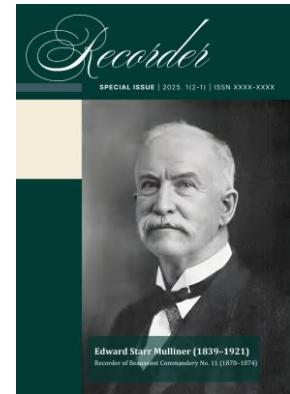




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History of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, KT (Quincy, Illinois)

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Abstract

The present study examines the history of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, a Masonic body of the Knights Templar located in Quincy, Illinois. The research is based on the annual Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois for the period 1861–1911.

In the conclusion, the author emphasizes that Beauseant Commandery No. 11 operated in Quincy for fifty years, from 1861 to 1911. During this time, no fewer than 279 individuals became affiliated with the commandery. Among them were several notable figures, including Brigadier General George Valentine Rutherford (1830–1876), a Civil War veteran and eyewitness to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. A number of Past Commanders of Beauseant Commandery also held officer positions within the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and in 1887, Past Commander Edward Starr Mulliner was elected Grand Commander.

Throughout its existence, the commandery experienced both periods of rapid development and phases of decline. Significant membership growth occurred during the first fifteen years, and by 1876, the commandery numbered 113 members. Subsequently, due to a variety of factors, membership stagnated and began to fall. Contributing causes included the establishment in 1882 of El Aksa Commandery No. 55 in the same city; the insufficiently developed network of local Chapters, which served as the principal source of new members for the Knights Templar; as well as additional contributing circumstances. As a result, by 1901, only one-third of the former membership remained—44 members.

A renewed period of growth began after 1901. In 1911, the members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El Aksa Commandery No. 55, both located in Quincy, decided to unite and submitted a petition to that effect to the Grand Commandery of Illinois. As a result, in 1912 a new Knights Templar body—Quincy Commandery No. 77—was established in the city. With its creation, the history of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 came to a close.

Keywords: Beauseant Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, Quincy, Illinois, Grand Commandery of Illinois, 1861–1911.

Historical Background:

The future city of Quincy was located on the Mississippi River. Quincy was granted city status in 1834. In the 1850s, the city prospered thanks to steamboat and railroad connections that linked the eastern and western parts of the United States. This led to a sharp increase in commercial activity and attracted new residents. As a result, over a period of twenty years, from 1850 to 1870, the population more than tripled—from 7,000 to 24,000 inhabitants.

During the Civil War, the city served as a center for organizing volunteer infantry regiments. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, further development of transportation infrastructure contributed to an increase in passenger traffic through Quincy. By 1910, the city's population had exceeded 36,000.

In early 1861, an initiative group of five Knights Templar from the city of Quincy, Illinois, submitted a petition to the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois requesting authorization to establish a commandery in the city. The petition was supported by a letter of

recommendation from Galesburg Commandery No. 8. The initiative group consisted of Josiah Hunt, William E. Oven, Robert E. Goodrich, John Mellen, and William Foley.

On 5 February 1861, Grand Commander Hosmer A. Johnson granted permission to establish a Knights Templar commandery in Quincy. Sir Josiah Hunt was appointed Eminent Commander, Sir W. E. Oven—Generalissimo, and Sir R. E. Goodrich—Captain General.

The Knights Templar named their commandery Beauseant. The term Beauseant (also spelled baucent, baussant, etc.) was the name of the war banner (vexillum belli) used by the medieval Templars in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. In Charles G. Addison's well-known work *The Knights Templar*¹ an illustration of the Beauseant is also provided, which we would like to reproduce here (Fig. 1). In the American Masonic Order of the Knights Templar, several commanderies bore this name, all of them located in different states.

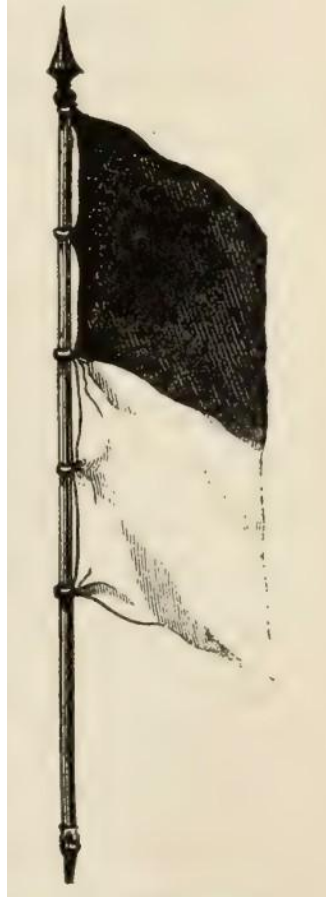


Fig. 1. Beauseant — the war banner of the Knights Templar²

In the spring of 1861, an additional twelve Knights joined the commandery (Asa W. Blakesley, Charles W. Mead, Harrison Dills, William M. Avise, Damon Hanser, Roswell D. Grant, Michael McVey, John McGinnis, Jr., James Lowe, Horace S. Town, Thomas Neal, and David H. Winton). As a result, by the summer, it became possible to fill all officer positions and to retain several members without office.

Thus, in the summer of 1861, the commandery had 17 members.

The officers elected were:

Josiah Hunt	Commander
William E. Oven	Generalissimo
R. E. Goodrich	Captain General
Asa W. Blakesley	Prelate
Charles W. Mead	Senior Warden
Harrison Dills	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
William M. Avise	Recorder
Damon Hanser	Standard Bearer
Roswell D. Grant	Sword Bearer

¹ Addison C.G. (1874). *The Knights Templar*. New York: Masonic Publishing Company.

² Addison C.G. (1874). *The Knights Templar*. New York: Masonic Publishing Company. P. 287.

William Foley Warder
Michael McVey Captain of the Guards¹.

Members: John McGinnis, Jr., James Lowe, Horace S. Town, Thomas Neal, David H. Winton².

On 22 October 1861, the 5th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois commenced in the city of Chicago. Among the Visitors attending this conclave was Sir William E. Oven, who represented Beauseant Commandery³. At the conclave, reports were presented regarding the submission of the required documents by the new commanderies, and on 23 October 1861 the commandery was chartered, receiving the name Beauseant Commandery No. 11, KT⁴.

For the annual reporting, the commandery was required to submit information on changes in its membership during the summer in accordance with Table 1. This table included data on those Created, Admitted, Dimitted, Suspended, Reinstated, and Deceased.

Table 1. Structure of member registration in the general roll of the Grand Commandery of Illinois

	Total No. of Members last year	Total No. of Members this year	Created	Admitted	Previously Admitted	Dimitted	Suspended	Reinstated	Deceased	Receipts
Beauseant No. 11										

In 1862, the membership of the commandery increased to 21 members. During the year, four Knights were Created.

The officers elected were:

William E. Oven Commander
R. E. Goodrich Generalissimo
Charles W. Mead Captain General
Asa W. Blakesley Prelate
Roswell D. Grant Senior Warden
William M. Avise Junior Warden
John Mellen Treasurer
James Lowe Recorder
Damon Hanser Standard Bearer
Horace A. Towne Sword Bearer
William Foley Warder
Michael McVey Captain of the Guards⁵.

Members: Harrison Dills, D. T. Jamison, John McGinnis, Thomas Neal⁶.

