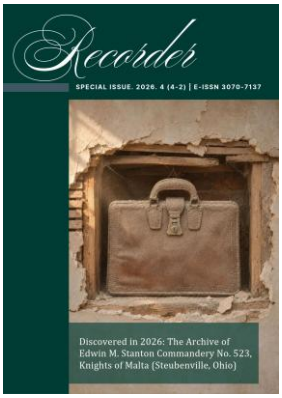
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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

The Rediscovered Archive of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta: Historical Introduction, Archival Inventory, and Selected Documents

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Abstract

This paper introduces into scholarly circulation for the first time the archive of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta (Steubenville, Ohio), discovered in 2026 during the reconstruction of an abandoned house in Northern Virginia and subsequently transferred to the Archive of Cherkas Global University. The purpose of the study is to provide a historical characterization of the commandery, analyze its membership and the provenance of the discovered documentary collection, and publish its systematic archival inventory and selected documents.

As a result of archival cataloguing, the materials were organized into 36 files, comprising 587 items, 862 leaves, and 84 envelopes. Of particular value are the commandery's membership registration books, documents concerning the election of officers, official correspondence, financial materials, and documents of the governing bodies of the Knights of Malta.

Based on archival sources, the history of the commandery, founded on January 26, 1918, is examined, information on 504 registered members is established, and individual stages of its activities are traced up to 1980. Documents from the 1960s–1970s indicate a decline in the commandery's organizational activity and attempts to maintain its functioning. Particular attention is paid to the activities of Lloyd George Pugh (1911–1999), the long-serving Recorder of the commandery, who subsequently held the position of Supreme Grand Commander of the Knights of Malta.

The publication of the archival inventory and selected documents expands the source base for studying the history of American fraternal organizations and makes it possible to examine the activities of the Knights of Malta at both the local and national levels.

Keywords: Knights of Malta, Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Steubenville, Ohio, Lloyd George Pugh, fraternal organizations, archival documents, American history, 20th century, Cherkas Global University.

1. Introduction

The Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, known as the Knights of Malta, appeared in North America in 1870, when the first commandery was established in Toronto, Canada, after which its activities soon spread to the United States. A distinctive feature of the order in the United States was that the commanderies had nationwide numbering, starting from one and continuing onward. The first quarter of the 20th century can be considered the golden age of fraternal organizations, as it was during this period that

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American society showed increased interest in Masonic organizations in general and in the Knights of Malta in particular. Let us illustrate the growth in the membership of the Knights of Malta with the following figures: in 1897, the Knights of Malta had 17,000 members, while by 1907 their number had reached 27,000 (Hamilton et al., 2008: 237). In 1917, the number of commanderies within the order exceeded 500. However, it is doubtful that all 500 commanderies were still operating at that time. To provide a general understanding of what Knights of Malta commanderies looked like, we present a postcard (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. Postcard of KM. Norman Commandery No. 135, Lehighton, Pa. (MHAKT CGU. Collection 4. *Photographic Materials*. Exhibit No. 080)

On January 26, 1918, Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, was instituted in Steubenville, Ohio (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 2). The name of the commandery was associated with the former United States Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton (1814–1869), who was born in Steubenville, Ohio. No information about this commandery was found in open sources, so we used materials from the recently discovered archive of the commandery, which is now catalogued in the Archive of Cherkas Global University.

The establishment of this commandery was associated with the activities of Benjamin Franklin Matthews Sr. (presumably 1848–1920), who was listed under the first number in the commandery's membership registration book. According to this book, he was born on October 22, 1852 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 1v). However, in an obituary published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on August 29, 1920, his age at the time of death was given as 72 years (Benjamin F. Matthews, 1920: 2). This supports 1848 as his year of birth. The reasons for the discrepancy between the registration book and the newspaper publication have not yet been established. The brief obituary published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on August 29, 1920, states that Benjamin F. Matthews, aged 72, oldest member of the Steubenville police force, died in his home... He had been a policeman here for 20 years (Benjamin F. Matthews, 1920: 2). Thus, we learn that the first member of the commandery was a police officer who had served in the local police force for about 18 years at that time.

In total, 504 people passed through the commandery during the years of its existence (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 41v). At the same time, according to the Membership Registration Book, the last initiation was held on November 20, 1962, when the 489th member of the commandery was initiated (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 41). After that, information about initiations was no longer recorded. The Membership Registration Book is a valuable source of genealogical information about the members of the commandery over more than 60 years of its activity. The Membership Registration Book recorded information about the sequential number of a commandery member, his name, date of birth, place of birth,

place of residence, date of election, passage through various degrees, date of suspension of membership or withdrawal, death, as well as Remarks.

There is no precise information about the termination of the commandery's activities. However, in the Register of Officers and Their Attendance at Meetings, 1962–1980, we see that the commandery elected officers until 1980, although with gaps. Thus, during the period from 1962 to 1970, information about officers was entered completely, twice a year. Then there was a two-year break, and the entries resumed in September 1972. After March 1973, there was another long gap, and records appeared for March and September 1980. After that, records of officers were no longer maintained (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 29. Fol. 1v–13).

The Register of Officers and Their Attendance at Meetings begins in 1962, and throughout the entire period until 1980, the Recorder of Commandery No. 523 was Lloyd G. Pugh. Letters addressed to him began to appear in the commandery's documents in 1960 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 35. Fol. 12). His name is mentioned about 100 times in the inventories of the commandery's files. Let us say a few words about this knight, Lloyd George Pugh (1911–1999). Lloyd George Pugh was born on September 7, 1911. In the commandery's lists, he appears under number 434 as Lloyd Pugh (born in 1911) (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 34v). In 1942, he served in the active army with the rank of Private. He was a veteran of World War II. On November 18, 1946, in Jefferson County, Ohio, he married Mildred M. Billings (1915–1987). In 1949 or 1950, the couple had a daughter, Linda J. Pugh. He was admitted to the commandery on September 23, 1953, having been transferred from Old Glory Commandery, which was located in Canton, Ohio (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 35). It has not yet been possible to establish how many years Lloyd George Pugh served in Old Glory Commandery. Incidentally, Old Glory Commandery had No. 514, and Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 maintained correspondence with this commandery (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 44. Fol. 2). During his service in Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, he passed through almost all the degrees except PC (Past Commander), twelve out of thirteen (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 35).

Of particular importance in the biography of Lloyd George Pugh was his advancement into the governing bodies of the Knights of Malta. In 1969–1970s, he was repeatedly appointed Deputy Grand Commander, and by 1980 he held the position of Supreme Grand Commander of the Order. In a surviving report dated October 20, 1980, Lloyd G. Pugh presented information about the activities of the Supreme Commandery, personnel appointments, commemorative events, and participation in the annual meetings of the governing bodies of the Order. Thus, the archive of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 contains documents that make it possible to study not only the activities of the local commandery but also certain aspects of the administration of the Knights of Malta at the national level.

He died on March 9, 1999, in Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio.

The documents were purchased by the Archive of Cherkas Global University through the eBay auction platform. On November 17, 2026, the documents arrived from Roanoke, Virginia, USA.

Together with the documents, a briefcase (Fig. 2) was received, in which they had originally been stored. According to the seller: “All these documents were inside a briefcase hidden in the wall of a house in Northern Virginia. The house was abandoned and was going to be renovated. I accidentally came across the briefcase during demolition work.”



Fig. 2. Briefcase in which the documents of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 were stored and discovered.

As a result of the inventory and cataloguing, the documents were organized into 36 files, comprising 587 archival items, including 862 leaves and 84 envelopes.

It is important to explain that the degree of preservation of the documents is uneven. Apart from the Membership Registration Book and the Membership Register, 1949–1968, all other documents relate to the period from the late 1950s to the early 1980s. This can only be explained by the fact that the records during this period were maintained by the last known Recorder of the commandery, Lloyd George Pugh (1911–1999). How the briefcase containing the documents ended up inside the wall of a house in Northern Virginia remains unknown.

The discovered documentary collection is of interest not only for studying the history of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, but also for studying the organizational structure, everyday activities, and evolution of the American knightly fraternity Knights of Malta in the 20th century. Of particular value are the commandery's membership registration books, materials concerning the election of officers, financial documents, official correspondence, official bulletins, and reports of the governing bodies of the Order.

Despite the absence of information in the registration book about new initiations after November 20, 1962, subsequent records indicate that the commandery's membership continued to be replenished, although the nature of this replenishment requires further study. At the same time, documents from the 1960s–1970s indicate a gradual decline in organizational activity. In particular, in 1967 and 1976, the commandery received special dispensations to hold meetings with five members present, while in 1973 the frequency of meetings was reduced to once a month. It is noteworthy that, after a long interruption, records of the commandery's officers reappear in March and September 1980. This coincides with the period when the commandery's long-serving Recorder, Lloyd George Pugh, held the highest position of Supreme Commander of the Order. It is possible that the resumption of recordkeeping was connected with his desire to support the activities of his own commandery. However, the available documents do not yet make it possible to establish a direct connection between these events.

The purpose of this study is to introduce into scholarly circulation a previously unpublished collection of documents of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University. To achieve this purpose, it is intended to present a brief historical characterization of the commandery, examine the provenance and composition of the archival collection, publish its systematic archival inventory, and reproduce selected documents of particular significance in the form of illustrations.

2. Materials and Methods

The materials of our study were the documents of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta (Steubenville, Ohio), preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. Files 27–62). The documentary collection was received for preservation in November 2026 after its discovery inside the wall of an abandoned house in Northern Virginia. During archival processing, the materials were organized into 36 files, comprising 587 archival items: 862 leaves and 84 envelopes.

Of particular value among the sources are the commandery's membership registration books, which make it possible to trace changes in its membership, as well as the register of officers for 1962–1980. An additional group of sources consists of official correspondence, circulars, bulletins, financial reports, materials of annual meetings, and documents of the governing bodies of the Knights of Malta.

In the systematization and cataloguing of the archival collection, the principles of archival description and chronological classification of documents were used. The registration books were separated into individual files, while the main part of the scattered documents was grouped according to the years of their creation. Materials whose exact dating could not be established were combined into separate files, with an indication of their presumed period of origin.

The methodological basis of the study consisted of the traditional principles of historicism and objectivity. The historical-genetic method was used by us to reconstruct the main stages of the commandery's activities, while the historical-systemic method was applied to examine its position within the organizational structure of the Knights of Malta. The prosopographical approach was used in studying the membership of the commandery and the biographies of individual officers, primarily Benjamin Franklin Matthews Sr. and Lloyd George Pugh.

Source criticism included establishing the dating, authorship, purpose, and informational value of the documents, as well as comparing information from the registration books with materials from correspondence and official documentation. Where contradictions between sources existed, they were recorded and examined taking into account the provenance and nature of the respective evidence.

3. Archival Inventory of the Rediscovered Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta

Before proceeding to the description of the archival files, it is necessary to explain that all files of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 were included in Fond 3 of the Archive, which is devoted to the Collection of Documents on Masonic Organizations in the United States of America (1733–Present).

The fond contains four inventories:

Inventory 1. Personal Documents – personal documents of individuals associated with Masonic and other fraternal organizations.

Inventory 2. Documents of Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies – documents of individual lodges, chapters, and commanderies.

Inventory 3. Documents of Grand Masonic Bodies – documents of the highest governing bodies of Masonic organizations, including Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, and Grand Encampments.

Inventory 4. Booklets and Other Printed Materials (Guide..., 2026: 9–13).

In accordance with the adopted structure of the fond, the documents of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 were included in Inventory 2 and formed 36 files, assigned sequential numbers from 27 to 62.

The following terms are used in the archival inventory: leaf (leaves), envelope (envelopes), and item (items). The term item (items) denotes a unit of archival accounting that may consist of one or several leaves or represent a separate envelope. At the same time, a multi-page document is counted as one item, while its physical extent is determined by the number of leaves.

In the text of the inventory, certain dates and chronological indications are enclosed in square brackets. This indicates dating information established by the compiler on the basis of the content and other characteristics of the documents. For example, the entry [1950s; annotations through 1980] indicates that the document presumably dates from the 1950s, but the additional entries contained in it cover the period up to 1980.

ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION
Archive of Cherkas Global University

Collection	Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta
Reference	Fond 3, Inventory 2
Files	27–62 (36 files)
Extent	587 items; 862 leaves; 84 envelopes

ARCHIVAL INVENTORY

File 27. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Membership Registration Book. 100 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 100 leaves. 1 item.

File 28. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Membership Register, 1949–1968. 42 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 42 leaves. 1 item.

File 29. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Register of Officers and Their Attendance at Meetings, 1962–1980. Printed forms completed by hand. 52 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 52 leaves. 1 item.

File 30. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Unused Stationery of the 32nd Annual Convocation, A. and I. O. K. of M., Cumberland, Maryland, 1924. John H. Hoffman, Grand Recorder. 2 leaves. 2 items.

Total: 2 leaves. 2 items.

File 31. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Supplement to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, incorporating amendments approved from May 1920 to June 1949. [Not before 1949]. Printed. 4 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 item.

File 32. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Membership Roster with Ranks, Addresses, Telephone Numbers, and Handwritten Annotations. [1950s; annotations through 1980]. 115 names. 4 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 item.

File 33. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1957:

1. Inventory of Property and Roster of Past Commanders with Addresses and Dates. Typescript with handwritten annotations. 2 leaves. 2 items.

Total: 2 leaves. 2 items.

File 34. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1958:

1. List of Members with Monetary Amounts and Payment Annotations. January 1, 1958. 1 leaf. 1 item. Manuscript.

2. Membership Dues Cards Nos. 26–31. Printed forms completed by hand. 6 leaves. 6 items.

Total: 7 leaves. 7 items.

File 35. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1960:

1. Application for Membership of Robert M. Swisher, with Investigating Committee Report. February 4–16, 1960. Printed form completed by hand. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Statement of Officers' Bond Coverage with Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Company, with Acknowledgment of Premium Payment. August 11, 1960. Printed form with handwritten annotation. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Receipt No. 5107 for Payment of Officers' Bond Premium for August 1, 1960–July 31, 1961. August 11, 1960. Printed form completed in typescript and by hand. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Roster of Officers, Deputy Grand Commanders, and Committee Members of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, with Addresses and Telephone Numbers, 1960–1961. Typescript on oversized sheets. 2 leaves. 2 items.

5. Report of the Supreme Program Committee, “The Rediscovery of Malta.” Typescript. 5 leaves. 1 item.

6. Covering Circular from Guy E. Link, Sr., Supreme Commander, to All Subordinate Commanderies, concerning the State of the Order Committee Report and the proposed Program of the Order. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder to Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio, with the handwritten annotation “Questions for Black Degree.” 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Membership Dues Cards, 1960. Printed forms, 43 completed by hand and 4 blank. 47 leaves. 47 items.

Total: 58 leaves. 1 envelope. 55 items.

File 36. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1961:

1. Report on the Grand Commander’s Address and the State of the Order, approved by the 41st Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, June 10, 1961. Typescript. 4 leaves. 1 item.

2. Statement of Officers’ Bond Coverage with Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Company, with Payment Stamp dated July 14, 1961. Printed form completed in typescript, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Receipt No. 5294 for Payment of Officers’ Bond Premium for August 1, 1961–July 21, 1962. July 14, 1961. Printed form completed in typescript and by hand. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Circular Letter from Guy E. Link, Sr., Supreme Captain General, entitled “Malta Principles versus Communism.” Buffalo, New York, July 25, 1961. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, July 25, 1961. Printed envelope with typed address label. 1 envelope. 1 item.

6. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. August 1961. Typescript on an oversized sheet. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Invoice No. 16847 from Earle S. Bowers Co. to James V. Brown for Candy Purchases. September 29, 1961. Printed form completed in typescript, with handwritten calculations. 1 leaf. 1 item.

