July A.D. 1929 A.O. 811, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland ..... Com.
Thomas John Roberts ..... Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe, P.C. as ..... C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin ..... S.W.
Herman Pete Schlegeter ..... J.W.
Samuel John Patch, P.C. as ..... Prel.
Robert Scharfenberg as ..... Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin ..... Rec.

Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. as ..... St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley ..... Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman ..... Warder
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke as ..... Col.B.
David Lewis as ..... Sen.

Members present:
Charles P. Gaut, Richard J. Howells, P.C., G.C.G.

The record of the Stated Conclave of June 25th 1929, and of the Assemblage of July 3rd 1929 were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:

R.T. Irwin, Recorder supplies $3.55
Eby-Loser Co., cigars 4.75
Total $8.30

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Collected for dues $40.00
Collected for Ed. fund 8.00
Total $48.00

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A. McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 112).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 23d day of July A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland ..... Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe, P.C. as ..... Gen.
William Matis Hersch ..... C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin ..... S.W.
Herman Pete Schlegeter ..... J.W.
Harry Lewis Manly, P.C. as ..... Prel.
Robert S. Scharfenberg as ..... Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin ..... Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler ..... St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley ..... Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman ..... Warder
Oscar Louis Lorenz ..... Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland, P.C. ..... Sen.

Members present: David Lewis. Richard J. Howells P.C., G.C.G.

Reading of the Record:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of July 9th 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
General Orders No. 4, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of July 1 A.D. 1929, assigning Sir Knight Edward Hall Switzer, P.C., Brigade Commander in connection with the Annual Conclave of Grand

Commandery and General Orders No. 5 issued by the Grand Commander under date of July 1 A.D. 1929 giving time and date of street parade and competitive drills to be held at the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery were read at the “Head of the Lines” and placed on file.

The application of Sir Knight Robert John Arnold for a demit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges pending against him, the demit was issued.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:
Streator Floral Co. $5.00

Communications were read from Rachel S. Fletcher and Edna M. Fletcher — Elwood Commandery No. 6 Knights Templar, Springfield Illinois — Hugh P. Marshall Publicity Committee and F.C. Brewer Hotel Committee of Seventy-Third Annual Conclave were read and placed on file.

On motion the dates of hotel reservations at Peoria were changed from Sept. 9-10-11 to Sept. 8-9-10.
Received for Dues $7.00
Received for Ed. Fund 1.00

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.00 o’clock.

Attest: Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A. McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 113-113v).

Streator Commandery No. 70 Knights Templar Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 13th day of August A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
William Matis Hersch. C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Horman Pete Schlegeter. J.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly. P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. as St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

Members present.
Charles P. Gaut-David Lewis- Samuel John Patch. P.C
Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G.

Reading of the Record:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of July 23d 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
Special Orders No. 6, issued by the Grand Commander under date of July 15th, 1929, schedules for competitive drills to be held in Peoria September 10th and Circular No. 5, issued by the Grand Commander under date of July 27th, 1929, notice of and program of 73d Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Illinois in Peoria Illinois, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid; Times Press Publishing Co. $1.50
I.T. Job Printing Co. 2.25
Streator Floral Co. 12.00
A.H. Anderson Printing Co. 13.00
Keystone Press. 16.50 $45.25

A Notice of Indefinite Suspension from Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. under date of June 19th including the names of the following Sir Knights; Duncan Dewar, Chester R. McColl and Roger C. Williams, members of Streator Commandery, was read and placed on file. The Recorder advised that he had sent the proper notice to each Sir Knight suspended from the Lodge on July 9th 1929 giving this date as the time to appear or say why they should not be suspended from the Commandery.
On motion it was ordered that this matter be held over to some other Conclave.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford A McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 114-114v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 27th day of August A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Thomas John Roberts as Com.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. as Gen.
Richard J. Howells P.C. G.C.G. as C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Ray Beam Patch. as J.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe P.C. as Prel.
Robert Scharfenberg. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present: S. E. Sendecke – J. H. Graham – David Lewis.

Visitors. C. O. Casperson, Knightstown Commandery No. 9 Knightstown Ind.

Reading of the record.
The Record of the Stated Conclave of August 13th 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

Communications.
A communication from Sir Knight John Dunn was read and placed on file.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 8.45 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin Recorder.

Thomas J. Roberts
as Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 115).