Created: J. W. Bradford, Thomas Carter, J. M. Pitman, O. C. Skinner⁷.

In 1863, the membership of the commandery increased to 25 members. During the year, four Knights were Created⁸.

¹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Fifth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1861. P. 32.

² Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Fifth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1861. P. 32.

³ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Fifth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1861. P. 4.

⁴ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Fifth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1861. P. 10, 33.

⁵ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Sixth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1862. P. 79.

⁶ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Sixth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1862. P. 79.

⁷ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Sixth annual conclave. Chicago: F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1862. P. 79.

⁸ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Seventh annual conclave. Chicago: Sir Knights F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1863. P. 109.

The officers elected were:

William Eckley Oven Commander
 Charles W. Mead Generalissimo
 Roswell D. Grant Captain General
 Asa W. Blakesley Prelate
 Wm. M. Avise Senior Warden
 D. T. Jameson Junior Warden
 John Mellen Treasurer
 James Lowe Recorder
 Thomas Carter Standard Bearer
 J. W. Bradford Sword Bearer
 William Foley Warder
 Michael McVey Captain of the Guards¹.

Members: Harrison Dills, R. E. Goodrich, Damon Hanser, John McGinnis, Jr., Thomas Neal, James Pitman, O. C. Skinner, Horace A. Towne, D. H. Winton².

Created: M. Willis, J. W. Bunker, J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones³.

In the same year, the Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, William Eckley Oven, assumed an officer position in the Grand Commandery of Illinois as Grand Warder⁴.

In 1864, the membership of the commandery increased to 35 members⁵. During the year, ten Knights were Created⁶.

The officers elected were:

William Eckley Oven Commander
 Asa W. Blakesley Generalissimo
 Charles W. Mead Captain General
 Martin W. Willis Prelate
 William M. Avise Senior Warden
 David T. Jameson Junior Warden
 John Mellen Treasurer
 James Lowe Recorder
 Damon Hauser Standard Bearer
 Joseph W. Bradford Sword Bearer
 Joseph Robbins Warder
 John P. Jones Captain of the Guards⁷.

Members: T. Carter, H. Dills, W. Foley, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, Jacob R. Harris, J. McGinnis, Jr., M. McVey, T. Neal, J. M. Pittman, O. C. Skinner, H. A. Towne, D. H. Winton, J. W. Bunker⁸.

Created: M. F. Bassett, John R. Harris, F. G. Johnston, W. T. Keenan, J. Karr, J. A. Roth, J. Steinagle, J. M. Smith, F. Urlich, Joseph Robbins (Warder)⁹.

In 1865, the membership of the commandery increased to 47 members. During the year, thirteen Knights were Created, one was Admitted, one Dimitted, and one Deceased¹⁰.

¹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Seventh annual conclave. Chicago: Sir Knights F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1863. P. 109.

² Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Seventh annual conclave. Chicago: Sir Knights F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1863. P. 109.

³ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Seventh annual conclave. Chicago: Sir Knights F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1863. P. 109.

⁴ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Seventh annual conclave. Chicago: Sir Knights F. Fulton & Co., Printers, 1863. P. 83.

⁵ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Eighth annual conclave. Chicago: J.W. Middleton & Co., Stationers and Printers, 1864. P. 119.

⁶ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Eighth annual conclave. Chicago: J.W. Middleton & Co., Stationers and Printers, 1864. P. 161.

⁷ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Eighth annual conclave. Chicago: J.W. Middleton & Co., Stationers and Printers, 1864. P. 161.

⁸ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Eighth annual conclave. Chicago: J.W. Middleton & Co., Stationers and Printers, 1864. P. 161.

⁹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Eighth annual conclave. Chicago: J.W. Middleton & Co., Stationers and Printers, 1864. P. 161.

¹⁰ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 190.

Asa W. Blakesley	Commander
Wm. M. Avise	Generalissimo
Charles W. Mead.....	Captain General
William E. Oven	Prelate
David T. Jameson	Senior Warden
Joseph Robbins	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
James Lowe	Recorder
Damon Hauser	Standard Bearer
J. M. Smith	Sword Bearer
J. W. Banker	Warder
J. P. Jones	Captain of the Guards ¹ .

Past Commander: E. Sir William E. Oven².

Members: J. W. Bradford, M. F. Bassett, T. Carter, Harrison Dills, W. Foley, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, Jacob R. Harris, John R. Harris, F. G. Johnson, W. T. Keenan, J. Karr, M. McVay, J. McGinnis, Jr., Thomas Neal, J. M. Pittman, J. A. Roth, O. C. Skinner, J. Steinagle, H. Towne, T. J. Urich, D. H. Winter, M. W. Willis³.

Created: A. T. Ashley, W. E. Avise, J. C. Berthoff, H. H. Dean, H. G. Dearborn, D. P. Harris, J. A. Jones, C. N. Lee, H. M. Van Frank, W. Weber, J. S. Wood⁴. Samuel Eastman Seger, who joined the commandery in the same year, is not included in this list.

Admitted: E. O. Sayle⁵.

Dimitted: Rufus E. Anderson (He was among those Created that year) ⁶.

Dead: G.V. Carr (He was also among those Created that year) ⁷.

In the same year, Past Commander William Eckley Oven assumed an officer position in the Grand Commandery of Illinois as Grand Junior Warden⁸.

In 1866, the commandery's membership reached 58 members. During the year, fourteen Knights were Created, two Dimitted, and one Deceased⁹.

Asa W. Blakesley	Commander
Wm. M. Avise	Generalissimo
William E. Oven	Captain General
Joseph Robbins	Prelate
Erdley Orville Sayle	Senior Warden
Jacob M. Smith	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
James Lowe	Recorder
Henry Milton Van Frank	Sword Bearer
Frederick George Johnson	Standard Bearer
Samuel Eastman Seger	Warder
John P. Jones	Captain of the Guards ¹⁰ .

¹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 209.

² Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 209.

³ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 210.

⁴ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 210.

⁵ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 210.

⁶ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 210.

⁷ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 210.

⁸ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Ninth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1865. P. 167.

⁹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Tenth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1867. P. 248.

Past Commander: E. Sir William Eckley Oven.

Members: A. T. Ashley, William E. Avise, J. W. Bradford, M. F. Bassett, J. C. Berthof, Thomas Carter, Harrison Dills, H. G. Dearborn, William Foley, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, Damon Hauser, Sr., Jacob R. Harris, John R. Harris, Daniel P. Harris, D. T. Jameson, J. A. Jones, Joseph Karr, Charles N. Lee, C. W. Mead, Michael McVay, John McGinnis, Jr., Jas. M. Pittman, Jno. A. Roth, O. C. Skinner, John Steinagle, Horace Towne, F. J. Urich, D. H. Winton, M. W. Willis, Wendalin Weber, J. S. Wood¹.

Created: David J. Wike, George Wike, L. D. White, Scott Wike, W. R. Van Frank, H. St. J. Noyes, M. D. Massie, Rodney Lambert, Jno. H. Lambert, J. H. McB., J. L. Freeman, John W. Evans, J. W. Banker, T. B. Bromback. Dimitted: Henry H. Dean, W. T. Keenan. Dead: Thomas Neal².

In 1866, William Eckley Oven was elected to the officer position of Grand Junior Warden³.

In 1867, the commandery's membership reached 65 members. During the year, eight Knights were Created and one Dimitted⁴.