8. Credit Note No. 16848 from Earle S. Bowers Co. to James V. Brown for a Bonus Allowance of $6.95 against Invoice No. 16847. September 29, 1961. Printed form completed in typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Biographical and Memorial Note on Henry G. Forrester, Past Commander of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [1961, not before October 14]. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Undated. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

11. Membership Dues Cards, 1961. Printed forms completed by hand. 37 leaves. 37 items.

Total: 48 leaves. 2 envelopes. 47 items.

File 37. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1962:

1. Biographical and Memorial Note on H. John Huntsberger, Sr., Past Commander of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [1962, not before January 20]. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Application for Membership of Clarence C. Kimmel, with Investigating Committee Report. May 2, 1962. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Biographical and Memorial Note on Ernest Steinman, Red Cross Knight of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [1962, not before August 24]. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Envelope addressed to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, December 11, 1962. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

5. Christmas Greeting Card from J. C. Schroeder, P.S.C., entitled “Peace on Earth.” [December 1962]. Printed in color, folded. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 envelope. 5 items.

File 38. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1963:

1. Application for Membership of Joseph H. Cook. October 18, 1963. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Application for Membership of Ronald K. Westfall. October 22, 1963. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 2 leaves. 2 items.

File 39. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1964:

1. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, January 29, 1964. Printed envelope with typed address label; letter not present. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Application for Membership of Michael H. Ochlmann. March 28, 1964. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Application for Membership of Arthur Junior Williamson. June 14, [1964]. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Application for Membership of Thomas E. Board. [1964]. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 3 leaves. 1 envelope. 4 items.

File 40. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1965:

1. Envelope from George H. Taylor to Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Carnegie, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1965. Typed addresses. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Program for the Installation of Officers of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 at Calvary Methodist Church, with Roster of Officers. March 20, 1965. Typescript on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Circular Letter concerning the Proposed Program for the Intermediate Degree Ceremonial at Old Glory Commandery, Canton, Ohio, March 27, 1965. Typescript on printed letterhead, with handwritten signatures. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Application for Membership of Harry J. Smith, with Annotation of Initiation on November 9, 1965. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Thank-You Card from George H. Taylor, P.G.C., to the Officers and Members of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [1964–1965]. Printed in color, with handwritten dedication and signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 envelope. 5 items.

File 41. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1966:

1. Past Commander's Certificate of John P. Hease, certifying his eligibility for membership in the Grand Commandery of Ohio. March 12, 1966. Printed form completed by hand, with signatures and embossed seal. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Application for Membership of Grant James Starr. March 26, 1966. Printed form completed by hand, on one sheet folded in half. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Payment Order to the Treasurer for $140 Payable to Capitol Amusement Co. for Rent for August 1–September 1, 1966. July 26, 1966. Printed form completed by hand, with Recorder's signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. October 1966. Typescript on an oversized sheet. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Envelope from D. M. Storrs, Cleveland Commandery No. 547, to Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, Steubenville, Ohio. [1966]. Printed envelope with typed address; postmark partly illegible. 1 envelope. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 envelope. 5 items.

File 42. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1967:

1. Statement of Membership Dues in Arrears of $10 as of January 1, 1967. Printed form partially completed by hand; member's name not entered. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Ritual Report Recording the Transfer of Ritual Books from Retiring Commander Clarence C. Kimmel to Commander-Elect John Hease. February 28, 1967. Printed form completed by hand, with signatures and embossed seal. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Envelope from Mrs. Albert W. Robinson to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, March 1, 1967. Handwritten address with printed sender's address label; letter not present. 1 envelope. 1 item.

4. Statement of Account from Tri-State Publishing Company to the Knights of Malta, care of Lloyd Pugh, for $8.24 Due on Invoice No. 26161 dated April 4, 1967. May 11, 1967. Printed form completed in typescript, with handwritten payment annotation. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Envelope from Tri-State Publishing Company, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, May 11, 1967. Printed window envelope. 1 envelope. 1 item.

6. Dispensation Authorizing Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 to Hold a Convocation with Five Members Present. September 18, 1967. Printed form completed by hand, with signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, September 25, 1967. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. October 1967. Typescript on an oversized sheet. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Roster of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, with Addresses and Telephone Numbers, 1967–1968. Typescript with handwritten corrections, on an oversized sheet. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Roster of Committee Members, Deputy Grand Commanders, and Associated Officials of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, with Addresses and Telephone Numbers, 1967–1968. Typescript on an oversized sheet. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 7 leaves. 3 envelopes. 10 items.

File 43. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1968:

1. Envelope from the Jefferson County Chapter, American National Red Cross, to the Knights of Malta, care of Paul Fowler, Weirton, West Virginia. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, January 25, 1968. Printed envelope with typed address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Fundraising Appeal from Mrs. N. Edward Worstall, Chairman for Clubs and Organizations, Jefferson County Chapter, American National Red Cross, requesting support for the annual March campaign. [January 1968]. Typescript on printed letterhead, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Biographical and Memorial Note on James V. Brown, Past Grand Commander of Ohio and Past Commander of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [1968, not before March 29]. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, March 6, 1968. Printed envelope with typed address label and handwritten calculations. 1 envelope. 1 item.

5. Payment Record Cards. One card partially completed by hand, dated April 26, 1968; twelve blank cards, undated. Printed forms. 13 leaves. 13 items.

6. Sympathy Acknowledgment Card from the Family of James Brown to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [April 1968]. Printed card with handwritten family name. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Envelope addressed to Knights of Malta No. 523, care of W. E. Garrity, Weirton, West Virginia. Postmarked Weirton, West Virginia, May 21, 1968. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Envelope addressed to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, April 5, 1968. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

9. Sympathy Acknowledgment Card from the Family of W. H. Fair to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [May 1968]. Printed card with handwritten name. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, October 24, 1968. Printed envelope with typed address label; letter not present. 1 envelope. 1 item.

11. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, November 21, 1968. Printed envelope with typed address label. 1 envelope. 1 item.

12. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. November 1968. Includes the November message, notice of an official visit to D. C. Stafford Commandery No. 673, and remarks on the principles of the Order. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

13. Envelope from the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, December 24, 1968. Printed envelope with typed address label. 1 envelope. 1 item.

14. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. [1968; issue date to be confirmed]. 1 leaf. 1 item.

15. Handwritten List of Ten Individuals with Corresponding Monetary Amounts Totaling $145. [1968]. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 20 leaves. 7 envelopes. 27 items.

File 44. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1969:

1. Dispensation No. 11 issued by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, authorizing Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 to change its regular meetings from the second and fourth Thursdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Canton, Ohio, January 11, 1969. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. January 1969. Includes a New Year message by William Jay Cook, Grand Generalissimo; notice of a special convocation on January 11, 1969, at Old Glory Commandery No. 514, Canton, Ohio; and an obituary notice for Past Grand Commander William C. Graham. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Envelope from the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, February 25, 1969. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

4. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. March 1969. Includes an Easter message by William E. Garrity, Grand Prelate; a schedule of degree ceremonies in Canton, Ohio; and notice of the anniversary celebrations of Old Glory Commandery No. 514 and Ida McKinley Sisterhood No. 136. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, April 24, 1969. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

6. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Lloyd G. Pugh at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, May 23, 1969. Bears the order's printed emblem, the return address of Grand Recorder J. C. Schroeder, P.S.C., and a faint, inverted "For Deposit Only" stamp impression. 1 envelope. 1 item.

7. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. May 1969. Includes a message by William Jay Cook, Grand Generalissimo, on membership and commandery activities; notices of the Ohio Malta Relief Association annual meeting, the Grand Commandery's annual banquet, and a Black Knights Association meeting; and instructions concerning membership reports and per capita tax. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

8. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. June 1969. Includes a farewell message by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Commander; notices concerning the Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation at Atwood Lake Lodge, Dellroy, Ohio, June 20–21, 1969, and the St. John's Day service; and an obituary notice for the Grand Commander's wife. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Letter from William Jay Cook, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, requesting confirmation of August 26, 1969, as a convenient date for his official visit. Clinton, Ohio, June 27, 1969. Typescript on printed letterhead with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Envelope from the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, I.O.O.F. Hall, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Barberton, Ohio, June 30, 1969. Printed envelope with typed address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

11. Commission issued by William Jay Cook, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, appointing Lloyd Pugh of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of Commandery No. 523. Canton, Ohio, July 1, 1969. Typescript on printed letterhead with handwritten signatures of William Jay Cook, Grand Commander, and John A. Fink, Grand Recorder. 1 leaf. 1 item.

12. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, July 3, 1969. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

13. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. July 1969. Includes an inaugural message by William Jay Cook, Grand Commander, discussing recruitment of younger members, family activities, community involvement, cooperation with churches, and membership correspondence. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

14. Envelope addressed to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Mr. Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, September 9, 1969. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

15. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. September 1969. Includes a message by Don E. Hilton, Grand Captain General, referring to the Apollo 11 Moon landing; a schedule of official visits, including Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 on September 23, 1969; and a meeting notice for the Black Knights Association, Group No. 1. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

16. Sympathy Acknowledgment Card from Mrs. Lillie Williamson and Family to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [September 1969]. Printed card with handwritten name. 1 leaf. 1 item.

17. Envelope addressed to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, care of Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, November 1, 1969. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

18. Circular Letter from the Supreme Grand Commandery, Knights of Malta, Continent of America, announcing the Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation in Allentown, Pennsylvania, October 20–22, 1969. September 1, 1969. Issued by Daniel DiAddario, Supreme Commander, and Howard D. Siegfried, Supreme Recorder. Typescript on printed letterhead with handwritten annotation “Personal.” 2 leaves. 2 items.

19. Sympathy Acknowledgment Card from the Family of T. M. Brown to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. [November 1969]. Printed card with handwritten family name. 1 leaf. 1 item.

20. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, December 30, 1969. Printed envelope with handwritten address. Preserved together with the Official Commandery Bulletin for January 1970 (Item 21). 1 envelope. 1 item.

21. Official Commandery Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. January 1970. Includes a message by Richard Angstadt, Grand Generalissimo, on international cooperation, Christian fellowship, and increasing public awareness of the Order. Typescript reproduced by duplication. Preserved together with the envelope postmarked December 30, 1969 (Item 20). 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 14 leaves. 8 envelopes. 22 items.

File 45. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for the 1960s:

1. Envelope addressed to Sir Lloyd Pugh, P.C., Steubenville, Ohio, with return address in Weirton, West Virginia. Postmarked July 28, [1960s]; final digit of year missing due to damage. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Letter from Paul Chenning, P.C., Recorder of Weirton Commandery No. 672, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, expressing thanks for the loan of paraphernalia used in the July 4 parade. July [1960s]. Manuscript with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 1 leaf. 1 envelope. 2 items.

File 46. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1970:

1. Postal envelope of Coventry Commandery No. 639, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, with a typewritten address to Lloyd Pugh at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Akron, Ohio, March 30, 1970. Bears the printed emblem of the order and the commandery’s return address at 989 Kenmore Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44314. Upper edge torn. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, March 31, 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Receipt No. 24 issued by John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, acknowledging payment by check of $20 from Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 for per capita tax for the term ending February 28, 1970. March 27, 1970. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, April 17, 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address and annotation. 1 envelope. 1 item.

5. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. April 1970. Includes an anonymous reflection on Christian duties; notices of the annual post-Easter service, the Red Cross and Sepulchre Degree ceremony, the Grand Commandery annual dinner, and the Ohio Malta Relief Association annual meeting. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, care of Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, May 4, 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

7. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. [1970, before May 9]. Includes a message by Richard Angstadt, Grand Generalissimo, on membership recruitment and reinstatements; a request for membership information; and notices of the Grand Commandery anniversary dinner, Black Knights Association meeting, Ohio Malta Relief Association annual meeting, and Annual Convocation on June 12–13, 1970. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

8. Supplementary Letter to the Official Proclamation for the Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. [1970, before May 15]. Provides accommodation reservation instructions for Atwood Lake Lodge, lodging and meal package rates, and a banquet menu. Typescript on printed letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Envelope addressed to Lloyd Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1970. Handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

10. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, June 1, 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

11. Official Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, announcing the Fiftieth Annual Convocation at Atwood Lake Lodge, Dellroy, Ohio, June 12–13, 1970. April 10, 1970. Issued by William J. Cook, Grand Commander, and John A. Fink, Grand Recorder. Includes instructions concerning reports, representation, per capita tax, the Past Commanders Degree, and the annual memorial service. Typescript on printed letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

12. Commission issued by Richard Angstadt, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, appointing Lloyd Pugh, P.G.C., of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of Commandery No. 523. Warren, Ohio, June 15, 1970. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signatures of Richard Angstadt, Grand Commander, and John A. Fink, Grand Recorder. 1 leaf. 1 item.

13. Notice of St. John's Day Services at Hope United Methodist Church, Akron, Ohio, June 21, [1970], sponsored by Coventry Commandery No. 639, Knights of Malta. Sent by Raymond Long to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Akron, Ohio, June 5, 1970. Typescript reproduced by duplication, with typed mailing address and printed return address label on reverse; portion torn away. 1 leaf. 1 item.

14. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Sir Lloyd Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, June 26, 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

15. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, July 1970. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

16. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. July 1970. Includes a message by Richard Angstadt, Grand Commander, marking the Grand Commandery's fiftieth anniversary and

discussing membership decline, Christian fellowship, and Protestant unity; notices of the Black Knights Association annual picnic and Malta Home Field Day. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

17. Envelope from Howard D. Siegfried, Supreme Recorder, Knights of Malta, Easton, Pennsylvania, to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1970. Printed envelope with typed address; upper right portion torn away. 1 envelope. 1 item.

Total: 8 leaves. 9 envelopes. 17 items.

File 47. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1971:

1. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked February 25, 1971. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. March 1971. Includes a message by William E. Garrity, Grand Prelate, on membership attendance and reinstatement; notices concerning John Bain Commandery and the Black Knights Association; schedules of degree ceremonies in Canton, Ohio; and notice of a post-Easter service. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 1 leaf. 1 envelope. 2 items.

File 48. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1972:

1. Commission issued by Roy Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, appointing William Reidl, P.G.C., of Old Glory Commandery No. 514 as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Canton, Ohio, July 15, 1972. Typescript on printed letterhead with handwritten signatures of Roy Smith, Grand Commander, and John A. Fink, Grand Recorder. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Envelope from John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, September 7, 1972. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. September 1972. Includes a message by Roy Smith, Grand Commander, on summer activities and an upcoming official visit to Corinthian Commandery, Pontiac, Michigan; obituary notices; and announcements of a Black Knights Association meeting and the Supreme Commandery's Annual Convocation in Akron, Ohio, October 16–18, 1972. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 2 leaves. 1 envelope. 3 items.

File 49. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1973:

1. Envelope bearing the printed emblem and name of John Bain Commandery No. 614, Knights of Malta, addressed to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Niles, Ohio, March 25, 1973. Printed envelope with handwritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

2. Letter from Roy Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd Pugh, accompanying the requested dispensation and expressing hope that Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 will thrive again. March 25, 1973. Manuscript with handwritten signature and postscript conveying regards to the members. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Dispensation No. 12 issued by Roy Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, authorizing Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 to hold one convocation per month on the second Tuesday, beginning April 10, 1973. Niles, Ohio, March 24, 1973. Printed form completed in typescript, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 2 leaves. 1 envelope. 3 items.

File 50. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1975:

1. Commission issued by William J. Naples, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, appointing Lloyd Pugh of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of Commandery No. 614. Canton, Ohio, June 14, 1975. Typescript on printed letterhead with handwritten signatures of William J. Naples, Grand Commander, and John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, and annotation “Read July 2, 1975.” 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Funeral Memorial Card for O. E. “Dutch” Schneider (July 18, 1894–August 15, 1975). [August 1975]. Includes a portrait, notice of services at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, and burial information for Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Massillon, Ohio. Printed folding card with color illustration of Bok Singing Tower on the cover. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 2 leaves. 2 items.