Pursuant to Orders 32 Sir Knights went via automobile to Peoria Illinois Monday the 9th day of September A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 for the purpose of attending the Seventy Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and take part in the parade and brigade review.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Charles Pearl Gaut, Drill Master, on Fourth Avenue, the Commandery being a part of the Fifth Division.

Sir Knights present and in line. Samuel John Patch P.C. Aide on the Staff of Marshall of Fifth Div.
Clifford Archie McFarland Commander.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Colors.
Oscar Louis Lorenz.
Eugene Glenn McWilliams.

Line.
Charles P. Gaut Drill Master.
Thomas J. Roberts Gen.
William M. Hersch C.G.
Arthur H. Dakin S.W.
Herman P. Schlegester J.W.
Carl H. Iserman War.
Rawley T. Irwin Rec.
Julius E. Uebler St.B.
W. E. Swift.
John Robb.
Charles Plimmer.
A. J. Howe.
David Lewis.
John Lightholder.
Harry F. Hall.
John Harner.
A. R. VanLoon.
R. B. Patch.
A. H. Raymond.
A. N. McCord.
R. E. Cate.
Lawrence Sowden.
M. H. Duncan.
S. E. Sendecke.
H. W. Prafcke.
John Cook.
J. H. Graham.

Attest. Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 116).

Streator Commandery No. 70 Knights Templar.

On account of officers and members being in Peoria Illinois attending Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Streator Commandery did not assemble in Stated Conclave on Tuesday the 10th day of September A.D. 1929 A.O. 811.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 117).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois on Tuesday the 24th day of September A.D. 1928 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as C.G.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. as S.W.
Herman Pete Schlegester. J.W.
Emanuel Marvin Davis as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly. P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Eugene Glenn McWilliams as Sen.

Members present:
Samuel J. Patch. P.C. – Stanley E. Sendecke – Adam Wagner – Frank A. Sass – John Dyck – Oscar E. Stokes – John H. Schroeder – Charles P. Gaut – Leonard F. Jacklin – David Lewis – George D. Warren – Harvey H. Julien – James H. Graham – George H. Forster – Arthur N. McCord – Ray B. Patch.

Visitor: William Gillooly Muskegon Commandery No. 22 Muskegon Mich.

Reading of the record:
The record of the Stated Conclave of August 27th and of the Assemblage of September 9th 1929 were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
General Orders No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander under date of September 17th A.D. 1929, assigning officers to the Inspection Districts, were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file. From these orders it appears that this Commandery being in the fourth District, is placed in charge of Sir Knight Louis Eugene Wangelin, Grand Captain General.
General Orders No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander under date of September 17th A.D. 1929 regarding opening in full form, interchange visits, rituals etc were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.

On motion it was ordered that the sum of $15.00 be sent to Company B Illinois National Guard for use of Armory for drills.

On motion the dues of the following Sir Knights were remitted, it appearing that they were unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery: David J. Spencer and Lisle R. Colly.

The applications of Sir Knights Arthur O. Hutchinson and William T. Crawford for demits were read and it being ascertained that they were clear on the books and no charges pending against them, the demits were issued.
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:

Illinois National Guard $15.00
Browns Business College 2.60
Illinois Power & Light Corp. 10.00
Hotel Pere Marquette Peoria Ill. 12.20

Communications were read from Ivanhoe Commandery No. 33 Kankakee Ill, and from Farm Films Peoria Ill.

Collected for dues $121.50

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 P.M.

A lunch and smoker was held in the dining room after the Conclave.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 118-118v).

Pursuant to Orders 40 Sir Knights Assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery on Tuesday the 1st day of October A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 12.30 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late frater Sir Knight William Schoenneshoefer and acting as escort to Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. The lines were formed under the direction of the Commander and proceeded to the residence at 318 S. Monroe St. Streator Ill., where services were held. After the service the remains were conveyed to cemetery at Lostant Ill., where Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. conducted the Masonic service.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

Sir Knights in line:
Albert F. Schoen. P.C.
Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G.
Samuel J. Patch. P.C.
John A. Smith. P.C.
Harry L. Manly. P.C.
Charles T. Rowland. P.C.
Linden C. Mulford.
Clifford A. McFarland. Com.
Thomas J. Roberts. Gen.
William M. Hersch. C.G.
Arthur H. Dakin. S.W.
Carl H. Iserman. Warder.
Rawley T. Irwin. Rec.
Julius E. Uebler. St.B.
Oscar L. Lorenz. Col.B.
Frank A. Sass.
David Lewis.
William F. Bryant.
Harvey H. Julien.
Raymond E. Cate.
Stanley E. Sendecke.
Willis A. Myers.
Albert R. Link.
Charles Brooker.
Leonard F. Jacklin.
Frank J. Harrison.
John Alband.
Benjamin Faber.
James H. Graham.
Herbert W. Prafcke.
Marsden H. Duncan.
Adolph F. Sass.
Emanuel M. Davis.
Lawrence Sowden.
Thomas Gay.
Ward E. Swift.
Ammon S. Johnson.
Charles F. Johnson.
Thomas Fairbain.
Charles P. Gaut.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 119).