Asa Wellington Blakesley	Commander
David T. Jameson	Generalissimo
William E. Oven	Captain General
Joseph Robbins	Prelate
Henry Milton Van Frank	Senior Warden
Benjamin Franklin Berrien	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
James Lowe	Recorder
R. E. Goodrich	Standard Bearer
Charles N. Lee	Sword Bearer
Willis R. Van Frank	Warder
John W. Banker	Captain of the Guards ⁵ .

Past Commander: E. Sir William Eckley Oven.

Members: Wm. M. Avise, Wm. E. Avite, A. F. Ashley, A. W. Blakesley, J. W. Bradford, J. W. Barker, M. F. Bassett, J. C. Berthoff, T. B. Bromback, Thomas Carter, Harrison Dills, H. G. Dearborn, J. W. Evans, Wm. Foley, J. L. Freeman, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, D. Hanser, Sr., Jacob R. Harris, John R. Harris, D. P. Harris, D. T. Jameson, F. G. Johnson, J. P. Jones, J. A. Jones, Joseph Karr, James Lowe, Charles N. Lee, Rodney Lambert, J. H. Lambert, C. W. Mead, Michael McVay, John McGinnis, Jr., John Mellen, M. D. Massie, H. St. J. Noyes, Wm. E. Oven, Jas. M. Petman, Joseph Robbins, John A. Roth, O. C. Skinner, John Steinagle, Jacob M. Smith, E. O. Sayle, S. E. Seeger, Horace Towne, F. J. Urich, H. M. Van Frank, W. R. Van Frank, D. H. Winton, M. W. Willis, W. Weber, J. S. Wood, L. D. White, Scott Wike, George Wike, D. J. Wike⁶.

Created: B. F. Berrian, Jephtha Dudley, G. A. Dills, B. F. Garrett, A. A. Glenn, S. R. Gray, Thomas Jasper, A. E. Wheat. Dimitted: John McB. Jones⁷.

In 1867, William Eckley Oven was elected to the officer position of Grand Captain General⁸.

¹⁰ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Tenth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1867. P. 268.

¹ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Tenth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1867. P. 269.

² Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Tenth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1867. P. 269.

³ Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois, at their Tenth annual conclave. Chicago: Jameson & Morse, Book and Job Printers, 1867. P. 217.

⁴ Proceedings of the Eleventh annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1867. P. 310.

⁵ Proceedings of the Eleventh annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1867. P. 333.

⁶ Proceedings of the Eleventh annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1867. P. 334.

⁷ Proceedings of the Eleventh annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1867. P. 334.

⁸ Proceedings of the Eleventh annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1867. P. 279.

In 1868, the commandery's membership reached 75 members. During the year, thirteen Knights were Created, one Dimitted, and two Deceased¹.

Asa Wellington Blakesley	Commander
R. E. Goodrich	Generalissimo
D. T. Jameson	Captain General
Joseph Robbins	Prelate
J. H. Lambert	Senior Warden
Charles N. Lee	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
William E. Avise	Recorder
J. M. Smith	Standard Bearer
Henry M. Van Frank	Sword Bearer
J. S. Wood	Warder
John W. Banker	Captain of the Guards ² .

Past Commander: E. Sir William Eckley Oven.

Members: William M. Avise, William E. Avise, A. F. Ashley, A. W. Blakesley, J. W. Bradford, J. W. Banker, M. F. Bassett, J. C. Berthoff, T. B. Bromback, B. F. Berrian, Thomas Carter, Harrison Dills, H. G. Dearborn, Jephtha Dudley, George H. Dills, J. W. Evans, Wm. Foley, J. L. Freeman, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, B. F. Garrett, A. A. Glenn, S. R. Gray, Dameon Hanser, J. R. Harris, John R. Harris, D. P. Harris, D. T. Jameson, F. G. Johnston, J. A. Jones, Thomas Jasper, Joseph Karr, James Low, C. N. Lee, Rodney Lambert, C. W. Mead, John Mellen, M. D. Massie, M. McVay, John McGinnis, Jr., H. St. John Noyes, William E. Oven, Joseph Robbins, John A. Roth, O. C. Skinner, John Steinagle, J. M. Smith, Samuel E. Seeger, Horace Towne, F. J. Urich, H. M. Van Frank, W. R. Van Frank, D. H. Winton, M. W. Willis, Wendelin Weber, J. S. Wood, L. D. White, Scott Wike, George Wike, D. G. Williams³.

Created: Caleb Bloom, Albert Demaree, H. M. Evatt, George A. Gale, James M. Hoffman, B. F. Hoar, Wm. B. Larkworthly, George Morris, R. C. Michaels, John A. Ross, Joseph Shepherd, John F. Steinberger. Dimitted: James M. Pitman, E. O. Sayle. Dead: John Paul Jones, J. H. Lambert⁴.

In 1868, William Eckley Oven did not hold any officer positions in the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

In 1869, the commandery's membership reached 87 members. During the year, nine Knights were Created and three Admitted⁵.

Asa W. Blakesley	Commander
James Lowe	Generalissimo
George A. Dills	Captain General
Joseph Robbins	Prelate
Benjamin F. Hoar	Senior Warden
Charles N. Lee	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
Joshua S. Wood	Recorder
Jacob M. Smith	Standard Bearer
Geo. A. Gale	Sword Bearer
Granville M. Evatt	Warder
J. W. Barker	Captain of the Guards ⁶ .

Past Commander: E. Sir William E. Oven. E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley⁷.

¹ Proceedings of the Twelfth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1868. P. 396.

² Proceedings of the Twelfth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1868. P. 420.

³ Proceedings of the Twelfth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1868. P. 420.

⁴ Proceedings of the Twelfth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1868. P. 420.

⁵ Proceedings of the Thirteenth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1870. P. 453.

⁶ Proceedings of the Thirteenth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1870. P. 515.

Members: Wm. M. Avise, Wm. E. Avise, A. F. Ashley, A. W. Blakesley, J. W. Bradford, J. W. Banker, J. F. Bassett, J. C. Berthoff, T. H. Bromback, B. F. Berrian, Caleb Bloom, Thos. Carter, Harrison Dills, H. G. Dearborn, Jephtha Dudley, G. A. Dills, A. Demaree, J. W. Evans, G. M. Evatt, Wm. Foley, J. L. Freeman, R. D. Grant, R. E. Goodrich, B. F. Garrett, A. A. Glenn, S. R. Gray, G. A. Gale, Jacob R. Harris, D. P. Harris, Damion Hauser, John R. Harris, J. M. Hoffman, B. F. Hoar, D. T. Jamison, F. G. Johnston, J. A. Jones, Thomas Jasper, Jas. Karr, Chas. N. Lee, Rodney Lambert, James Lowe, W. B. Larkworthy, Chas. W. Mead, Michael McVay, Jno. McGinnis, Jr., John Mellen, M. D. Massie, Geo. Morris, R. C. Michaels, E. S. Mulliner, H. St. J. Noyes, W. E. Oven, Joseph Robbins, Jno. A. Roth, O. C. Skinner, John Steinagle, J. M. Smith, S. E. Seeger, Joseph Shepherd, J. F. Steinberger, Horace Towne, A. J. Theinemann, F. J. Urich, H. M. Vanfrank, W. R. Vanfrank, David Winters, M. W. Willis, Wendelin Weber, J. S. Wood, L. D. White, Scott Wike, A. E. Wheat, D. G. Williams, D. G. Wike¹.