File 51. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1976:

1. Dispensation issued by William J. Naples, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, authorizing Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 to hold meetings with five members. Youngstown, Ohio, February 18, 1976. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Envelope from Jefferson Lodge No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Steubenville, Ohio, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Secretary, Knights of Malta, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Steubenville, Ohio, April 1, 1976. Printed envelope with typed address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. April 1976. Includes a message by William J. Naples, Grand Commander, on membership recruitment, reporting one reinstatement in Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523; notices of the Red Cross and Sepulchre Degree ceremony, a post-Easter service, and a special meeting of Grand Officers, committeemen, and deputies. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Eighty-Fourth Annual Report to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, May 3–5, 1976. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 14 leaves. 1 item.

5. Receipt No. 6 issued by John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, acknowledging payment by check of $27.50 from Lloyd Young, P.C., Weirton, West Virginia, for a Past Commander’s jewel and a Red Cross jewel. July 13, 1976. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Envelope from J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio; date illegible. Undated. Printed envelope with typed address label. 1 envelope. 1 item.

7. Envelope from J. W. Koop, Youngstown, Ohio, to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Youngstown, Ohio, July 23, 1976. Typed address with printed return address label and handwritten calculations. 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Receipt issued by John A. Fink, Grand Recorder, acknowledging payment of $13 from Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 for per capita tax for the term ending August 31, 1976. [1976; full date partially illegible]. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. Severely damaged, with substantial losses. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Circular Letter from the Supreme Grand Commandery, Knights of Malta, announcing the Ninety-Third Annual Convocation in Canton, Ohio, October 18–20, 1976. September 1, 1976. Issued by Earl W. Rhoads, Supreme Commander, and Loyd J. Rhoads, Supreme Recorder. Includes admission requirements, an IRS reporting notice, and a deadline for committee reports. Typescript reproduced by duplication, with handwritten annotation “Commandery.” 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Report of the State of the Order Committee to the Supreme Officers and Members of the Supreme Commandery, Knights of Malta. October 20, 1976. Includes recommendations concerning honorary jewels and certificates, the Supreme Commander’s report, organizational unification, and recognition of the

Supreme Recorder’s service. Typescript reproduced by duplication, with handwritten signatures of committee members, including Lloyd G. Pugh. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 20 leaves. 3 envelopes. 10 items.

File 52. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1977:

1. Circular letter from Old Glory Commandery No. 514, Knights of Malta, announcing a dinner honoring Supreme Grand Commander William Reidl at the Imperial House in Canton, Ohio, on June 11, 1977. Canton, Ohio, April 5, 1977. Includes ticket prices and reservation instructions. Typescript on printed letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, April 7, 1977. Bears the order’s printed emblem, the return address of Grand Recorder John A. Fink, Sr., and a red 24-cent metered postage imprint. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. April 1977. Includes William Reidl’s “Plea for Survival,” urging members to take a more active role in their commanderies, and notices of upcoming services, degree ceremonies, and the Pennsylvania Annual Convocation. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. 85th Annual Report to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Reading, Pennsylvania, May 2–4, 1977. Stapled typescript with a blank ownership line on the title leaf. 10 leaves. 1 item.

5. Official Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, announcing the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation at the Imperial House in Canton, Ohio, on June 10–11, 1977. April 4, 1977. Includes instructions for reservations, submission of reports, and participation in the annual memorial service. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Postal envelope addressed by hand to Lloyd Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, June 30, 1977. Bears a return address label for William Reidl, Jr. 1 envelope. 1 item.

7. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. July 1977. Includes a message by Durwin D. Collingwood, Grand Commander, following the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation; instructions concerning semiannual reports, tax exemption, and commandery contact information; notices of upcoming events and contributions toward bulletin printing. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

8. Postal envelope addressed to Sir Lloyd Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1977. Bears a typewritten address, a return address label, and a canceled 13-cent U.S. postage stamp. 1 envelope. 1 item.

9. Receipt No. 20 issued by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder, acknowledging payment by check of $12 from Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 for per capita tax ($10) and dues receipts ($2). September 19, 1977. Printed form completed by hand, with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Letter from “Rolly” to Sir Lloyd Pugh, P.G.C., concerning a certificate for the new password, payment of 1978 dues, Paul Van Beneden’s anticipated degree ceremony, Supreme Commander Reidl’s visit to Zenodacia, and a proposed “Knight of Malta of the Year” award. September 24, 1977. Typescript with typed name “Rolly.” 1 leaf. 1 item.

11. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, October 1, 1977. Bears the printed order emblem and the return address of William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder. Upper edge torn. 1 envelope. 1 item.

12. Dispensation No. 4 issued by Durwin D. Collingwood, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, authorizing Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 to hold meetings with five members. Steubenville, Ohio, October 11, 1977. Printed form with handwritten entries and Collingwood’s signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

13. Circular Letter from the Supreme Convocation Committee, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, soliciting advertisements for the souvenir program of the Supreme Grand Convocation in Canton, Ohio, October 16–19, 1977. [1977, before September 5]. Includes advertising rates and payment instructions. Typescript on printed letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

14. 94th Annual Report to the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Canton, Ohio, October 17–19, 1977. Stapled typescript with handwritten annotations on the title leaf. 15 leaves. 1 item.

15. Records of the Ninety-Fourth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Imperial House, Canton, Ohio, October 17–19, 1977. Includes an account of the October 16 worship service, the opening proceedings presided over by Supreme Commander William Reidl, Jr., and the Credentials Committee report. Typescript. 32 leaves (29 with text and 3 blank). 1 item.

16. Envelope from William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, October 28, 1977. Printed envelope with handwritten address and an affixed Knights of Malta fundraising seal. 1 envelope. 1 item.

17. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. November 1977. Includes a message by Durwin Collingwood, Grand Commander, on recruitment, teamwork, and Thanksgiving; notices concerning fundraising seals, Malta pins, an anniversary and testimonial dinner, a degree ceremony, and an official visit. Typescript reproduced by duplication, with handwritten annotation “Commandery.” 1 leaf. 1 item.

18. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. November 1977. Includes a Thanksgiving message from Grand Commander Durwin D. Collingwood encouraging members to recruit new companions, an appeal for donations through Malta seals, and a notice advertising Malta tie tacks and lapel pins. Lists November events, including the Youngstown Commandery’s fourth anniversary dinner and a testimonial honoring Collingwood. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

19. List of Deputy Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, for 1977–1978. Lists assignments to eight commanderies, including Charles Fulks for Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 and Lloyd Pugh for Youngstown Commandery No. 674, with contact details and additional listings of Supreme and Pennsylvania Grand officers. [1977]. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

20. List of Committees and Special Appointments of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, for 1977–1978. Includes Lloyd Pugh’s appointments to the Laws and Appeals Committee and the Special Committee on Registration. [1977]. Typescript reproduced by duplication. 1 leaf. 1 item.

21. Postal envelope addressed by hand to Lloyd G. Pugh, Steubenville, Ohio. 1977. Bears the return address of J. C. Schroeder, Canton, Ohio, and a handwritten “First Class” notation. 1 envelope. 1 item.

22. Report on “The Rediscovery of Malta,” proposing a five-year program to renew the principles, teachings, degree and ritual work, and spirit of service of the Knights of Malta. Calls for the Supreme Body to support officers in promoting the program throughout the Order. Typescript. 5 leaves. 1 item.

23. Report of the Committee on the Grand Commander’s Address and State of the Order, approved and adopted by the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. 1977. Reviews the Grand Commander’s recommendations, membership recruitment, religious services, charitable activities, affiliated organizations, and publication of bulletins and proceedings. Recommends continuing the rotating plaque and introducing registration arrangements for Grand Commandery convocations. Records nine deceased members. Typescript copy with fold marks and brown staining. 2 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 76 leaves. 6 envelopes. 23 items.

File 53. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1978:

1. Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, announcing the Eighty-Sixth Annual Convocation at the Holiday Inn in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, beginning May 1, 1978. Reading, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1978. Issued by Grand Commander Edward M. Haas

and attested by Grand Recorder Clarence E. Orth. Specifies admission requirements and attire for officers. Typescript on illustrated letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Official Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, announcing a Special Convocation at West Side Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio, on April 15, 1978. Dated February 24, 1978. Issued by Grand Commander Durwin Collingwood and attested by Grand Recorder William Reidl, Jr. The agenda includes conferral of the Past Commanders' Degree in short form, review of the records of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation, and reports from the representative to the Supreme Commandery's Ninety-Fourth Annual Convocation and the Special Committee on Registration. Typescript on illustrated letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. 86th Annual Report to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Monroeville, Pennsylvania, May 1–3, 1978. Stapled typescript with a blank ownership line on the title leaf. 11 leaves. 1 item.

4. Manuscript meeting minutes and notes, including an entry headed "Siesta 77," dated July 16, 1978, at Berlin Lake and signed by Lloyd Pugh as Acting Scratcher. Also includes minutes concerning Black Knights business, including a change of secretary-treasurer, payment of bills, and plans for the next picnic. Handwritten on stapled yellow ruled paper. 8 leaves (approximately 6 with entries). 1 item.

5. List of Deputy Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, for 1978–1979. Lists deputies and their contact information for eight commanderies, including Charles Fulks, P.G.C., for Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Also includes contact information for the commanders and recorders of the Supreme Grand Commandery and the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. List of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, for 1978–1979. Lists officers, trustees, and their contact information, including Kenneth Agler, Grand Commander, William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder, and J. C. Schroeder, Grand Recorder Emeritus. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 23 leaves. 6 items.

File 54. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1979:

1. Report of the Credential Committee to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Reading, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1979. Lists three candidates eligible to receive the Past Commander Degree and representatives elected by subordinate commanderies. Typescript. 9 leaves. 1 item.

2. Checking account deposit ticket for Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, on a form of the Miners and Mechanics Savings and Trust Company, Steubenville, Ohio. April 11, 1979. Printed form with handwritten entries. The deposit amount fields are blank. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Order of Business for the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, June 13–14, 1979. The agenda includes the conferral of the Past Commanders' Degree, officers' and committee reports, and the nomination and election of officers. Typescript with handwritten deletions and renumbering. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Order of Business for the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, June 13–14, 1979. Second copy. The agenda includes the Credentials Committee report, conferral of the Past Commanders' Degree, reports from officers and committees, and the nomination and election of officers. Typescript without handwritten revisions. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Application for Membership of John Bartlett II in Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. July 22, 1979. Records a $10 application fee and names Lloyd G. Pugh as seconder. Includes a printed chronological history of the order and a declaration of principles. Printed form with handwritten entries. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Schedule of Sessions of the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, for October 15–17, 1979. Canton, Ohio, October 15, 1979. Lists session times and the October 15 memorial service. Typescript with a handwritten salutation and the signature of Lloyd G. Pugh, Supreme Generalissimo. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. List of Supreme Commandery Committees and Appointments, Knights of Malta, for 1979–1980. Canton, Ohio, October 17, 1979. Lists committee members and installing deputy supreme commanders for 1980, including Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, for the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Typescript with handwritten additions, corrections, and deletions. 2 leaves. 1 item.

8. Committee Appointments for 1979–1980, Supreme Commandery, Knights of Malta. October 17, 1979. Lists committee assignments, including Richard Angst adt as chair of the State of the Order Committee, and names Charles E. Severn as Deputy Supreme Commander for Canada and Walter M. Tobias as Councilor at Law. Manuscript on yellow ruled paper. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. November 1979. Includes a message from Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker urging commanderies to attract new members through family activities, charitable work, and local media coverage. Also includes notices of meetings in Canton and Warren, Ohio, and a notice that the date of the "77" Degree ceremony in Canton would be changed. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. November 1979. Second copy. Includes Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker's message on recruiting new members through family activities, charitable work, and local publicity, along with meeting notices and a notice of a forthcoming date change for the "77" Degree ceremony. Typescript with a handwritten annotation in the upper-left corner. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 19 leaves. 10 items.

File 55. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1970s:

1. Two draft letters concerning appointments in the Knights of Malta. [1970s]. The first asks Companion Schaffhauser to serve as Deputy Supreme Commander for Old Glory Commandery No. 514 in Canton, Ohio, to oversee its records and help keep it operating. The second confirms the appointment of Joseph Regester, Jr., to the Life Secret Work Committee. Manuscript on yellow ruled paper. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Draft Report of the State of the Order Committee on the Supreme Commander's Report and Recommendations, Knights of Malta. [1970s]. Addresses identification cards for the Supreme Commander and Supreme Generalissimo, fundraising through the Finance and Budget Committee, printing Supreme Commandery records, and placing a full-leaf advertisement in a souvenir booklet. Manuscript on yellow ruled paper with handwritten revisions and deletions. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Letter from Ruth V. Long to Lloyd [Pugh] concerning the removal of Cyprus Commandery members from the Knights of Malta. [1970s]. Questions the grounds for their removal and the continued acceptance of dues and reports, states that Long holds the commandery's charter, and requests that the letter be read at the Supreme Convocation. Typewritten copy with a handwritten salutation and signature, marked "Copy." 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Letter from George W. Taylor, P.G.C., to Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, and the officers and members of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. [1970s]. Taylor thanks the commandery and Companion T. Brown for a Christmas "Basket of Cheer," describes his recovery from two strokes, and expresses hope of visiting in the spring. The commandery is named "Edward M. Stanton" in the letter. Typescript with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Third-class postal envelope addressed to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Recorder of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. [1970s]. Bears a partially legible January postmark from Smoketown, Pennsylvania, and the marking "Third Class Return Postage Guaranteed." Typewritten address. Torn and stained. 1 envelope. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 1 envelope. 5 items.

File 56. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1980:

1. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. February 1980. Includes a message from Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker urging members to propose and act on ideas for renewing the order, a reminder about semiannual reports, committee appointments, and notices of upcoming events.

Also records the death of Past Supreme Commander Sam R. Squire on January 16, 1980. Typescript with a handwritten “Pugh” annotation in the upper-left corner. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Receipt No. 28 issued by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. March 15, 1980. Acknowledges payment by check of $15.00 in per capita tax for 20 members for the term ending February 29, 1980. Printed receipt form with handwritten entries and signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, Supreme Commander, in Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Augusta, Ohio, March 27, 1980. Bears the printed emblem of the order and a return address label for William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder. 1 envelope. 1 item.

4. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. April 1980. Second copy. Includes Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker’s appeal for active participation, a reminder to submit overdue semiannual reports, and notices of upcoming events. Typescript with a handwritten annotation in the upper-left corner. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Official Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. April 20, 1980. Second copy. Announces the Sixtieth Annual Convocation at the Imperial House Motel in Canton, Ohio, June 13–14, 1980. Issued by Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker and attested by Grand Recorder William Reidl, Jr. Includes lodging and registration details, reporting deadlines, and notices of the Past Commanders’ Degree and annual memorial service. Typescript on illustrated letterhead with a handwritten annotation identifying Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. April 1980. Includes a message from Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker urging members to participate actively in the order, a reminder to recorders to submit overdue semiannual reports, and notices of upcoming events, including the Pennsylvania Grand Convocation and the Grand Commandery of Ohio’s 59th anniversary dinner. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Records of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Continent of America, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, May 5–7, 1980. The red printed cover bears the order’s emblem and names Clarence E. Orth as Grand Recorder. Main proceedings, 9 leaves. Appendix A, 4 leaves. Appendix B, 1 leaf. Appendix C, 6 leaves. Additional material includes 4 leaves. 24 leaves. 1 item.

8. 88th Annual Report to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, May 5–7, 1980. Stapled typescript with a blank ownership line on the title leaf. 8 leaves. 1 item.