Pursuant to Orders 13 Sir Knights Assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery on Tuesday the 8th day of October A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 1 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late frater Sir Knight William Ellsworth Pile, and acting as escort to Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Thomas J. Roberts, Generalissimo and proceeded to the residence at 402 S. Illinois St. Streator Illinois where short services were held, then from there to Christ Episcopal Church where services were held. After this service the remains were conveyed to Riverview cemetery where Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. conducted the Masonic services.

The Commandery then returned to the Asylum and was dismissed.

Sir Knights in line:

Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G.
Thomas J. Roberts. Gen.
Arthur H. Dakin. S.W.
Rawley T. Irwin. Rec.
Carl H. Iserman. Warder.
Oscar L. Lorenz. Col.B.
William D. Brown.
John Lightholder.
Emanuel M. Davis.
Arthur N. McCord.
Oscar E. Stokes.
Thomas Gay.
David Lewis.

Thomas J. Roberts
as Commander.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 120).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois, on Tuesday the 8th day of October A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. as J.W.
Emanuel Marvin Davis as Prel.
Sylvester Hash as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Samuel John Patch. P.C. as Col.B.
David Lewis. as Sen.

Members present; Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G.
Visitors present; Carl O. Casperson, Knightstown Commandery No. 9 Knightstown Indiana.

Reading of the Records:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of September 24th 1929, and the Assemblages of October 2nd and 8th were read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
Circular No. 1, issued by the Grand Commander, under date of September 30th A.D. 1929 regarding membership was read and placed on file.

On motion it was ordered the Recorder purchase a copy of "History of Ottawa Commandery No. 10"
On motion it was ordered that the Commander act as a committee with officers of Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. and Streator Chapter No. 168 R.A.M. regarding entertainment.

The following bills having been approved by Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery allowed and ordered paid:
Gaut and Company. $4.50
Hill Brothers. 9.10
R. T. Irwin, postal cards. 5.50
Keystone Press. 8.50
Mrs. Edw. Albertson, 5.00
Streator Lodge No. 607 A.F. & A.M. 125.00

Communications were read from Mr. and Mrs. Will Carew – Mrs. William Schoenneshoefer and family.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.
The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 P.M.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 121-121v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 22nd day of October A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as Gen.
William Mattis Hersch. C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter. J.W.
Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G. as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly. P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Ward.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

Members present:
Ray B. Patch. David Lewis. Robert Scharfenberg.
Samuel J. Patch. P.C.

Reading of the Record:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of October 8th 1929, was read from the journal and approved.

New Business:
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board, were by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:- Keystone Press-3.75; Times-Press Pub. Co. 1.50.

Communications were read from Mrs. W. E. Pile and Family-
Sir Knight Geo. A. Armstrong and Sir Knight Louis E. Wangelin, Grand Captain General.

On motion it was ordered that each officer attending the school of instruction at Kankakee Ill., pay for their meal.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.15 o'clock.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 122).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 12th day of November A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
William Mattis Hersch. C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter. J.W.
Harry Lewis Manly. P.C. as Prel.
Robert S. Scharfenberg. as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

Members present: Richard J. Howells. P.C. G.C.G.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C.
David Lewis.
Stanley E. Sendecke.
Rollin L. Swindler Jr.

Reading of the Records:
The record of the Stated Conclave of October 22nd A.D. 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and referring petitions:
The petition of Companion Willis Nathan Ehrich for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights Clifford A. McFarland and Rawley T. Irwin representing that he is now a member of Mizpah Lodge No. 768 located at Chicago, Illinois and Streator Chapter No. 168 located at Streator, Illinois, that he has not been rejected, that he was born on the 15th day of September A.D. 1894 at Chicago, Illinois, that he resides at 608 Little St. Streator Illinois, that his occupation is that of Store Manager, A & P Tea Company was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Thomas J. Roberts, Richard J. Howells and Howard D. Stowe.