Created: B. W. Alkire, H. S. Brown, G. W. Burns, H. E. N. Cottiers, R. C. Lockwood, M. W. Newton, Louis Miller, Drisus Snitger, Jno. A. Ross. Admitted: C. G. Atwood, J. T. Keenan, James H. Richardson².

In 1870, the commandery experienced a rather unusual situation, as nine members Dimitted at once. Despite this, the commandery still increased its membership, reaching 90 members, due to ten Knights being Created and two Admitted³.

In 1870, personal details of those Created and Dimitted were not published.

Joseph Robbins	Commander
James Lowe	Generalissimo
Albert Demaree	Captain General
William M. Avise	Prelate
Joshua S. Wood	Senior Warden
George A. Gale	Junior Warden
John Mellen	Treasurer
Edward S. Mulliner	Recorder
Jacob M. Smith	Standard Bearer
Henry S. Brown	Sword Bearer
Granville M. Evatt	Warder
Michael McVay	Captain of the Guards ⁴ .

By comparing the membership lists of 1869 and 1871, we identified the names of nine members who Dimitted from the commandery: A. F. Ashley, J. C. Berthoff, T. H. Bromback, H. G. Dearborn, J. A. Jones, R. C. Michaels, J. F. Steinberger, Jno. A. Ross, and J. T. Keenan.

We also identified the names of twelve Knights who were Created: Sylvester P. Bartlett, George V. Bristol, John W. Brown, Walter N. Colburn, Leonard Grieser, Henry Kase, Joseph S. McClelland, James F. McCormick, Thaddeus S. Owens, George V. Rutherford, Shubael O. Taylor, and William W. Templin.

In 1870, Asa Wellington Blakesley was elected to the officer position of Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁵.

In 1871, the commandery's membership reached 97 members. During the year, seven Knights were Created, one Admitted, and one Deceased⁶.

Joseph Robbins	Commander
Albert Demaree	Generalissimo

⁷ Proceedings of the Thirteenth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1870. P. 515.

¹ Proceedings of the Thirteenth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1870. P. 515.

² Proceedings of the Thirteenth annual conclave, of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, steam book and job printers, 1870. P. 515.

³ Fourteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, letter-press printers, 1870. P. 81.

⁴ Fourteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, letter-press printers, 1870. P. 101.

⁵ Fourteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, letter-press printers, 1870. P. 3.

⁶ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 19.

Granville Moody Evatt Captain General
 Walter Newton Colburn Prelate
 Benjamin Forteman Hoar Senior Warden
 Robert E. Goodrich Junior Warden
 Samuel Eastman Seger Treasurer
 Edward Starr Mulliner Recorder
 William Balkwill Larkworthy Standard Bearer
 Henry Nicholas Etienne Cottiers Sword Bearer
 John W. Banker Warder
 Asa Wellington Blakesley Captain of the Guards¹.

Past Commanders: Asa Wellington Blakesley, William Eckley Oven².

Members: Charles G. Atwood, William E. Avise, William M. Avise, Barton W. Alkire, John W. Banker, Sylvester P. Bartlett, Moses F. Bassett, Benjamin F. Berrian, Asa W. Blakesley (P. Com.), Caleb Bloom, Joseph W. Bradford, George V. Bristol, Henry S. Brown, John W. Brown, George W. Burns, Thomas Carter, Walter N. Colburn, Henry N. E. Cottiers, Albert Demaree, George A. Dills, Harrison Dills, Jephtha Dudley, John W. Evans, Granville M. Evatt, William Foley, Jordan L. Freeman, George A. Gale, Benjamin F. Garrett, Archibald A. Glenn, Robert E. Goodrich, Roswell D. Grant, Stephen R. Gray, Leonard Grieser, Daniel P. Harris, Jacob R. Harris, John R. Harris, Damion Hanser, Benjamin F. Hoar, James M. Hoffman, David T. Jameson, Thomas Jasper, Fred. T. Johnston, Joseph Karr, Henry Kase, Rodney Lambert, William B. Larkworthy, Charles N. Lee, Robert C. Lockwood, James Lowe, Melville D. Massie, Joseph S. McClelland, James F. McCormick, John McGinnis, Jr., Michael McVay, Charles W. Mead, Louis Miller, George Morris, Edward S. Mulliner, Milton W. Newton, Henry St. J. Noyes, William E. Oven (P. Com.), Thaddeus S. Owens, James H. Richardson, Joseph Robbins, John A. Roth, George V. Rutherford, Samuel E. Seger, Joseph Shepherd, Onias C. Skinner, Jacob M. Smith, Dricus Snitjer, John Steingale, Shubael O. Taylor, William W. Templin, Anton J. Thienemann, Wendelin Weber, Alexander E. Wheat, Lewis D. White, D. G. Wike, George Wike, Scott Wike, David G. Williams, Martin W. Willis, David H. Winton, Joshua S. Wood³.

Created: James B. Cahill, Philip W. Capron, Joseph LaF. Hatcher, Frederick W. Menke, George W. Moulton, Evelyn C. Selleck, Samuel Wood. Admitted: John Viberts⁴.

Dead: John Mellen⁵.

In 1871, Asa Wellington Blakesley was elected to the officer position of Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁶.

In 1872, the commandery's membership exceeded 100 members, reaching 101. During the year, six Knights were Created, one Admitted, two Dimitted, and one Deceased⁷.

Granville Moody Evatt Commander
 Albert Demaree Generalissimo
 Benjamin Fourman Hoar Captain General
 Walter Newton Colburn Prelate
 Robert E. Goodrich Senior Warden
 Evelyn Charles Selleck Junior Warden
 Samuel Eastman Seger Treasurer
 Edward Starr Mulliner Recorder
 Samuel Wood Standard Bearer
 Henry Etienne Nicholas Cottiers Sword Bearer
 John W. Banker Warder
 Asa Wellington Blakesley Captain of the Guards⁸.

¹ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 113.

² Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 113.

³ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 114.

⁴ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 114.

⁵ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 115.

⁶ Fifteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Horton and Leonard, printers, 1871. P. 5.

⁷ Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 19.

Past Commanders: E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley, E. Sir William E. Oven, E. Sir Joseph Robbins¹.

Created: William Somerville, Christian A. Brink, Willis M. Baxter, Thomas White, William Fletcher, John W. Heidemann, Truman L. Holmes. Admitted: John H. Thompson. Dimitted: Charles G. Atwood, Daniel P. Harris. Dead: John Steingale².

On 1 December 1872, the territory of the Grand Commandery of Illinois was divided into nine districts. The Sixth District, headed by Eminent Sir Asa W. Blakesley, included the following commanderies: Beauseant Commandery No. 11, Quincy; Almoner Commandery No. 32, Augusta; Galesburg Commandery No. 8, Galesburg; Hospitaler Commandery No. 31, Jacksonville; and Damascus Commandery No. 42, Havana ³.

In 1872, Asa Wellington Blakesley was elected to the officer position of Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁴.

In 1873, the commandery's membership reached 102 members. During the year, three Knights were Created, one Admitted, and two Dimitted⁵.