9. Letter of resignation from Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder of the Knights of Malta, to Supreme Commander Lloyd G. Pugh. Reading, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1980. Orth resigns effective May 31, 1980, and states that he will bring the Supreme Grand Commandery’s books and records to the Ohio Grand Session in June. The letter also refers to two checks submitted for approval. Typescript on illustrated letterhead with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

10. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. May 1980. Second copy. Includes “One Set of Footprints,” attributed in the bulletin to Russell H. Hoy, and notices of the Black Knights Association meeting, the 59th anniversary banquet, the June 13–14 convocation, and the June 14 testimonial dinner honoring Supreme Commander Lloyd G. Pugh. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

11. Postal envelope of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, addressed to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Supreme Commander, in Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Reading, Pennsylvania, May 1980. The day is indistinct. Bears a printed emblem and the return address of Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder. Typewritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

12. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. May 1980. Includes “One Set of Footprints,” attributed in the bulletin to Russell H. Hoy, and notices of the Black Knights Association meeting, the Grand Commandery’s 59th anniversary banquet, the June 13–14 convocation in Canton, Ohio, and a June 14 testimonial dinner honoring Supreme Commander Lloyd G. Pugh of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

13. Letter of resignation from Edward M. Haas, P.G.C., Supreme Treasurer of the Knights of Malta, to Supreme Commander Lloyd G. Pugh. Reading, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1980. Haas tenders his resignation effective immediately and states that he will continue performing his duties until a successor is named and all funds are transferred and accounted for. Typescript with handwritten signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

14. Official Proclamation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, announcing the Sixtieth Annual Convocation at the Imperial House Motel in Canton, Ohio, June 13–14, 1980. Dated April 20, 1980. Issued by Grand Commander Ward A. Tucker and attested by Grand Recorder William Reidl, Jr. Includes lodging and registration details, reporting deadlines, and notices of the Past Commanders' Degree and the annual memorial service. Typescript on illustrated letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

15. Report of the Princes of Bagdad No. 77 to the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1980. Summarizes the July 13 annual meeting in Canton, Ohio, records the election of Art Wagner as Scratcher and William Naples as Assistant Scratcher, and announces a degree ceremony scheduled for November 15 at Old Glory Commandery Hall. Typescript signed by Don Hilton, P.S.C., committee chairman. 1 leaf. 1 item.

16. Supreme Commander's Report by Lloyd G. Pugh to the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, Continent of America. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1980. Records appointments to Supreme offices and committees, the signing of ten certificates recognizing fifty years of service, and the deaths of three past Supreme Commanders. Also describes Pugh's attendance at the Pennsylvania and Ohio Grand Commandery convocations and a dinner held in his honor in Canton, Ohio, on June 14, 1980. Typescript with Pugh's handwritten signature. 2 leaves. 1 item.

17. 97th Annual Report to the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Williamsport, Pennsylvania, October 20–22, 1980. Stapled typescript with a blank ownership line on the title leaf. 10 leaves. 1 item.

18. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, Supreme Commander, in Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, 1980. The month and day are indistinct. Bears the printed emblem of the order and a return address label for William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder, in Augusta, Ohio. 1 envelope. 1 item.

19. Roster of the 1980 Installing Team for the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights of Malta. Lists the officers assigned to conduct the installation under the direction of Lloyd G. Pugh, including R. Paul Long as Commander, Donald Hilton as Generalissimo, and Harold Shuck as Captain General. Manuscript on yellow ruled paper. 1 leaf. 1 item.

20. Membership leaflet of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Undated. Found with one of the 1980 reports. Includes "Qualifications for Membership" and a "Declaration of Principles." Sets out racial, religious, age, and other eligibility requirements, presents the order's account of its origins and Protestant identity, and distinguishes between beneficial and non-beneficial membership, including eligibility for sick and funeral benefits. Printed in two columns. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 57 leaves. 3 envelopes. 20 items.

File 57. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1981:

1. Letter from Thomas Timmins, Past Commander of Cyprus Commandery No. 438, to William N. Cameron, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, Knights of Malta. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1981. Timmins disputes his reported suspension and expulsion, states that the commandery's charter was never surrendered, and requests clarification of his membership status before the Eighty-Ninth Annual Convocation. He also describes how the decision affected his ability to accompany his wife to Dames of Malta functions and refers to an enclosure. Typescript bearing Timmins's signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Letter from William N. Cameron, Jr., Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, Knights of Malta, to E. J. Miller, Recorder of Cyprus Commandery No. 438. Milton, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1981. Cameron defers issuing a dispensation pending review by the Grand Commandery at an open session on May 11, 1981, where the officers and members of Cyprus Commandery may present their views. The letter notes the return of a $1.00 check. Typescript on illustrated letterhead bearing Cameron's signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

3. Financial Report of the Malta Bulletin submitted by editor Ralph F. Gerhart, P.C., to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights of Malta. Reading, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1981. Records subscription receipts, postage and office supply expenses, and a cash balance of $396.92 as of April 1, 1981. Recommends appointing a new editor effective July 1, 1981, and raising the subscription price if publication continues. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Announcement and invitation from Cleveland Commandery No. 547, Knights of Malta, for its Fifty Year Veterans Dinner at the Eastern Star Home in East Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, May 29. Undated. Includes the dinner program, ticket prices, reservation instructions, and plans to present fifty-year membership certificates. The reverse bears a note from Recorder D. Storrs inviting members of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Typescript with the order’s emblem. 1 leaf, text on both sides. 1 item.

5. Commission appointing Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of John Bain Commandery No. 614, Knights of Malta. Canton, Ohio, June 13, 1981. Signed by Phillip Naples, Grand Commander of Ohio, and attested by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder. A handwritten note by R. Angstadt, Recorder, records that the commission was read on July 1, 1981. Typescript on illustrated letterhead with handwritten signatures and an embossed seal. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Commission appointing Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., as Deputy Grand Commander in charge of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Brookfield, Ohio, July 3, 1981. Signed by Phillip Naples, Grand Commander of Ohio, and attested by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder. Typewritten commission on illustrated letterhead with handwritten signatures and an embossed seal. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. August 1981. Second copy. Announces the appointment of Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., as Deputy Grand Commander for Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Includes notices of Malta Field Day and the Black Knights Picnic. Typescript with a handwritten “Commandery” annotation in the upper-left corner. 1 leaf. 1 item.

8. Official Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. August 1981. Announces the appointment of Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., as Deputy Grand Commander for Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Includes an appeal for active participation in the order, notices of Malta Field Day and the Black Knights Picnic, condolences to Grand Generalissimo Arja Wagner on the death of his wife, and a reminder to recorders to submit their reports. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Postal envelope of the Past Commanders Association of Allegheny County, addressed to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Postmarked Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1981. Bears the association’s printed name and location and a typewritten recipient address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

10. List of Committees for the Supreme Convocation of the Knights of Malta, October 18–20, 1981. Names Donald Hilton as general chairman and treasurer, R. Bruce Stewart as co-chairman, and Lloyd G. Pugh as secretary and the officer responsible for installation. Also lists assignments for finance, church services, entertainment, lodging, reception, registration and banquet, program, memorial, and souvenirs. Typescript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

11. Records of the Ninety-Eighth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Commandery of the Continent of America, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Imperial House Motel, Canton, Ohio, October 19–21, 1981. Includes an account of the October 18 worship service, the opening proceedings presided over by Supreme Commander Harold E. Shuck, and the acceptance of the Credentials Committee report. Typescript. 17 leaves. 1 item.

12. Malta Bulletin of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Commandery, Continent of America, Knights of Malta. Vol. 43, No. 5. Milton, Pennsylvania, October 1981. Includes a message from Grand Commander Robert C. Matz urging members to attend meetings, take part in degree work, and fill vacant offices. Also lists October birthdays. Printed in two columns. 2 leaves. 1 item.

Total: 28 leaves. 1 envelope. 12 items.

File 58. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1982:

1. Receipt No. 34 issued by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. February 27, 1982. Acknowledges payment by check of $13.50 in per capita tax for 18 members for the term ending February 28, 1982. Printed receipt form with handwritten entries and signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, March 16, 1982. Bears the order's printed emblem, the return address of Grand Recorder William Reidl, Jr., in Augusta, Ohio, and a canceled U.S. postage stamp. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Password card. March 1982. Bears the typewritten heading "PASSWORD" and the letter sequence "F Z H S G," with "FAITH" handwritten beneath it. Typescript on light green cardstock with a handwritten annotation. 1 leaf. 1 item.

4. Circular notice of a Special Conclave of the College of the Ancients of the Continent of America at the Genetti Lycoming Hotel in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on May 3, 1982. East Canton, Ohio, April 1, 1982. Issued by Grand Master Robert C. Matz and attested by Grand Chancellor Kenneth N. Schaffhauser. Announces the conferral of the Sublime Degree and gives assembly instructions and the dinner price of $8.00 per person. Printed on illustrated letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

5. Invoice from James C. Botts Printing for 100 books at $5.65 per copy. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1982. Lists a printing charge of $565.00 and Pennsylvania sales tax of $33.00, for a stated total of $598.00. Printed invoice form with handwritten entries. 1 leaf. 1 item.

6. Receipt No. 15 issued by William Reidl, Jr., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. September 16, 1982. Acknowledges payment by check of $18.00 in per capita tax for 18 members for the term ending August 31, 1982. Printed receipt form with handwritten entries and signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

7. Postal envelope of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta, addressed by hand to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, September 21, 1982. Bears the order's printed emblem, the return address of Grand Recorder William Reidl, Jr., and a handwritten calculation. 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Handwritten note from "Bill" [William Reidl, Jr.] to Lloyd [G. Pugh] concerning a $4.50 overpayment. Records a charge of $13.50 for 18 members at $0.75 per member. [1982]. 1 leaf. 1 item.

9. Postal envelope of the College of the Ancients of the Continent of America, addressed to Lloyd G. Pugh at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. [1982]. Bears the College's printed emblem and a return address label for Kenneth N. Schaffhauser, Grand Chancellor, in East Canton, Ohio. Typewritten address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

Total: 6 leaves. 3 envelopes. 9 items.

File 59. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for 1984:

1. Postal envelope from William Reidl, Jr., of East Sparta, Ohio, addressed by hand to Lloyd G. Pugh, P.S.C., at 424 Dresden Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Postmarked Canton, Ohio, December 18, 1984. Bears a Knights of Malta seal reading "Charity, Hospitality, Devotion," a canceled 20-cent U.S. postage stamp, and the handwritten notation "214 Mahan Lane." 1 envelope. 1 item.

Total: 1 envelope. 1 item.

File 60. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Documents for the 1980s:

1. Letter from Lloyd G. Pugh, Supreme Commander of the Knights of Malta, to Kenneth N. Schaffhauser, Supreme Recorder. [1980s]. Pugh thanks Schaffhauser for accepting the appointment for the remainder of his term, proposes meeting with Clarence E. Orth at the Ohio Grand Commandery Convocation, and submits a $150 expense claim for travel, telephone, and postage. Typescript on illustrated Supreme Grand Commandery letterhead bearing Pugh's signature. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Fundraising circular from Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder, on behalf of the officers of the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Reading, Pennsylvania, undated. Solicits voluntary contributions to the general fund to avoid an increase in the per capita tax and encourages year-round use of Malta Seals on correspondence. Refers to enclosed seals and a self-addressed envelope. Printed on illustrated letterhead. 2 copies, 1 leaf each. 2 leaves total. 2 items.

3. Report and Supplemental Report of the State of the Order Committee to the Supreme Commandery, Knights of Malta. Undated. Recommends retaining the Malta Bulletin as the official publication, continuing sales of Malta Seals, authorizing dispensations to admit applicants as young as sixteen, and approving the Grand Commandery of Ohio's Home and Hospitalization Plan. Also urges timely filing of reports and recommends recognizing Past Supreme Commander Wilbur A. Mather for his service. Typescript with tears and minor text loss along the right edge. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 4 leaves. 4 items.

File 61. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Undated materials:

1. Cash statement of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Undated. Records an opening cash balance of $11.29, collections of $84.00, disbursements of $83.00, and a closing cash balance of $12.29. Disbursements include rent and per capita tax. Manuscript bearing multiple impressions of the commandery's "For Deposit Only" stamp. 1 leaf. 1 item.

2. Postal envelope bearing the return address of Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Grand Recorder, in Reading, Pennsylvania. Undated. Addressed to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Yellow mailing envelope with a typewritten recipient address. 1 envelope. 1 item.

3. Postal envelope bearing the printed return address of Thomas H. Chess at 2115 Mahoning Road N.E., Canton, Ohio 44705. Undated. Addressed by hand to Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Lower edge torn. 1 envelope. 1 item.

4. Postal envelope bearing the printed return address of Howard D. Siegfried, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, at 2230 Northwood Avenue, Easton, Pennsylvania. Undated. Typewritten address to Sir Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Bears a "Printed Matter" marking and a Tatamy, Pennsylvania, postal marking. 1 envelope. 1 item.

5. Postal envelope bearing the printed return address of Howard D. Siegfried, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, in Easton, Pennsylvania. Undated. Addressed by typewriter to Sir Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Bears a "Printed Matter" stamp, a partial postal marking, a Knights of Malta seal reading "Charity, Hospitality, Devotion," and a holiday seal reading "Greetings 1962." 1 envelope. 1 item.

6. Third-class postal envelope bearing the return address of Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., at 646 Fern Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611. Undated. Typewritten address to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Bears the markings "Third Class Mail" and "Return Postage Guaranteed." Stained, with tears along the lower edge. 1 envelope. 1 item.

7. Mailing envelope bearing the printed return address of Sir Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., at 646 Fern Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611. Undated. Typewritten address to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. A small textile care label is affixed to the lower left. Stained and torn along the edges. 1 envelope. 1 item.

8. Postal envelope of Friendship Commandery No. 247, Knights of Malta. Undated. Bears the printed return address of Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Recorder, at 646 Fern Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611, and a

small cross emblem. Typewritten address to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Supreme Commander, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. 1 envelope. 1 item.

9. Postal envelope of Friendship Commandery No. 247, Knights of Malta. Undated. Bears the printed return address of Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Recorder, at 646 Fern Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611, and a small cross emblem. Typewritten address to Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Supreme Commander, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Staining at the upper-right corner. 1 envelope. 1 item.

10. Unaddressed envelope of the Supreme Grand Commandery, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Undated. Bears the printed return address of Sir Clarence E. Orth, P.S.C., Supreme Recorder, at 646 Fern Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19611. Upper edge torn. 1 envelope. 1 item.

11. Envelope addressed by hand to the Miners and Mechanics Savings and Trust Company. Undated. Bears the handwritten return address of W. E. Garrity at 3957 Main Street, Weirton, West Virginia. 1 envelope. 1 item.

12. Postal envelope of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, addressed by typewriter to Sir Lloyd Pugh, Recorder, at 1152 Lincoln Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio. Bears an undated Easton, Pennsylvania, postmark, a blue emblem depicting a triple-barred cross within a wreath, and the printed return address of Howard D. Siegfried, Supreme Recorder, at 2230 Northwood Avenue, Easton, Pennsylvania. Upper-right corner torn. 1 envelope. 1 item.

13. Envelope addressed by hand to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Undated. 1 envelope. 1 item.

14. Christmas and New Year greeting card from Howard D. Siegfried of Easton, Pennsylvania. Undated. Folded card with a printed holiday greeting and Siegfried’s stamped name and address. 1 leaf. 1 item.

15. Fragment of a printed ritual instruction and obligation sheet, attributed to the Knights of Malta. Undated. Contains directions for a ceremony and three questions concerning commandery rules, obligations of the preceding degree, and duties toward deceased companions. Each question is answered “Yes” in manuscript. The signatures read “Robert M.” followed by an uncertain surname. Printed form with handwritten responses and signatures. Torn, with substantial text loss. 1 leaf (fragment). 1 item.

16. The Fallacies of Double Taxation, by G. G. Beam. Christ’s Mission, Inc., Sea Cliff, Long Island, New York. Undated. Pamphlet arguing against the use of public tax funds to support Roman Catholic parochial schools. The cover bears the stamp “Compliments of Friendship Commandery 247, Reading, Penna.” Printed pamphlet with pink staining on the cover. 1 leaf. 1 item.

17. Meeting notes relating to the Knights of Malta. Undated. Records attendance, discussion of a picnic and commandery participation in degree work, and a proposal for monthly joint meetings. An entry headed “Nov. 15” notes approval of minutes and a February 12 meeting in Youngstown. Manuscript on ruled, hole-punched paper. 1 leaf. 1 item.