New Business:
The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid: Masonic Supply Co. $1.56 – Streator Floral Co. $29.00

A communication was read from Mrs. Geo. Greener and Children.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Received for fees $25.00

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 123).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 26th day of November A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
Robert Scharfenberg as C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter. J.W.
David Lewis as Prel.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Howard Dascom Stowe P.C. as St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. War.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present: Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G.
Samuel J. Patch. P.C.

Reading of Record:
The Record of the Stated Conclave of November 12th A.D. 1929 was read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions:
The petition in due form of Companion George Ralph Riss for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights Clifford A. McFarland and Charles Brooker, representing that he is now a member of Streator Lodge No. 607 located at Streator Illinois and Streator Chapter No. 168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected; that he was born on the 29th day of April A.D. 1899 in Streator Illinois; that he resides at 116 Washington St. Streator Illinois; that his occupation is that of Implement Dealer was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Arthur H. Dakin, Herman P. Schlageter and Carl H. Iserman.

Reports of Committees on Petitions:
The Committee on the petition of Companion Willis Nathan Ehrich for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business:
General Orders No. 3, issued by the Grand Commander under date of November 12th, A.D. 1929 regarding circular entitled "American (York) Rite Masonry" were read at the "Head of the Lines" and placed on file.
Circular No. 2, issued by the Grand Commander under date of November 15th, A.D. 1929 regarding Christmas Observance was read and placed on file.
The application of Sir Knight William John Kelting for a demit was read and it being ascertained that he was clear on the books and no charges pending against him, the demit was issued.

On Motion Sir Knights Edward Albert Glad and Aubrey Prosser Past Grand Commanders and David W. Isenhour R.E. Grand Commander, were elected Honorary members of Streator Commandery No. 70.

On Motion the dues of Sir Knight Emerys E. Evans were remitted, it appearing that he was unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

On Motion it was ordered that a basket of fruit and flowers be sent to Sir Knight Matthue C. Baker for Chrismas rememberance.

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9.30 o'clock.

Collected for fees $25.00
Collected for dues 91.00

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 124-124v).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 10th day of December A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as Gen.
William Mattis Hersch. C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter. J.W.
Stanley Ellsworth Sendecke as Prel.
Robert Scharfenberg as Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Recorder.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

Members present:
Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G. Samuel J. Patch. P.C.
David Lewis. Benjamin W. Faber.

Reading of Records:
The Records of the Stated Conclave of November 26th A.D. 1929 were read from the journal and approved.

Receiving and Referring Petitions:
The petition in due form of Companion Harley Bernard Worrell for the Orders, presented by Sir Knights Richard J. Howells and Oscar L. Lorenz representing that he is now a member Streator Lodge No. 607 located at Streator Illinois and Streator Chapter No. 168 located at Streator Illinois; that he has not been rejected; that he was born December 15th A.D. 1892, at Wilsman Illinois; that he resides at 1012 N. Bloomington St. Streator Illinois; that his occupation is that of Manager was read, received and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights William M. Hersch, Arthur H. Dakin and Julius E. Uebler.

Reports of Committees on Petitions:
The Committee on the petition of companion George Ralph Riss for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business:
Circular No. 3 issued by the Grand Commander "In Memoriam for Sir Knight John Paul Hobbs Past Grand Commander" was read and placed on file.

A communication was read from Sir Knight William C. Dauble.
Invitations were read from Peoria Commandery No. 3 Knights Templar to attend a reception to Sir Knight Cedric Cook Howland, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, Thursday, December 19th 1929, and from the children of the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home to attend the Christmas Entertainment December 23d 1929.

On motion the dues of Sir Knight John Dunn were remitted, it appearing that he was unable to contribute to the support of the Commandery.

The Commander appointed the following Sir Knights as a committee on banquet, invitations and entertainment for the Inspection: R. J. Howells – S. J. Patch – T. J. Roberts – R. T. Irwin and J. E. Uebler.

On motion it was ordered that the Officers raise funds to pay the expenses of Peoria Commandery Band at the Inspection.

On motion it was ordered that $1.25 be the price of banquet tickets at the Inspection.

On motion it was ordered that a complementary banquet ticket be given each visiting Sir Knight, he to pay for any others with him.

On motion it was ordered that Streator Commandery No. 70 Knights Templar act as escort at the installation of officers in Streator Chapter No. 168 R.A.M. Thursday December 19th 1929.