Albert Demaree	Commander
Benjamin Fourman Hoar	Generalissimo
Granville Moody Evatt	Captain General
William M. Avise	Prelate
Evelyn Charles Selleck	Senior Warden
George Velet Bristol	Junior Warden
Samuel Eastman Seger	Treasurer
Edward Starr Mulliner	Recorder
Jeptha Dudley	Standard Bearer
William Somerville	Sword Bearer
Joseph La Fon Hatcher	Warder
Asa Wellington Blakesley	Captain of the Guards ⁶ .

Past Commanders: E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley, E. Sir Joseph Robbins, E. Sir William E. Oven, E. Sir Granville M. Evatt⁷.

Created: Joseph W. Aldrich, Pliny B. Williams, Albert Beebe. Admitted: Ira A. Seaver. Dimitted: Christian A. Brink, George A. Dills. Dead: Wendelin Weber⁸.

In the 1873 materials, we found the Report of E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley from the Sixth District. In this report, dated 16 October 1873, it was noted, in particular:

«DANIEL DUSTIN,
Right Eminent Grand Commander:

In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Commandery I have visited all the Commanderies in the Sixth District during the year.

⁸ Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 90.

¹ Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 90.

² Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 90.

³ Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 141.

⁴ Sixteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1872. P. 7.

⁵ Seventeenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1873. P. 32.

⁶ Seventeenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1873. P. 111.

⁷ Seventeenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1873. P. 111.

⁸ Seventeenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1873. P. 111.

December 19, 1872, I constituted Damascus Commandery, No. 42, and installed the officers. This Commandery started under very favorable circumstances, and no doubt will render a good account of her actings and doings for the year past.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to say that all the other Commanderies in this district are well officered and well posted in the work and ritual.

My reception as Grand Officer, in all the Commanderies, has been such as all true Knights accord to the Representative of the Grand Commandery; and the reunions, on each occasion, have been distinguished by Knightly courtesy.

In concluding this report, I feel constrained to accord to Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, the honor of being the best posted in the opening ceremonies of any Commandery in the Sixth District.

In the conferring of the Orders, Beauseant, No. 11, ranks second to none, while all work creditably, and with a little effort will be able to come up to the highest standard of Templar work.

Courteously submitted.

ASA W. BLAKESLEY,
Grand Junior Warden»¹.

In the same year, Asa Wellington Blakesley was elected to the officer position of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Commandery of Illinois².

In 1874, the commandery's membership remained unchanged at 102 members. During the year, three Knights were Created, one Admitted, one Dimitted, and three Deceased³.

Albert Demaree Commander.

Edward S. Mulliner Recorder⁴.

Created: T.I. Holmes, James Loynd, Chas. M. McVay⁵.

Admitted: James A. Beard, Dimitted: Henry M. Van Frank⁶.

Dead: James B. Cahill (Jan. 11, 1874), A. J. Thienemann (Aug. 15, 1874), James F. McCormick (Sept. 24, 1874)⁷.

On 27 October 1874, Asa W. Blakesley was elected to the office of Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁸. During the year, he inspected all the commanderies of the Fifth District (the district numbering had been revised compared to previous years) and submitted a report, which we would like to present in full:

«REPORT OF E. SIR ASA W. BLAKESLEY.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

October 20, 1874.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander JAMES A. HAWLEY:

R. E. Sir, — In accordance with the requirements of the Grand Commandery I submit my official report as Grand Senior Warden in charge of the Fifth Templar District during the year.

¹ Seventeenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1873. P. 24-25.

² Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 129.

³ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 29.

⁴ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 107.

⁵ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 108.

⁶ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 110.

⁷ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 13.

⁸ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 7.

I have visited Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, Almoner Commandery, No. 32, and it affords me great pleasure to be able to report that all of said Commanderies are in a good healthy condition, although they have done but little work as compared with former years. So far as I was able to learn they are well posted in the ritualistic work of the Order, and also in the tactics and drill.

I have been unable to visit Damascus Commandery, No. 42; but from information received from L. M. Hillyer, E. C. of that Commandery, I am greatly gratified in being able to say that they are well posted in the ritual and drill, and are well and fully equipped with the standard uniform.

Herewith I submit a tabular statement showing the condition of each Commandery:

Name and number	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Average Attendance	Number Equipped	Proficiency in Drill	Proficiency in Ritual
Galesburg, No. 8	20	28	11	35	Fair.	Good.
Beauseant, No. 11*	78	21	16	47	Good.	Good.
Almoner, No. 32	70	9	14	32	Good.	Good.
Damascus, No. 42	29	-	15	24	Fair.	Good.

*Drill outside, not good. Of resident members only sixty reside in Adams County.

The ritual and tactics and drill used in these Commanderies are such as prescribed by this Grand Commandery.

In conclusion, it affords me Knightly pleasure to say, that as the representative of the Grand Commandery I was received with due and Knightly courtesy by all the Commanderies I visited.

Courteously submitted.

ASA W. BLAKESLEY,
Grand Senior Warden»¹.

In 1875, the commandery's membership increased to 108 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, four Admitted, and two Dimitted².

William M. Avise Commander
Albert Demaree Generalissimo
A.A. Glenn Captain General³
George A. Dills Recorder⁴.

Created: John F. Eaton, John F. Haxell, Edward A. Rogers, Frederick W. Tansman⁵. Admitted: John Q. Adams, Geo. A. Dills, Freeman D. Rickerson, Geo. W. Wood⁶. Dimitted: Henry N.E. Cotlins, John McGinnis, Jr., Eliakim C. Deacon⁷.

¹ Eighteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1874. P. 20-21.

² Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 22.

³ Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 19.

⁴ Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 47.

⁵ Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 48.

⁶ Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 50.

⁷ Nineteenth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1875. P. 51.

In 1875, Asa W. Blakesley did not hold any officer positions in the Grand Commandery.

In 1876, the commandery's membership increased to 113 members. During the year, thirteen Knights were Created, two Admitted, five Dimitted, and five Deceased¹.

William M. Avise	Commander
Benjamin Franklin Hoar	Generalissimo
Granville M. Evatt	Captain General
Rev. Freeman D. Rickerson	Prelate
Evelyn C. Selleck	Senior Warden
Edward S. Mulliner	Junior Warden
Samuel E. Seger	Treasurer
George Worthington Wood	Recorder
Jacob M. Smith	Standard Bearer
Willis M. Baxter	Sword Bearer
Joshua S. Wood	Warder
Asa W. Blakesley	Captain of the Guards ² .

Past Commanders: E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley, E. Sir Granville M. Evatt, E. Sir William M. Avise, E. Sir William E. Oven, E. Sir Joseph Robbins, E. Sir Albert Demaree, E. Sir William M. Avise³.