18. Meeting record of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta. Steubenville, Ohio, undated. Records that Past Commander Paul Fowler called the commandery to order and that memorial services were held for two deceased companions, James Torrance and William Evans. Manuscript on illustrated commandery letterhead. 1 leaf. 1 item.

19. Report from Lloyd Pugh, P.C., Deputy Grand Commander, to Grand Commander Paul W. Fowler concerning Harding Commandery No. 618, Knights of Malta, in Bellaire, Ohio. Undated. Pugh describes unsuccessful efforts to reorganize the commandery, notes its inactivity and unpaid per capita tax, and recommends that the Grand Commandery declare it defunct. Manuscript signed by Pugh. 1 leaf. 1 item.

20. List of Past Commanders of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Undated. Records names, addresses, and dates ranging from 1918 to 1958. Handwritten additions include entries for Lloyd G. Pugh and J. Maxwell Williams, both dated March 8, 1958. Typescript with handwritten additions, strikeouts, and tally marks. Torn edges with some text loss. 1 leaf. 1 item.

21. Handwritten list of officer assignments, attributed to the Knights of Malta. Undated. Pairs abbreviated office titles with surnames, including Pugh as Grand Commander, Naples as Grand Generalissimo, and Fulks as Prelate. Includes corrections and strikeouts. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

22. Handwritten list of officer assignments, attributed to the Knights of Malta. Undated. Pairs abbreviated office titles with surnames, including Pugh as Grand Commander, Naples as Grand Generalissimo, and Fulks as Prelate. Includes corrections and strikeouts. Manuscript. 1 leaf. 1 item.

23. Handwritten roster attributed to Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Undated. Lists names, addresses, dates of birth, and ages. Several entries are marked “Died,” and one is marked “Visit.” Manuscript table on ruled paper. 1 leaf. 1 item.

24. Statement on the principles and duties of the Knights of Malta. Undated. Urges members to dedicate themselves to Christian worship, good citizenship, and service to those in need. A handwritten closing passage links putting these principles into practice with greater public recognition and growth of the order. Typescript with a handwritten conclusion. 1 leaf. 1 item.

25. List of Past Commanders of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta. Undated. Another copy of the roster, with fewer handwritten additions. Lists names, addresses, and dates, and includes a handwritten entry for Lyn G. Fowler and a note recording H. T. Johnson’s death on March 8, 1957. Typescript with handwritten additions and corrections. 1 leaf. 1 item.

26. List of Officers and Committee Members of the Ohio Grand Commandery, Knights of Malta. Undated. Names Lloyd G. Pugh as Grand Commander and J. C. Schroeder as Grand Recorder. Includes assignments for the State of the Order, Membership, Law and Appeals, and Finance committees. Typescript with handwritten additions, substitutions, and strikeouts. 1 leaf. 1 item.

27. Fundraising notice from John Bain Commandery, Knights of Malta, inviting members and friends to a covered-dish dinner, auction of donated items, and raffle at Jeannette Tucker’s office in Mineral Ridge, Ohio, on Saturday, November 13. Year unspecified. The event was intended to help cover operating expenses following an increase in hall rent. Duplicated handwritten notice. 1 leaf. 1 item.

28. Roster of Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. Undated. Lists commandery names and numbers, locations, meeting schedules, and recorders’ names and addresses, including Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Steubenville. Also provides contact details for Supreme Commander Howard D. Siegfried. Typescript with fold marks, discoloration, and edge tears. 1 leaf. 1 item.

29. Note requesting that an attached check for $5.00 be credited toward the membership dues of William W. Mander, Weirton, West Virginia. Undated. Typescript on a small sheet with heavy creasing, discoloration, tears, and paper loss along the edges. Check not present. 1 leaf. 1 item.

30. Completed ritual instruction and declaration forms headed “Directions,” Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed with a skull and crossbones within a star-decorated triangle. Contains ceremonial instructions and three declarations concerning commandery rules, obligations of the preceding degree, and assistance with the burial of deceased companions. Completed with handwritten answers and signatures. 7 forms, 1 leaf each. 7 leaves total. 7 items.

Total: 24 leaves. 12 envelopes. 36 items.

File 62. Records of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Administrative Forms and Stationery.

1. Blank membership dues cards. Undated. Printed cards with fields for number, date, dues paid through, recipient’s name, and signature. Uncompleted. 102 cards, 1 leaf each. 102 leaves total. 102 items.

2. Unused official envelopes of the Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed stationery, including envelopes bearing the Order’s emblem and the return address of Supreme Commander Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. Unaddressed. 16 envelopes. 16 items.

3. Unused letterhead sheets of the Supreme Grand Commandery, Continent of America, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed with the Order’s emblems and the name, title, and address of Supreme Commander Sir Lloyd G. Pugh, P.G.C., Steubenville, Ohio. 23 sheets, 1 leaf each. 23 leaves total. 23 items.

4. Blank ritual instruction and declaration forms headed “Directions,” Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed with a skull and crossbones within a star-decorated triangle. Contains ceremonial instructions and three questions concerning observance of commandery rules, obligations of the preceding degree, and

assistance with the burial of deceased companions, with spaces for answers and signatures. Uncompleted. 35 forms, 1 leaf each. 35 leaves total. 35 items.

5. Blank “Ritual Report” forms of the Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed forms for recording ritual books transferred by the retiring commander to his successor, including copies purchased, returned, missing, and remaining on hand. Includes fields for commandery identification, date, remarks, seal, and signatures of the retiring commander and commander-elect. Uncompleted. 10 forms, 1 leaf each. 10 leaves total. 10 items.

6. Blank “Deputy Grand Commander’s Report” forms of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knights of Malta. Undated. Forms covering visitations, attendance, ritual proficiency, membership recruitment, publicity, civic and religious activities, financial records, and recommendations. Includes spaces for commandery identification and the deputy grand commander’s signature. Uncompleted, with fold marks and brown staining. 3 forms, 1 leaf each. 3 leaves total. 3 items.

7. Ritual declaration forms headed “Questions,” Knights of Malta. Undated. Contains three questions concerning observance of commandery ceremonies, rules and regulations, obligations of the preceding degree, and assistance with the burial of deceased companions, with spaces for answers and a signature. Six blank and two completed forms. 8 forms, 1 leaf each. 8 leaves total. 8 items.

8. Blank “Statement of Dues” forms of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed forms with fields for the member’s name, dues paid in advance or in arrears, payments received, quarterly dues, and the recorder’s signature. Uncompleted. 16 forms, 1 leaf each. 16 leaves total. 16 items.

9. Ritual hymn cards, Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed texts of opening, initiation, installation, and closing odes, with hymn tunes indicated. Heavily discolored and torn, with substantial paper loss affecting portions of the text. 2 cards, 1 leaf each. 2 leaves total. 2 items.

10. Blank membership dues receipt cards of the Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed forms with fields for commandery name and number, member’s name, amount received, dues paid through, receipt number, and recorder’s signature. One card retains an attached counterfoil. Uncompleted. 4 cards, 1 leaf each. 4 leaves total. 4 items.

11. Blank “Past Commander’s Certificate” form of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed form certifying completion of an elective term as Sir Knight Commander and eligibility for membership in the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Includes spaces for the member’s name, commandery, date, seal, and signatures of the commander and recorder. Uncompleted, with creasing, extensive tears, and paper loss along the edges. 1 leaf. 1 item.

12. Blank hotel room reservation form for the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta. Undated. Printed form with fields for room type, arrival and departure dates, arrival time, party size, reservation guarantee, confirmation request, and guest’s name and address. Bears an identifying stamp of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Uncompleted. 1 leaf. 1 item.

13. Protest circular with an uncompleted detachable form headed “Jesus Sex Film Poll.” Undated. Endorsed by the eldership of the Christian Church of Augusta. Urges opposition to an alleged film depicting the sex life of Jesus and requests that protests be mailed to Modern People News, Franklin, Illinois. Includes fields for the respondent’s name and address. Duplicated typescript with fold marks, staining, and uneven print quality. 1 leaf. 1 item.

14. Unused half-sheet letterhead of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, Steubenville, Ohio. Undated. Printed with the Order’s emblem and the name and address of Recorder Everett Spencer. Creased and stained, with a tear along the upper edge. 1 leaf (half-sheet). 1 item.

15. Blank payment order form addressed “To the Treasurer,” Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, Steubenville, Ohio. Undated. Printed with the Order’s emblem and fields for date, payee, amount, purpose, check number, issue date, and signatures of the commander, treasurer, and recorder. Uncompleted, with creasing and minor edge damage. 1 leaf. 1 item.

Total: 208 leaves. 16 envelopes. 224 items.

4. Selected Documents

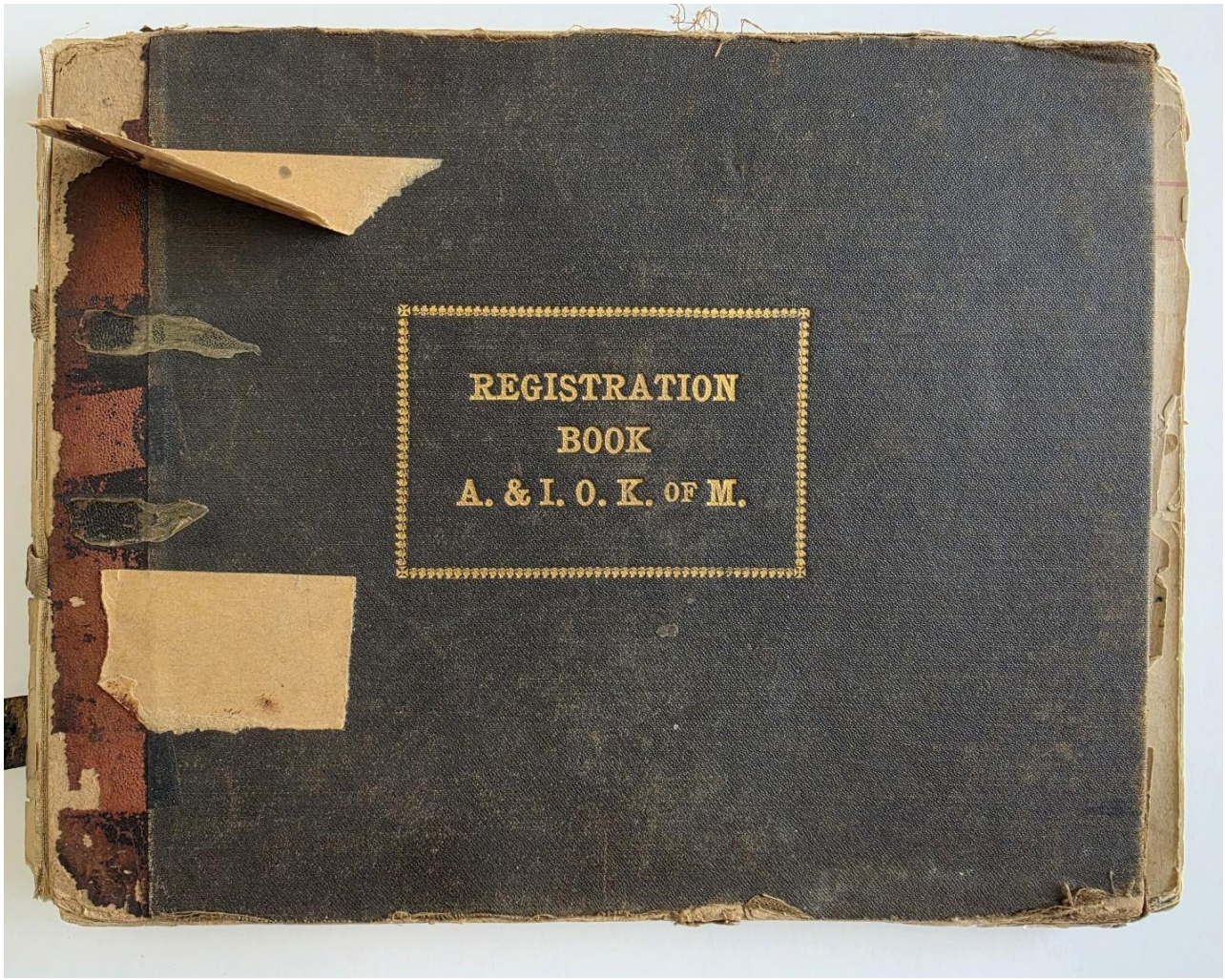
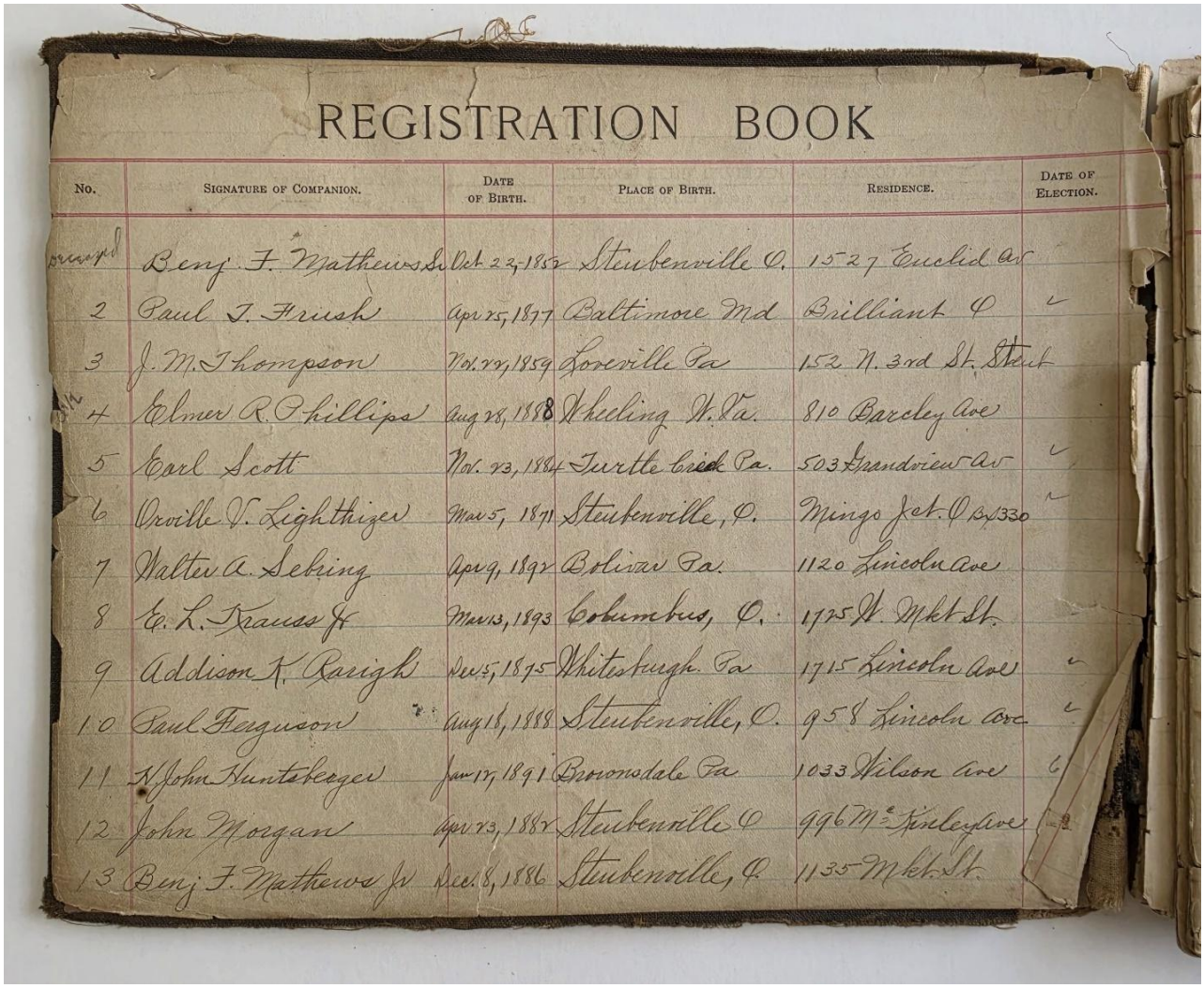