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.15 o'clock.

Received for fees $25.00
Received for dues 12.00

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 125-125v).

Assembled in Special Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator Illinois on Monday the 16th day of December A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 8 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of work.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:

Clifford Archie McFarland, Com.
Thomas John Roberts, Gen.
William Mattis Hersch, C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin, S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter, J.W.
Lester Kern, Prelate.
Harry Lewis Manly P.C. Treas.
Rawley Theodore Irwin, Recorder.
Julius Eric Uebler, St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley, Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman, Warder.
Oscar Louis Lorenz, Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland P.C. Sen.

Members present:
Richard J. Howells P.C.G.C.G. Howard D. Stowe P.C. Samuel J. Patch P.C. Marsden H. Duncan, Emanuel M. Davis, David Lewis, Ray B. Patch, Harvey H. Julien, Adolph F. Sass, Arthur M. Bourke, Raymond E. Cate, Harry S. Lester, Robert Fairbain, William F. Bryant, Sylvester Hash, Robert Scharfenberg, John Cook, John Smith, Elwin Burgess, Carl O. Casperson Knightstown Commandery No. 9 Knightstown Indiana.

The Commander declared the business of the Commandery suspended, and a Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross opened for the reception of candidates. Companions Willis Nathan Ehrich and George Ralph Riss were introduced into the Audience Chamber and created and constituted Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in due form.

The Council was then closed and a Priory of Knights of Malta opened for the reception of candidates. Willis Nathan Ehrich and George Ralph Riss, Companions of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, were admitted to the Priory and made Knights of Malta in due form.

The Priory was then closed and business resumed in the Commandery.

Received for fees $50.00

The minutes of this Conclave was then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 10.30 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 126).

Pursuant to Orders ten Sir Knights assembled in the Asylum of Streator Commandery No. 70 for the purpose of attending and acting as escort to the officers of Streator Chapter No. 168 R.A.M. at their installation on Thursday the 19th day of December A.D. 1929.

The lines were formed under the direction of Sir Knight Clifford Archie McFarland Commander, and after the installation were dismissed.

The following Sir Knights were in line:-

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
William Mattis Hersch. C.G.
Julius Eric Uebler. St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Oscar Louis Lorenz. Col.B.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Ray Beam Patch.
Benjamin W. Faber.
David Lewis.
James H. Graham.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 127).

Assembled in Stated Conclave in its Asylum in the City of Streator, Illinois, on Tuesday the 24th day of December A.D. 1929 A.O. 811 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in full form with the following officers:-

Clifford Archie McFarland. Com.
Thomas John Roberts. Gen.
William Mattis Hersch. C.G.
Arthur Herbert Dakin. S.W.
Herman Pete Schlageter. J.W.
Howard Dascom Stowe. P.C. as Prel.
Rawley Theodore Irwin. Rec.
Richard J. Howells. P.C.G.C.G. as St.B.
Robert Franklin McCauley. Sw.B.
Carl Henry Iserman. Warder.
Samuel John Patch. P.C. as Col.B.
Charles Townsend Rowland. P.C. Sen.

No other members present.

Reading of Records: The Records of the Stated Conclave of December 10th and the Special Conclave of December 16th were read from the journal and approved.

Reports of Committees on Petitions:- The Committee on the petition of Companion Harley Bernard Worrell for the Orders reported, whereupon the petition was again read and ballot ordered, which being found clear the petitioner was declared duly elected to receive the Orders.

New Business: The following bills having been approved by the Finance Board were, by vote of the Commandery, allowed and ordered paid:
R.T. Irwin half year salary $75.00
R.T. Irwin postage 2.00
Browns Business College 2.00
The Reinhard Grocery 2.50
Geo. T. Knox 4.50
Keystone Press 7.75
A.J. Prafcke & Son 8.22
The Ryon Agency 8.22

On Motion it was ordered that the safty deposit box in the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank be discontinued and contents be placed in vault in the Temple building.

The minutes of this Conclave were then read and approved.

The Commandery was then closed at 9 o'clock.

Attest Rawley Theodore Irwin
Recorder.

Clifford Archie McFarland
Commander (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 2. D. 12. F. 128).

Thus, in 1929, the Commandery's membership continued to decline. During the year, 22 stated conclaves, four special conclaves, and five assemblages were held. Seven candidates received the Order of the Temple, while six candidates each received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. In May, a decision was made to organize regular drill sessions.