Members: John Quincy Adams, Joseph Wilkinson Aldrich, Barton W. Alkire, George Green Avise, William M. Avise, Charles Henry Bagby, Sylvester P. Bartlett, Willis Milo Baxter, John W. Banker, Moses F. Bassett, Albert Beebe, James A. Bean, Benjamin F. Berrian, Asa W. Blakesley, Caleb Bloom, John W. Bradford, Henry S. Brown, John Washington Brown, George Velet Bristol, Thomas Harry Bryant, George W. Burns, William E. Avise, Philip Walcott Capron, Thomas Carter, Chauncey Harlow Castle, Walter N. Colburn, Albert Demaree, George A. Dills, Harrison Dills, Jephtha Dudley, John Francis Eaton, John Wesley Evans, Granville M. Evatt, William Evers, William Foley, William Fletcher, Jordan L. Freeman, George A. Gale, Benjamin F. Garrett, R. E. Goodrich, Roswell D. Grant, Stephen Rix Gray, Leonard Grieser, Charles Sherman Groff, Daniel Harris, Jacob R. Harris, Joseph L. F. Hatcher, Damion Hauser, John F. Haxel, John W. Heideman, Benjamin F. Hoar, James M. Hoffman, Truman L. Holmes, David T. Jameson, Thomas Jasper, Frederick G. Johnston, Joseph Karr, Henry Kase, William Henry Konantz, Rodney Lambert, Charles N. Lee, W. B. Larkworthy, Robert Cook Lockwood, James Lowe, James Loynd, Edward Everett Manson, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, M. D. Massie, Michael McVay, Charles M. McVay, Joseph S. McClelland, John S. McKean, Charles W. Mead, Fredrick William Menke, Louis Miller, George Morris, Edward S. Mulliner, Richard Foote Newcomb, Milton W. Newton, H. St. John Noyes, William E. Oven, Thaddeus S. Owens, James H. Richardson, Freeman D. Rickerson, Joseph Robbins, Edward A. Rogers, Samuel E. Seger, Ira A. Seaver, Evelyn C. Selleck, David Sheer, Onias C. Skinner, Dricus Snitzger, Jacob M. Smith, William Somerville, William A. Summers, Frederick W. Tansman, William W. Templin, John H. Thompson Horace A. Towne, John Viberts, James W. Wallace, David J. Wike, George Wike, Scott Wike, Alexander E. Wheat, L. D. White, Thomas White, David G. Williams, Pliny B. Williams, David H. Winton, Joshua S. Wood, Samuel Wood, George W. Wood⁴.

Created: George Green Avise, Charles Henry Bagby, Thomas Harry Bryant, Chauncey Harlow Castle, William Evers, Charles Sherman Groff, Daniel Harris, William Henry Konantz, Edward Everett Manson, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, Richard Foote Newcomb, David Sheer, William Alexander Summers⁵.

Admitted: John S. McKean, John W. Wallace. Dimitted: Archibald A. Glenn, George W. Moulton, Frederick J. Ulric, Willis R. Van Frank, Martin M. Willis. Dead: John A. Roth, George V. Rutherford, Joseph Shepherd, Shubael O. Taylor, John R. Harris⁶.

¹ Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 27.

² Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 58.

³ Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 58.

⁴ Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 59.

⁵ Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 59.

⁶ Twentieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Knight and Leonard, printers, 1876. P. 59.

On 6 November 1876, Sir Charles M. Morse, Grand Captain General, conducted an inspection of Beauseant Commandery No. 11. In his report regarding Beauseant Commandery No. 11, Charles M. Morse noted: «...Beauseant, No. 11. — Of this Commandery I can repeat from last year's report, "One of the best Commanderies in the State, has had a prosperous year," and "the officers well posted in their duties."»

Since my visit the Commander has been much absent from the State, but with so many illustrious Past Commanders, Beauseant will continue "a shining light."»¹.

In 1877, the commandery's membership decreased to 108 members. During the year, one Knight was Created, one Dimitted, one Suspended, one Expelled, and three Deceased².

F.D. Rickerson Commander

Geo. W. Wood Recorder³.

Created: John D. Patton⁴. Dimitted: Henry Kase⁵. Suspended: John Viberts⁶. Degraded: (он же Expelled) Jephthah Dudley⁷. Dead: Thomas Carter (June 25, 1877), Robert E. Goodrich (July 15, 1877), Onias C. Skinner (Feb. 4, 1877)⁸.

The commandery also took an active part in the legislative activities of the relevant committees of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. Thus, on 10 December 1877, a letter was sent from George W. Wood, Recorder, to Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder, with the following content:

«ASYLUM OF BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY, No. 11, K. T.,
Quincy, Ill., December 10, 1877.

Sir Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of K. T. Ill., Chicago:

DEAR SIR AND SIR KNIGHT: At a Stated Conclave of Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, K. T., Nov. 30th last, the following resolution was offered and declared adopted by a majority of the Sir Knights present voting in the affirmative:

"That our Recorder be directed to communicate with the Grand Recorder, that while Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, K. T., recognizes the wisdom of the committee appointed by the Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave in 1876, and who reported at the Annual Conclave in 1877 a code of By-Laws for the government of all Subordinate Commanderies in the State of Illinois, and while Beauseant Commandery holds itself loyal to all laws and edicts of the Grand Commandery consistent with the ancient statutes and regulations of our Order, it must, consistent with its own dignity, decline to accept the code as presented as the code of By-Laws governing our Commandery, considering the same in principle a usurpation of the rights of Subordinate Commanderies which is guaranteed by their charter and the customs of the order.

Attest:
[SEAL.]

GEORGE W. WOOD, Recorder»⁹.

On 21 January 1878, the commandery, under the signature of George W. Wood, Recorder, sent invitations to its members for the Regular Conclave scheduled for 25 January. The invitations were printed on a folded card, one copy of which is currently preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University. The

¹ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 93-94.

² Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 36.

³ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 67.

⁴ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 70.

⁵ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 77.

⁶ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 79.

⁷ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 81.

⁸ Twenty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1877. P. 84.

⁹ Twenty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1878. P. 22-23.

exterior of the card displayed the coat of arms of the Knights Templar and the cross of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 (Fig. 2). The interior included the list of officers for 1877–1878 and the text of the invitation itself, along with the agenda (Fig. 3).

The agenda of the Conclave included the following items:

Installation of Officers Elect

Conferring the Order of R.C.

New By-Laws, etc.