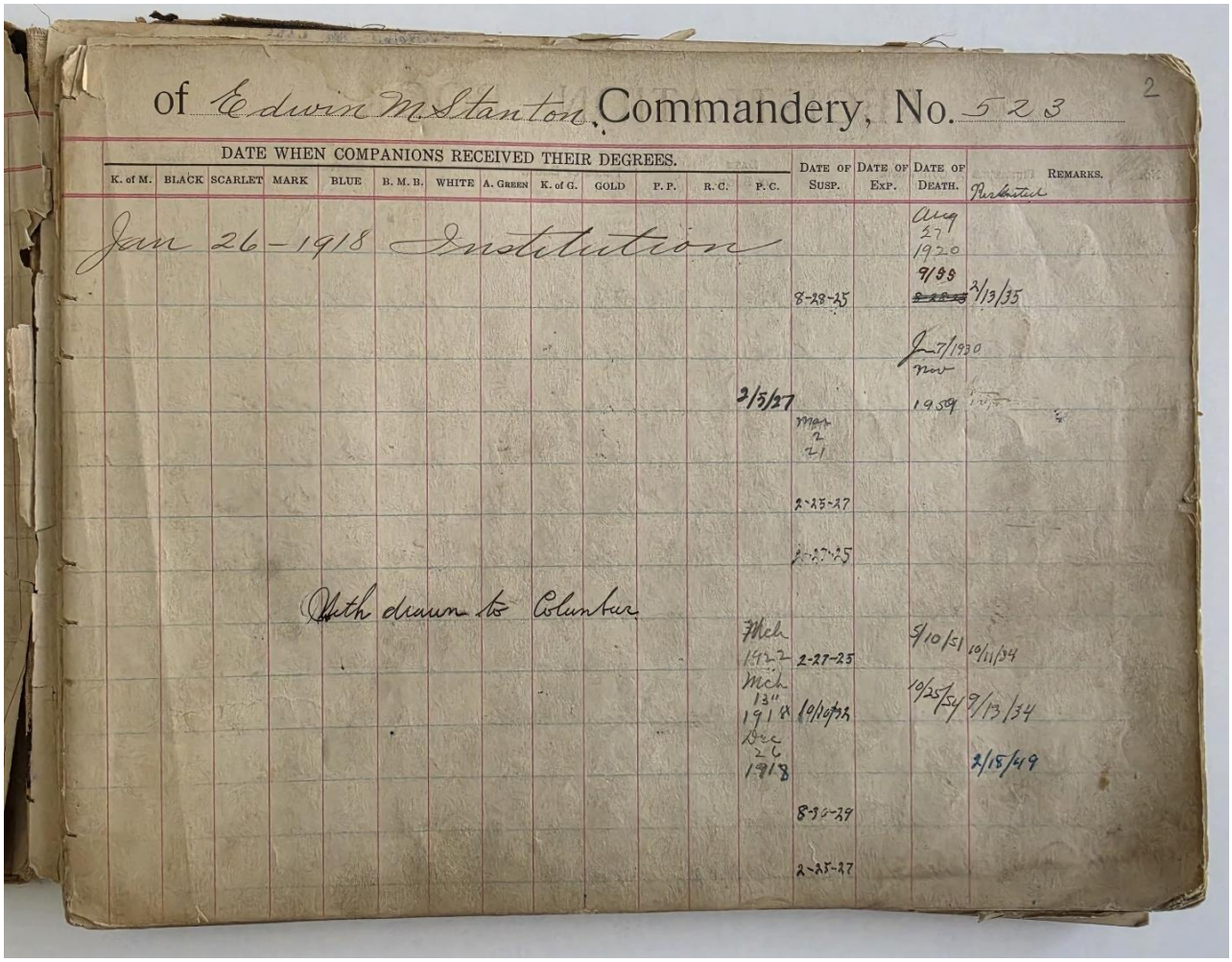
Fig. 3. Cover of the Membership Registration Book (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27)



REGISTRATION BOOK

No.	Signature of Companion.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Residence.	Date of Election.
Record	Benj. F. Mathews Sr	Oct 22, 1852	Steubenville O.	1527 Euclid av	
2	Paul J. Frush	Apr 25, 1877	Baltimore Md	Brilliant O	
3	J. M. Thompson	Nov. 27, 1859	Loreville Pa	152 N. 3rd St. Steub	
4	Elmer R. Phillips	Aug 28, 1888	Wheeling W. Va.	810 Barclay Ave	
5	Earl Scott	Nov. 23, 1884	Turtle Creek Pa.	503 Grandview Av	
6	Orville V. Lighthizer	May 5, 1871	Steubenville, O.	Mingo Jct. O Box 330	
7	Walter A. Sebring	April 9, 1892	Bolivar Pa.	1120 Lincoln Ave	
8	E. L. Krauss Jr	March 13, 1893	Columbus, O.	1775 N. Mkt St.	
9	Addison K. Raugh	Dec 5, 1875	Whitestugh Pa	1715 Lincoln Ave	
10	Paul Ferguson	Aug 18, 1888	Steubenville, O.	958 Lincoln Ave	
11	John Huntsberger	Jan 17, 1891	Brownsdale Pa	1033 Wilson Ave	
12	John Morgan	Apr 23, 1882	Steubenville O	996 Mt Pleasant Ave	
13	Benj F. Mathews Jr	Dec. 8, 1886	Steubenville, O	1135 Mkt St.	

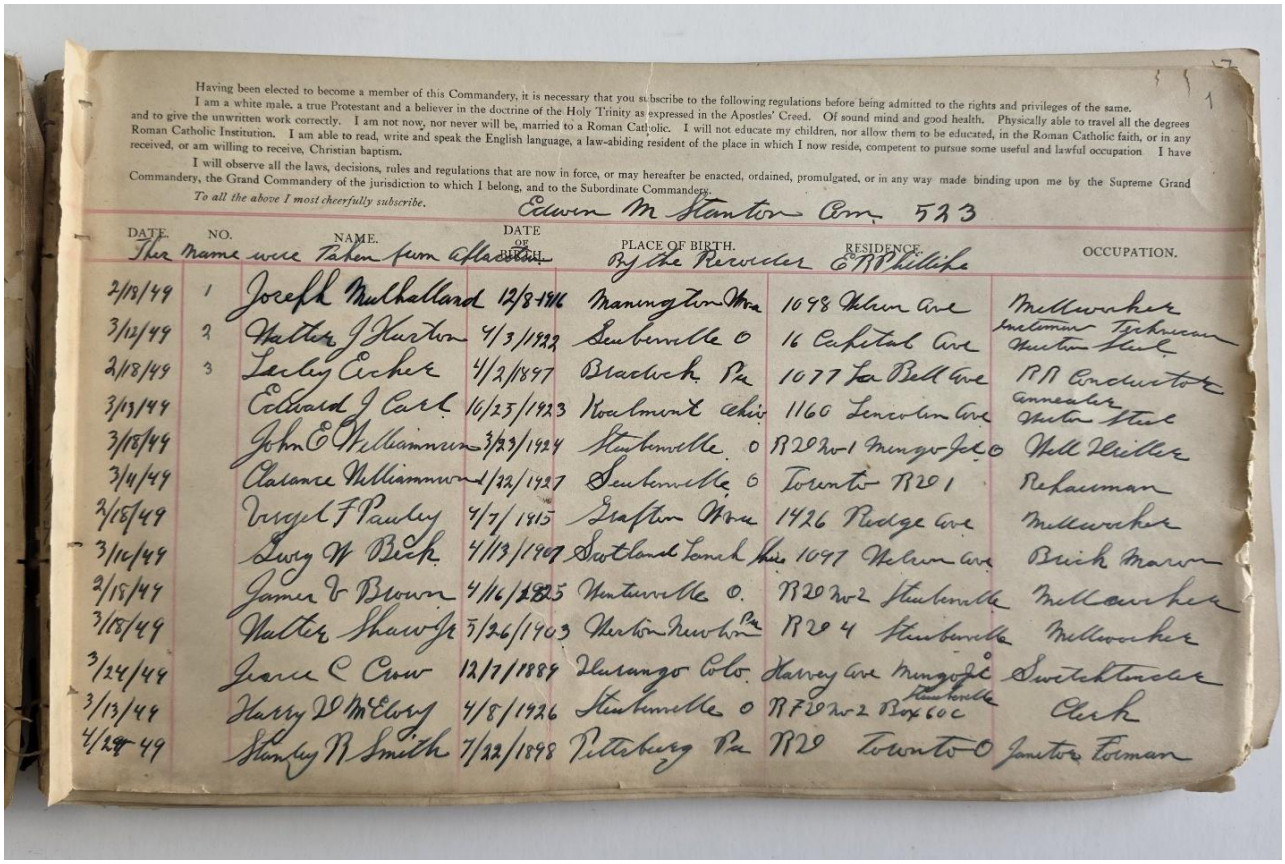
Fig. 4. First Leaf of the Membership List of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523. Membership Registration Book (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 1v)


of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery, No. 523

DATE WHEN COcompanions RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.

K. of M.	BLACK	SCARLET	MARK	BLUE	B. M. B.	WHITE	A. Green	K. of G.	GOLD	P. P.	R. C.	P. C.	Date of Susp.	Date of Exp.	Date of Death.	Remarks.
Jan 26-1918															Aug 27 1920	
													8-28-25		9/55	2/13/35
															Jan 7/1930	
												2/5/27			1959	
													2-25-27			
			Withdrawn to Columbia													
												Mch 1922	2-27-25		9/10/51	10/11/34
												Mch 13" 1918	10/10/25		10/25/54	9/13/34
												Dec 26 1918				2/15/49
													8-30-29			
													2-25-27			

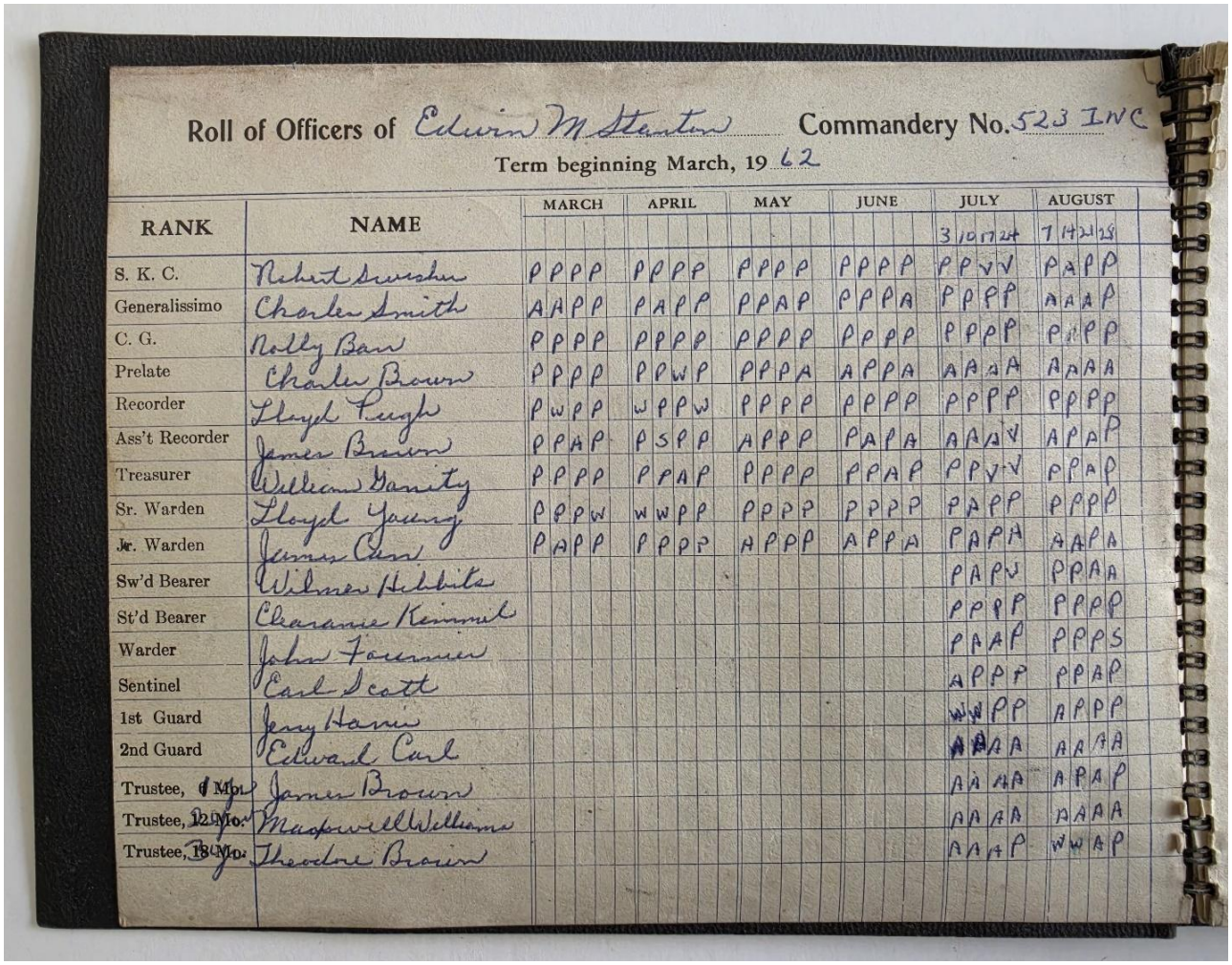
Fig. 5. Information on the Degrees Received and Changes in Membership. Membership Registration Book (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 27. Fol. 2)



Having been elected to become a member of this Commandery, it is necessary that you subscribe to the following regulations before being admitted to the rights and privileges of the same.
I am a white male, a true Protestant and a believer in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. Of sound mind and good health. Physically able to travel all the degrees and to give the unwritten work correctly. I am not now, nor never will be, married to a Roman Catholic. I will not educate my children, nor allow them to be educated, in the Roman Catholic faith, or in any Roman Catholic Institution. I am able to read, write and speak the English language, a law-abiding resident of the place in which I now reside, competent to pursue some useful and lawful occupation. I have received, or am willing to receive, Christian baptism.
I will observe all the laws, decisions, rules and regulations that are now in force, or may hereafter be enacted, ordained, promulgated, or in any way made binding upon me by the Supreme Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction to which I belong, and to the Subordinate Commandery.
To all the above I most cheerfully subscribe. Edwin M Stanton Com. 533

DATE.	NO.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
The Name were Taken from Application By the Recorder E R Phillips						
2/17/49	1	Joseph Mulholland	12/3/1916	Mannington W Va	1098 Helen Ave	Millworker
3/12/49	2	Walter J Kuston	4/3/1923	Steubenville O	16 Capitol Ave	Foreman Fabricating Kuston Steel
2/18/49	3	Lesley Archer	4/2/1897	Blackrock Pa	1077 Le Bell Ave	RR Conductor
3/13/49		Edward J Carl	10/23/1923	Roalmont Ohio	1160 Lincoln Ave	Annealer Kuston Steel
3/18/49		John E Williamson	3/23/1924	Steubenville O	R2 Wellsville Mingo Jct O	Mill Helper
3/4/49		Clarence Williamson	1/22/1927	Steubenville O	Toronto R2	Rehauman
3/15/49		Virgil F Pauley	4/7/1915	Grafton W Va	1426 Ridge Ave	Millworker
3/16/49		Leroy W Beck	4/13/1909	Scotland Conn	1097 Helen Ave	Brick Mason
2/15/49		James T Brown	4/16/1925	Unionville O	R2 Wellsville	Millworker
3/15/49		Walter Shaw Jr	3/26/1903	Kenton Newton Pa	R2 4 Steubenville	Millworker
3/24/49		Jesse C Crow	12/7/1884	Durango Colo	Harvey Ave Mingo Jct	Switchtender
3/13/49		Harry W McElroy	4/8/1926	Steubenville O	R2 Wellsville Box 60C	Clerk
4/29/49		Stanley R Smith	7/22/1898	Pittsburg Pa	R2 Toronto O	Janitor Foreman