The Commandery's financial condition remained difficult. As of June 1, its cash balance stood at $553, compared with $589 a year earlier. Annual expenditures reached $2,001. Major expenditure items included the rental of premises ($500), dues paid to the Grand Commandery ($481), and banquet expenses ($324).

In its public activities, the Commandery continued to participate in religious ceremonies, the funerals of Sir Knights, and events organized by the Grand Commandery of Illinois. Following the onset of the Great Depression, the Commandery maintained its regular activities. However, the minutes reveal signs of financial vulnerability among its members. In November and December, several Sir Knights had their membership dues remitted. Furthermore, in December, the officers were asked to raise funds themselves to cover the cost of a band for the forthcoming inspection of the Commandery.

The downward trend in the membership of Streator Commandery No. 70 between 1924 and 1929 is most clearly illustrated in Fig. 5.

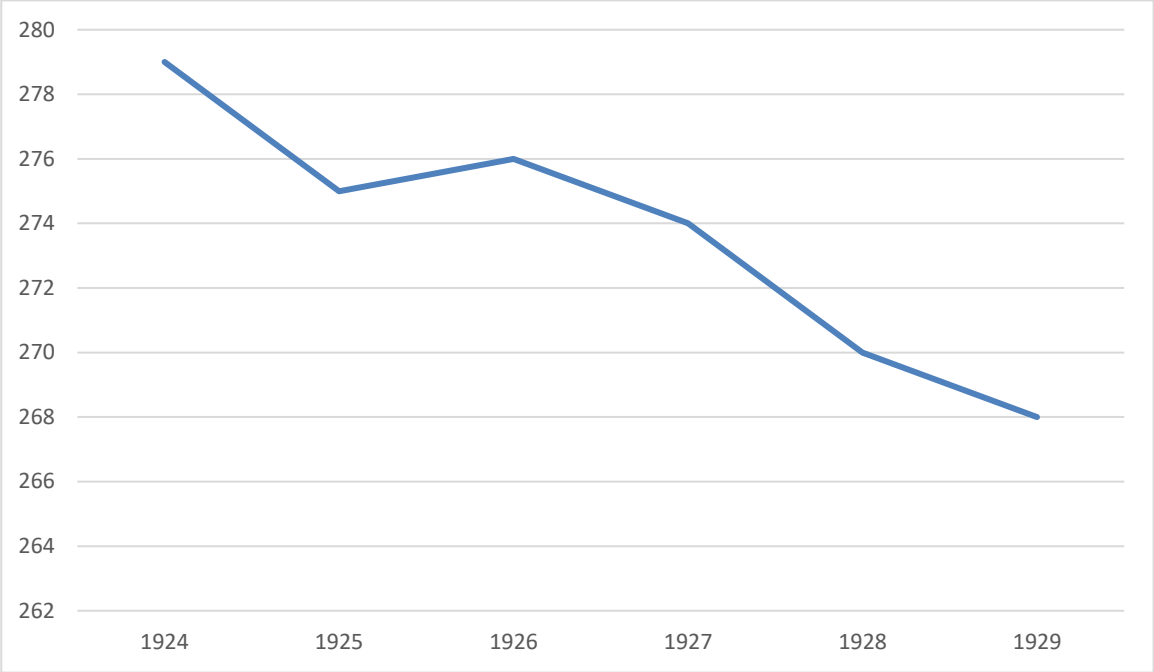


Fig. 5. Declining membership trend of Streator Commandery No. 70, 1924–1929.

4. Conclusion

Thus, the study of the Commandery's history has demonstrated that signs of organizational and financial difficulties within Streator Commandery No. 70 had emerged well before the onset of the Great Depression. After reaching a peak membership of 279 in 1924, the Commandery experienced a gradual decline, with membership falling to 268 by 1929. At the same time, financial difficulties intensified due to unpaid membership dues and substantial expenses associated with maintaining the Masonic Temple.

The organizational measures adopted by the leadership enabled the Commandery to maintain its institutional stability, high standards of ritual proficiency, and active participation in public life. The stock market crash of October 1929 did not lead to a substantial reduction in the organization's activities. Nevertheless, the minutes from late 1929 indicate the continuing financial vulnerability of individual members.

Consequently, the Great Depression began at a time when the Commandery was already facing internal organizational and financial problems, creating conditions that could further complicate its situation in subsequent years.

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