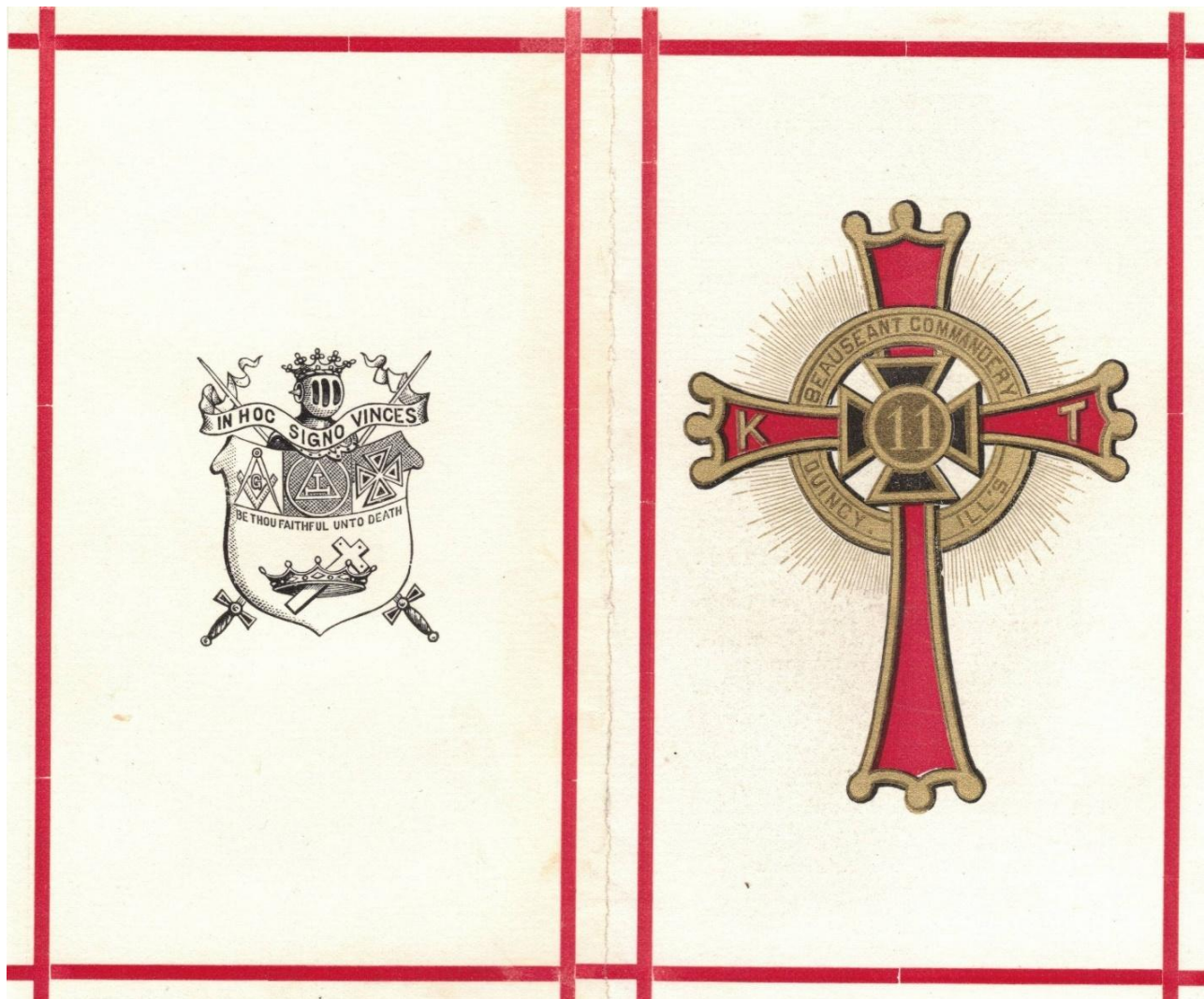


Fig. 2. Exterior side of the invitation¹

¹ Archive CGU. Collection 3. Inventory 1. Case 20. Sheet 1.

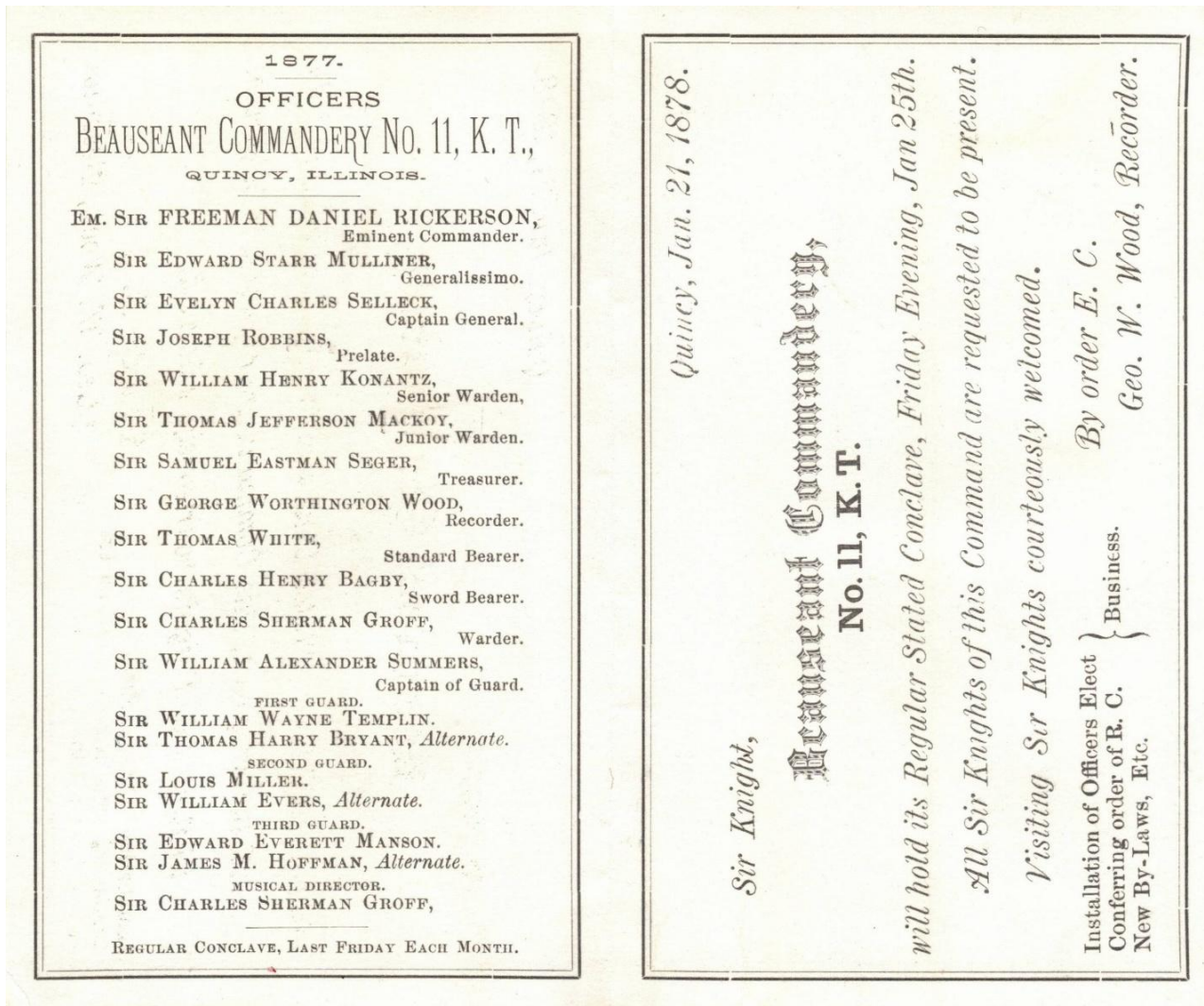


Fig. 3. Interior side of the invitation¹

In 1878, the commandery's membership decreased to 102 members. During the year, one Knight was Created, six Dimitted, and one Deceased².

Edward S. Mulliner Commander

Albert Demaree Recorder³.

Created: Gustav A. Rothgeb. Dimitted: James Lowe, George Wyke, Philip W. Capron, Scott Wike, Stephen R. Gray, Freeman D. Rickerson. Dead: Ira A. Seaver⁴.

In 1879, the commandery's membership continued to decline, reaching 97 members. During the year, five Knights were Created, six Dimitted, one Suspended, and two Deceased⁵.

Edward S. Mulliner Commander

William E. Avise Recorder⁶.

Created: Henry W. Mead, Charles W. Parker, Thomas Austin, Isaac N. Farrar, James N. Wellman. Dimitted: Barton W. Alkin, John W. Evans, Joseph S. McClelland, Charles S. Groff, Truman L. Holmes,

¹ Archive CGU. Collection 3. Inventory 1. Case 20. Sheet 2.

² Twenty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1878. P. 65.

³ Twenty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1878. P. 83.

⁴ Twenty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1878. P. 87.

⁵ Twenty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1879. P. 59.

⁶ Twenty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1879. P. 77.