Fig. 6. First Leaf of the Membership Register, 1949–1968 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 28. Fol. 1)

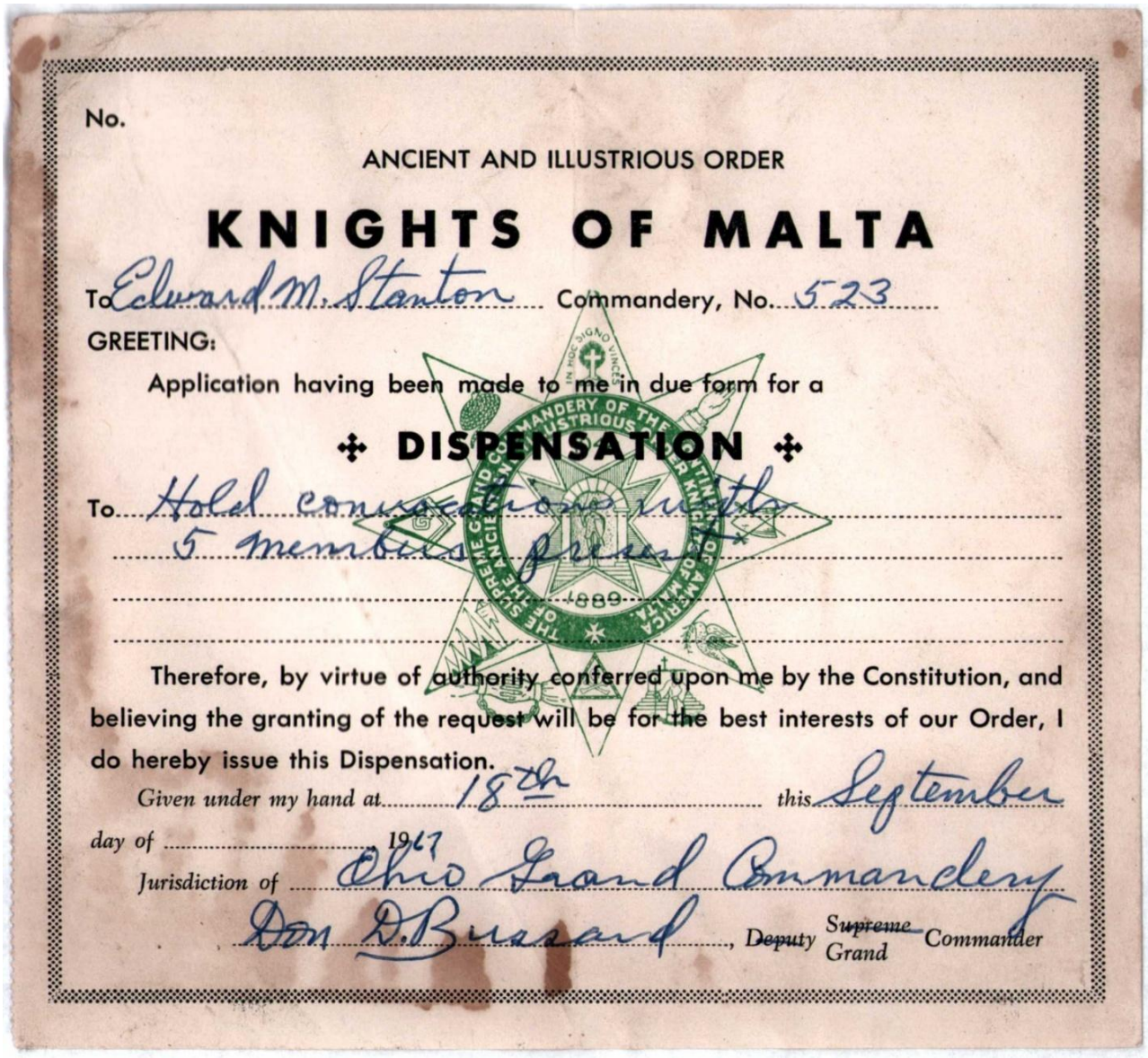


Roll of Officers of Edwin M Stanton Commandery No. 523 INC

Term beginning March, 19 62

RANK	NAME	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
						3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28
S. K. C.	Robert Swisher	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P V V	P A P P
Generalissimo	Charles Smith	A A P P	P A P P	P P A P	P P P A	P P P P	A A A P
C. G.	Nolly Barr	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P A P P
Prelate	Charles Brown	P P P P	P P W P	P P P A	A P P A	A A A A	A A A A
Recorder	Lloyd Pugh	P W P P	W P P W	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P	P P P P
Ass't Recorder	James Brown	P P A P	P S P P	A P P P	P A P A	A A A V	A P A P
Treasurer	William Danity	P P P P	P P A P	P P P P	P P A P	P P V V	P P A P
Sr. Warden	Lloyd Young	P P P W	W W P P	P P P P	P P P P	P A P P	P P P P
Jr. Warden	James Cain	P A P P	P P P P	A P P P	A P P A	P A P A	A A P A
Sw'd Bearer	Wilmer Hebbits					P A P V	P P A A
St'd Bearer	Clarance Kimmel					P P P P	P P P P
Warder	John Fourmer					P P A P	P P P S
Sentinel	Earl Scott					A P P P	P P A P
1st Guard	Jerry Harris					W W P P	A P P P
2nd Guard	Edward Carl					A A A A	A A A A
Trustee, 6 Mo.	James Brown					A A A A	A P A P
Trustee, 12 Mo.	Maxwell Williams					A A A A	A A A A
Trustee, 18 Mo.	Theodore Brown					A A A P	W W A P

Fig. 7. Structure of the Register of Officers and Their Attendance at Meetings, 1962–1980 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 29. Fol. 1v)



No.

ANCIENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

To Edward M. Stanton Commandery, No. 523

GREETING:

Application having been made to me in due form for a

DISPENSATION

To Hold conversations with the 5 members present

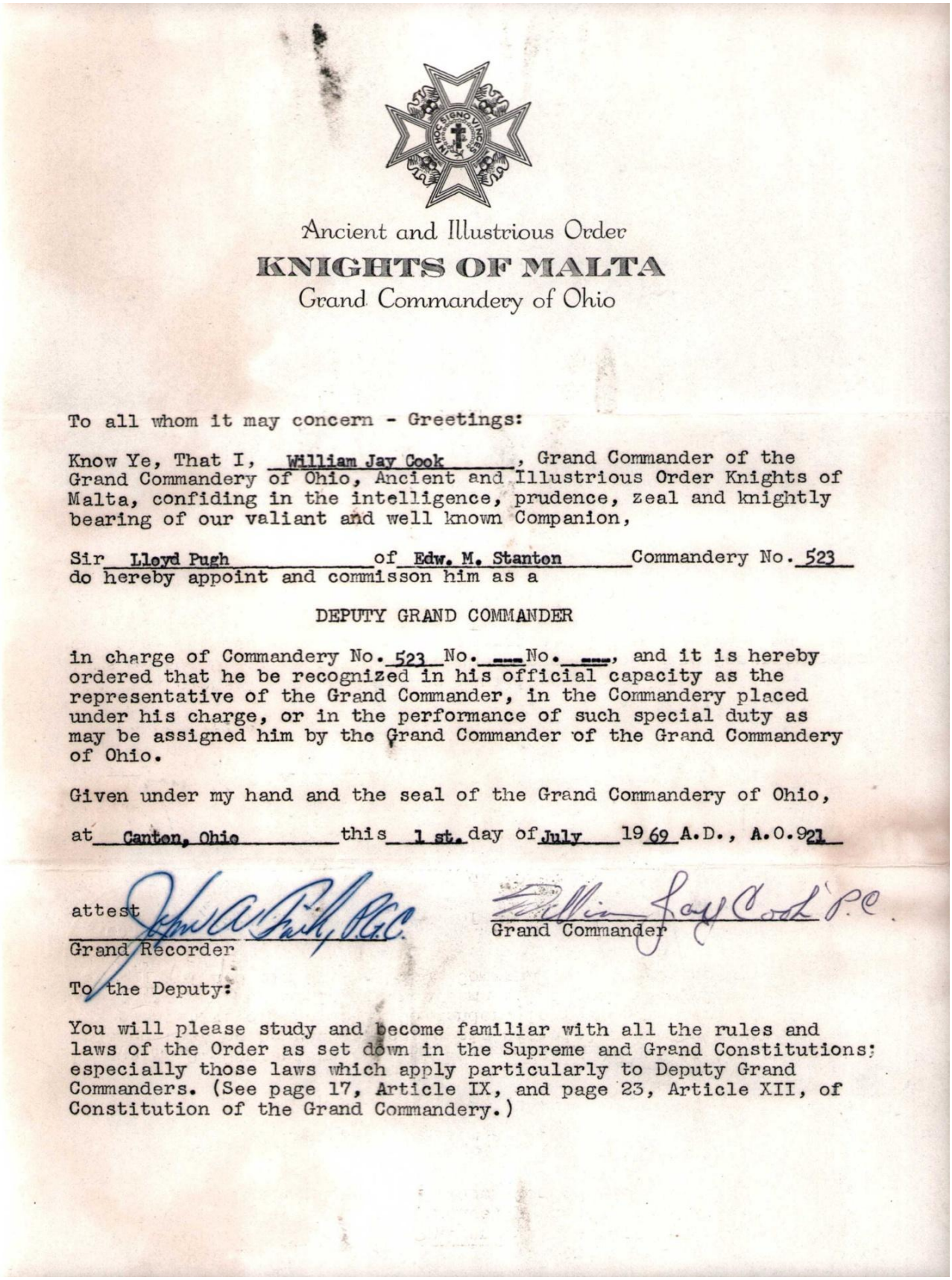
Therefore, by virtue of authority conferred upon me by the Constitution, and believing the granting of the request will be for the best interests of our Order, I do hereby issue this Dispensation.

Given under my hand at 18th *this* September *day of* 1967

Jurisdiction of Ohio Grand Commandery

Don D. Brazard, *Deputy Supreme Grand Commander*

Fig. 8. Dispensation to Hold Meetings with Five Members, 1967 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 42. Fol. 6)



Ancient and Illustrious Order

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Grand Commandery of Ohio

To all whom it may concern - Greetings:

Know Ye, That I, William Jay Cook, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Ancient and Illustrious Order Knights of Malta, confiding in the intelligence, prudence, zeal and knightly bearing of our valiant and well known Companion,

Sir Lloyd Pugh of Edw. M. Stanton Commandery No. 523 do hereby appoint and commisson him as a

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

in charge of Commandery No. 523 No. ___ No. ___, and it is hereby ordered that he be recognized in his official capacity as the representative of the Grand Commander, in the Commandery placed under his charge, or in the performance of such special duty as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery of Ohio,

at Canton, Ohio this 1 st. day of July 1969 A.D., A.O.921

attest

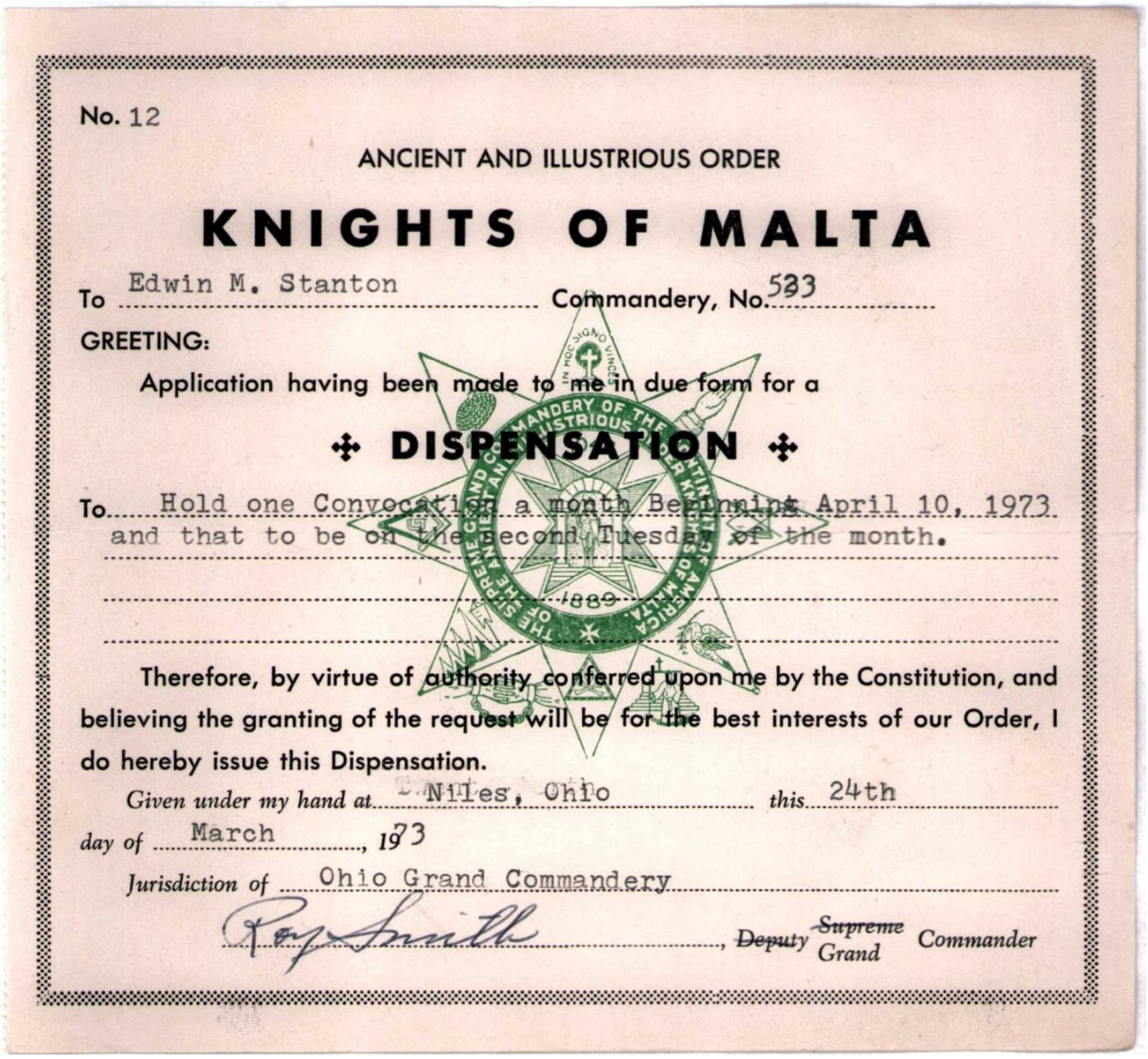
Grand Recorder

Grand Commander

To the Deputy:

You will please study and become familiar with all the rules and laws of the Order as set down in the Supreme and Grand Constitutions; especially those laws which apply particularly to Deputy Grand Commanders. (See page 17, Article IX, and page 23, Article XII, of Constitution of the Grand Commandery.)

Fig. 9. Appointment of Lloyd Pugh in 1969 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 44. Fol. 11)



No. 12

ANCIENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

To Edwin M. Stanton Commandery, No. 533

GREETING:

Application having been made to me in due form for a

DISPENSATION

To Hold one Convocation a month Beginning April 10, 1973 and that to be on the second Tuesday of the month.

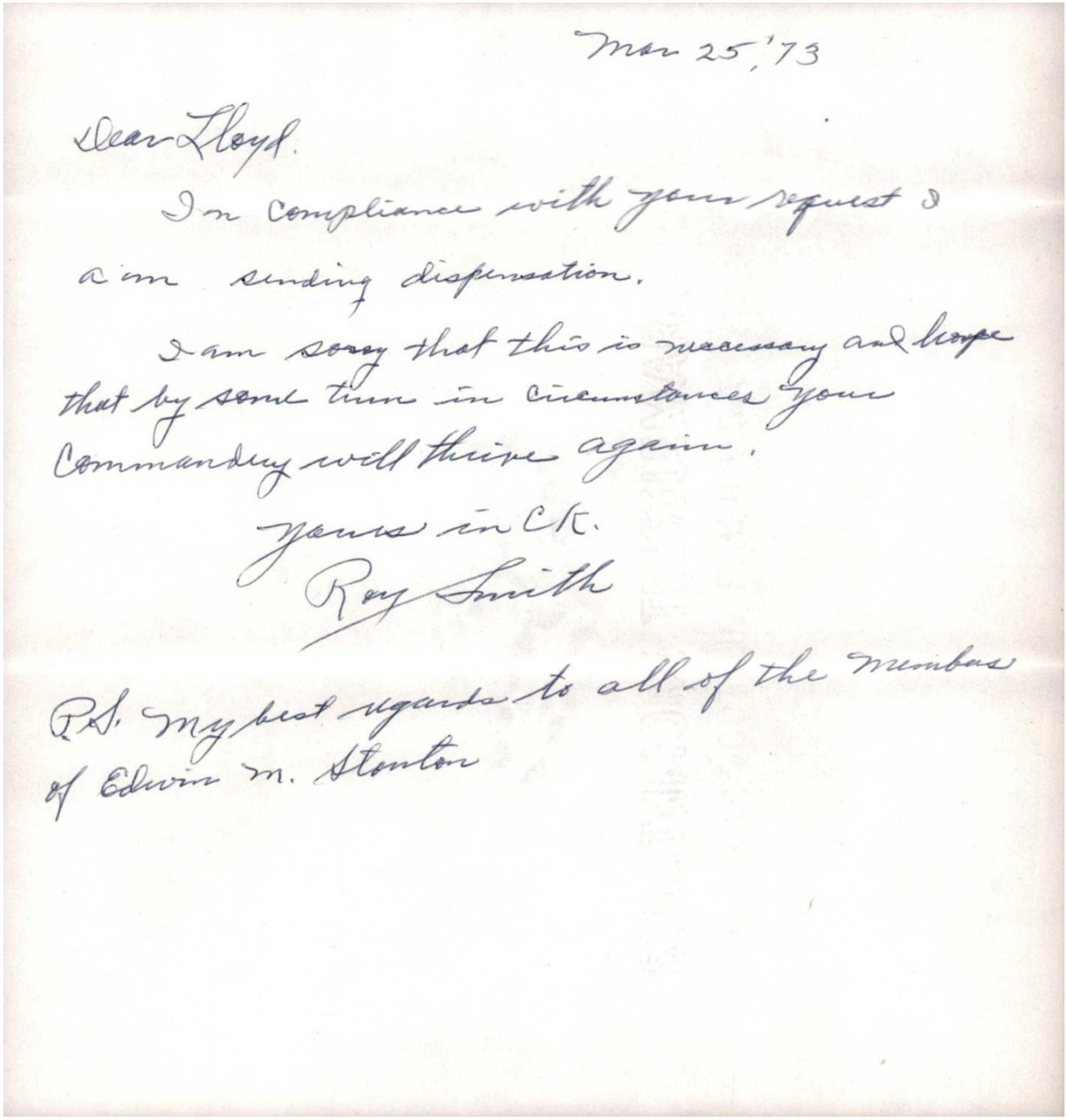
Therefore, by virtue of authority conferred upon me by the Constitution, and believing the granting of the request will be for the best interests of our Order, I do hereby issue this Dispensation.

Given under my hand at Niles, Ohio *this* 24th *day of* March, 1973

Jurisdiction of Ohio Grand Commandery

Roy Smith, ~~*Deputy*~~ ~~*Supreme*~~ *Grand Commander*

Fig. 10. Dispensation No. 12 Issued by Roy Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, Authorizing Meetings Once a Month, 1973 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 49. Fol. 3)



Mar 25, '73

Dear Lloyd.

In compliance with your request I am sending dispensation.

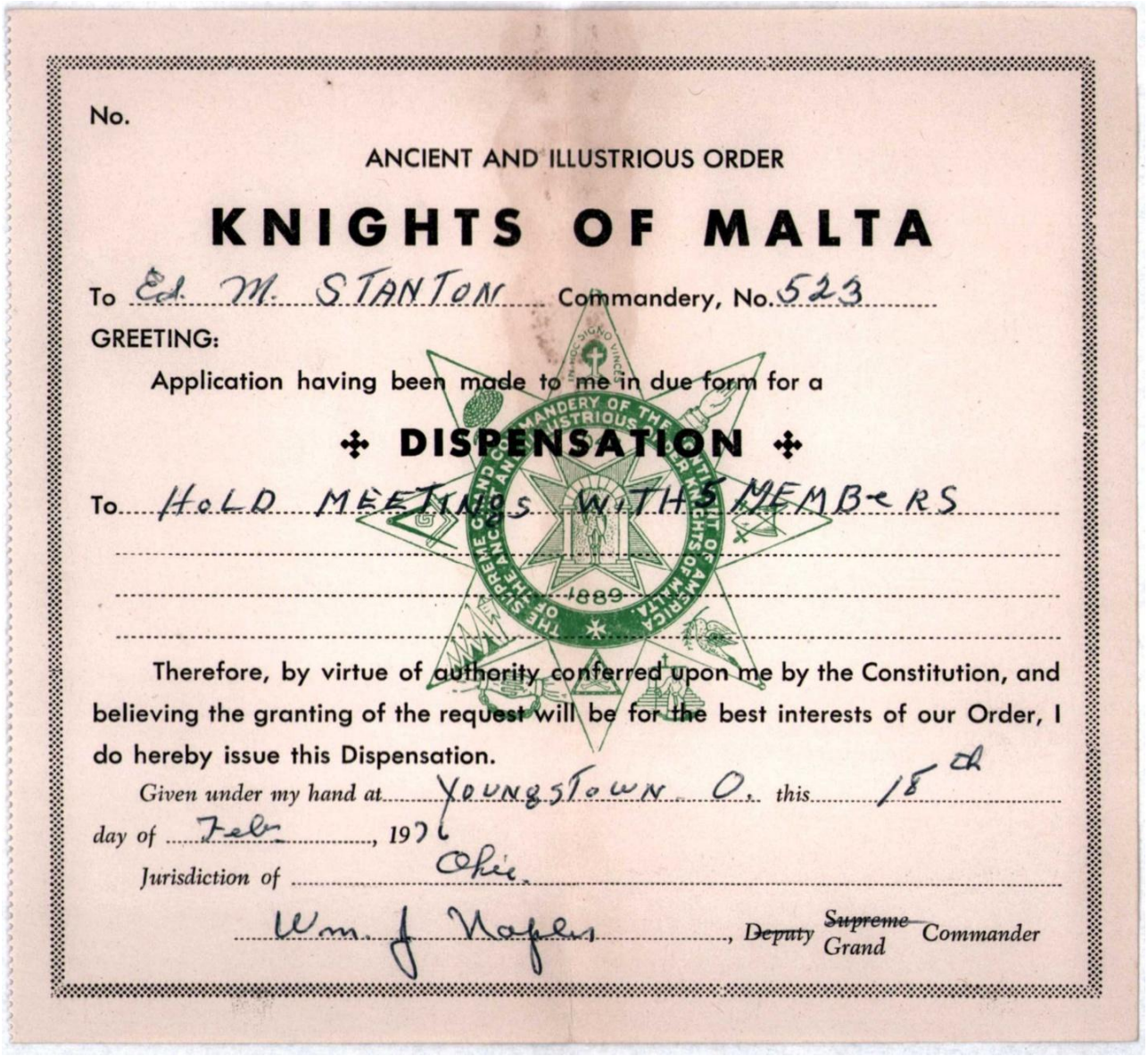
I am sorry that this is necessary and hope that by some time in circumstances your Commandry will thrive again.

Yours in C K.

Roy Smith

P.S. My best regards to all of the members of Edwin M. Stanton

Fig. 11. Cover Letter from Roy Smith, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, Accompanying the Dispensation Addressed to Lloyd Pugh (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 49. Fol. 2)



No.

ANCIENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

To Ed M. STANTON Commandery, No. 523

GREETING:

Application having been made to me in due form for a

✣ DISPENSATION ✣

To HOLD MEETINGS WITH 5 MEMBERS

Therefore, by virtue of authority conferred upon me by the Constitution, and believing the granting of the request will be for the best interests of our Order, I do hereby issue this Dispensation.

Given under my hand at YOUNGSTOWN O. *this* 18th *day of* Feb, 1976

Jurisdiction of Ohio.

Wm. J. Naples, *Deputy ~~Supreme~~ Grand Commander*

Fig. 12. Dispensation Issued by William J. Naples, Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights of Malta, Authorizing Meetings with Five Members, 1976 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 51. Fol. 1)

RECORDS
OF THE
SUPREME GRAND COMMANDERY
ANCIENT AND ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER
KNIGHTS OF MALTA
NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
IMPERIAL HOUSE
CANTON, OHIO
OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1977
A.D. 1977 A.O. 929

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1977

Divine services were held in the Carta Gena Room starting at 7:30 P.M.

Following an organ prelude by Lady Margaret Fulks and the invocation by Supreme Prelate Albert H. Mohler, we were welcomed by Supreme Commander William Reidl Jr.

The hymn Onward Christian Soldiers was sung and following the offering and the offering prayer, a communion meditation was given by Reverend Charles M. Fulks, P.G.C.

After a communion hymn and prayer, we partook of the communion emblems.

A fine sermon centered on the 53rd chapter of the book of Isaiah was delivered by P.G.C. Charles Fulks and then a closing hymn and the benediction.

The Ladies Circle of Ohio then served refreshments which were very much enjoyed by all during the social hour which followed. There were seventy-nine Knights and Ladies in attendance.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1977

At 9:45 A.M. the Ninety-fourth Convocation was welcomed to the motel by the motel manager pinch hitting for the Mayor of Canton who was unable to be present because of a dental appointment.

At 10:00 A.M. the Convocation was called to order with Supreme Commander Sir William Reidl Jr. presiding.

The Pledge to the Flag was given followed by an opening prayer by the Supreme Prelate.

The proclamation was called for and read by the Supreme Recorder.

Supreme Commander Reidl then called for the report of the Credentials Committee which was presented by P.S.C. Harry T. Matz.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Canton, Ohio
October 17, 1977

To the Supreme Commander, Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Commandery.

Greetings:

We, your committee, report the following:

Fig. 13. Documents of the Supreme Convocation of 1977 (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 52. Fol. 38)

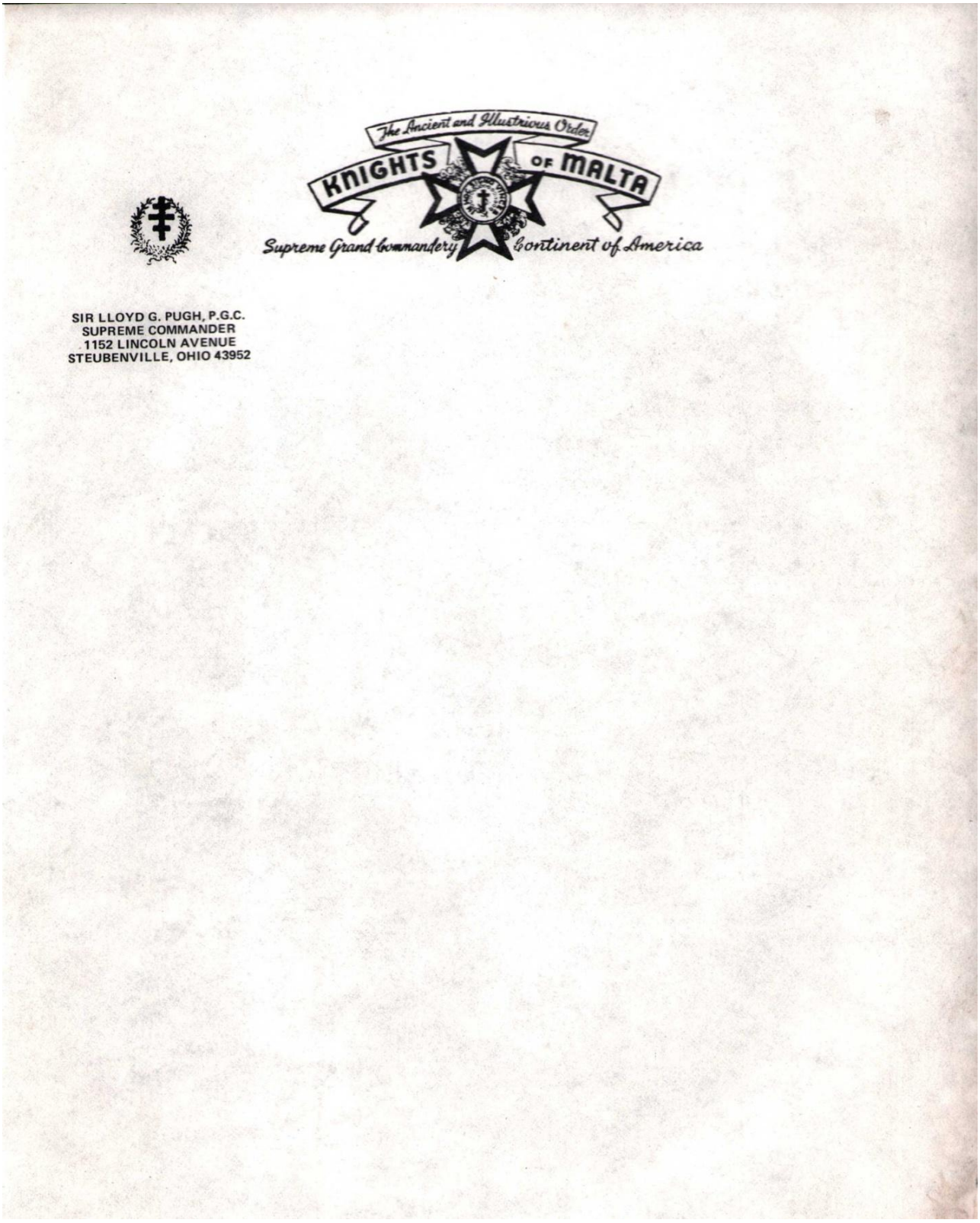


Fig. 14. Official Letterhead of Supreme Commander Lloyd Pugh (Archive CGU. F. 3. Inv. 2. File 62. Fol. 119)

5. Conclusion

As a result of the study, a previously unpublished collection of documents of Edwin M. Stanton Commandery No. 523, Knights of Malta (Steubenville, Ohio), discovered in 2026 and transferred for preservation to the Archive of Cherkas Global University, was introduced into scholarly circulation. The archival collection was organized into 36 files, comprising 587 items, 862 leaves, and 84 envelopes.

The analysis of the surviving documents made it possible to establish individual stages in the history of the commandery, instituted on January 26, 1918, and to identify information about its membership, officers, and organizational activities. Of particular value are the membership registration books containing information about 504 members of the commandery, as well as documents indicating the continuation of its activities until 1980.

Materials from the 1960s–1970s reflect a gradual decline in the commandery's organizational activity, as confirmed by special dispensations to hold meetings with five members present and a reduction in the frequency of meetings. At the same time, the surviving correspondence and official documents indicate that the commandery maintained its connections with the governing bodies of the Knights of Malta.

A special place in the documentary collection is occupied by materials related to the activities of Lloyd George Pugh (1911–1999), the long-serving Recorder of the commandery, who subsequently held senior positions in the leadership of the Order. These documents make it possible to examine the history of the local commandery in the broader context of the development of the American fraternal movement.

Thus, the discovered archive represents a valuable collection of primary sources on the history of the Knights of Malta in the United States in the 20th century. The publication of its systematic archival inventory and selected documents provides a source base for further study of the organizational structure, membership, and everyday activities of American commanderies.

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