George W. Wood. Suspended: Caleb Bloom. Dead: George Morris (Feb. 6, 1879), Milton W. Newton (Feb. 21, 1879)¹.

On 10 November 1879, Sir Charles M. Morse, Grand Commander, issued General Order No. 1 regarding the creation of new districts. In this General Order No. 1, it was noted, in particular:

«GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
OFFICE OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,
JACKSONVILLE, November 10, 1879.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

To the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois:

In accordance with the regulations of the Grand Commandery, this jurisdiction has been divided into eight districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

V. E. SIR JOHN C. SMITH, Deputy Grand Commander, in charge, (address Springfield.)

Elwood Commandery, No. 6, stationed at Springfield
Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, stationed at Quincy
St. Omer Commandery, No. 30, stationed at Litchfield
Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, stationed at Jacksonville
Almoner Commandery, No. 32, stationed at Augusta
Athelston Commandery, No. 45, stationed at Danville
St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 47, stationed at Petersburg
Delta Commandery, No. 48, stationed at Clayton
Ascalon Commandery, No. 49, stationed at Pittsfield.

...

The Commanderies will be under the immediate supervision of the District Inspectors, as designated, and it is ordered that official inspection be made at least once during the Templar year.

The Grand Officers are also hereby ordered to make report of their doings, with such recommendations as they may deem advisable and necessary, on or before the first day of October next.

CHARLES M. MORSE, Grand Commander.
Attest: GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder»².

In 1880, the commandery's membership continued to decline, reaching 91 members. For the first time, no new members were received during the year; four Dimitted and two Deceased³.

Edward Starr Mulliner Commander
Thomas White Generalissimo
Albert Demaree Captain General
William Alexander Summers Prelate
Thomas Henry Bryant Senior Warden
Gustav Adolph Rothgeb Junior Warden
Samuel Eastman Seger Treasurer
William England Avise Recorder
Henry Warren Mead Standard Bearer
James N. Wellman Sword Bearer
Thomas Austin Warder.
John W. Banker Captain of the Guards⁴.

¹ Twenty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1879. P. 81.

² Twenty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1879. P. 109-110.

³ Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 63.

⁴ Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 94.

Past Commanders: E. Sir Wm. E. Oven, E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley, E. Sir Joseph Robbins, E. Sir Granville M. Evatt, E. Sir Albert Demaree, E. Sir Freeman D. Rickerson, E. Sir Wm. M. Avise, E. Sir Edward S. Mulliner¹.

Members: Wm. E. Avise, Wm. M. Avise, George G. Avise, Joseph W. Aldrich, John Q. Adams, Thomas Austin, Asa W. Blakesley, Jos. W. Bradford, John W. Banker, Moses F. Bassett, Benj. F. Berrian, Henry S. Brown, Geo. W. Burns, S. P. Bartlett, John W. Brown, Geo. V. Bristol, W. M. Baxter, Jos. A. Beard, Thos. H. Bryant, Chas. H. Bagby, Walter N. Colburn, C. H. Castle, Geo. A. Dills, Albert Demaree, Granville M. Evatt, John F. Eaton, William Evers, Jordan L. Freeman, William Fletcher, Isaac N. Farrar, R. D. Grant, Benj. F. Garrett, L. J. Grieser, Damon Hauser, Jacob R. Harris, Jas. M. Hoffman, Benjamin F. Hoar, Joseph L. Hatcher, John W. Heideman, John F. Hoxel, Daniel Harris, David T. Jameson, Thomas Jasper, Jos. Karr, Wm. H. Konantz, Chas. N. Lee, Rodney Lambert, Wm. B. Lackworthy, Robt. C. Lockwood, James Loynd, Chas. W. Mead, Michael McVay, M. D. Massie, Louis Miller, Edward S. Mulliner, F. W. Menke, Chas. McVay, Jno. S. McKean, Ed. E. Mansen, Thos. J. Mackey, Henry W. Mead, R. F. Newcomb, Wm. E. Oven, Thaddeus S. Owens, John D. Patton, Chas. W. Parker, Joseph Robbins, Jos. H. Richardson, Edward A. Rogers, G. A. Rothgeb, Jacob M. Smith, S. E. Seger, Wm. Sommerville, D. Snitger, David Sheer, Wm. A. Summers, H. A. Towne, W. W. Templin, John H. Thompson, F. W. Tansman, David H. Winton, Joshua S. Wood, L. D. White, A. E. Wheat, D. G. Williams, Samuel Wood, Thomas White, P. B. Williams, John W. Wallace, Jas. N. Wellman, H. St. John Noyes².

Dimitted: T.I. Holmes, Josiah Hunt, Evelyn C. Selleck, David J. Wike.

Dead: Albert Beebe (Oct. 5, 1879), F.G. Johnston (Aug. 11, 1880)³.

On 18 May 1880, another member of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 assumed an officer position in the Grand Commandery—Rev. Freeman D. Rickerson, who took office as Grand Prelate. This appointment occurred under the following circumstances: «...To Reverend and Eminent Sir Freeman D. Rickerson, Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, K. T., and now of Springfield, Ill.:

WHEREAS, Rev. Clinton Locke has been appointed V. E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, He has tendered his resignation as Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, to which office he was elected and installed on the 28th day of October last; now therefore, by the power in me vested, and confiding in your piety, discretion and zeal, I do hereby appoint you Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.

Given under my hand and seal, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1880, A. O. 762.

CHARLES M. MORSE, Grand Commander»⁴.

In 1881, the commandery's membership continued to decline, reaching 84 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, one Admitted, five Dimitted, three Suspended, one Expelled, and one Deceased⁵.

Thomas White Commander

William Evers Recorder⁶.

Created: Alcinous Y. McCormick, Geo. F. Jasper. Admitted: Evelyn C. Zelleck. Dimitted: J.W. Bradford, Geo. V. Bristol, James D. Loynd, Charles McVay, Jno. S. McKean. Suspended: Sylvr. R. Bartlett, George A. Dills, Jno. S. Noyes. Expelled: Benj. T. Garrett. Dead: Thomas Jasper (Dec. 27, 1880)⁷.

¹ Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 94.

² Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 94.

³ Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 139.

⁴ Twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Hazlitt and Reed, printers, 1880. P. 11.

⁵ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 51.

⁶ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 68.

⁷ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 70, 80.

In 1881, Rev. Sir Freeman D. Rickerson was elected Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Illinois¹.

The downward trend in the commandery's membership was associated with internal disagreements within the commandery. This was noted in his report by Edward S. Mulliner, Grand Warder, who was a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 11:

«EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Right Eminent Sir John C. Smith, Grand Commander of Knights Templar, State of Illinois.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR: — In conformity with regulations of the Grand Commandery and your General Order No. 1, I have the honor to submit my report as inspector of the Eighth Templar District, comprising Galesburg, Beauseant, Almoner, Delta and Ascalon Commanderies.

...
Beauseant, No. 11.

On the 30th day of September, by special invitation, I visited, officially, my home Commandery. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, but few Sir Knights were assembled. The Commandery was opened in form by Eminent Sir Thomas White, Eminent Commander, who has labored assiduously since his incumbancy to perfect his officers in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Asylum.

Beauseant Commandery is deficient in drill, and in the regular attendance of its officers and members; but its indefatigable Commander rigidly enforces the formal opening of his Commandery at all its conclaves, and in this respect Beauseant bears the palm in the Eighth District.

The books and records are neatly and correctly written up, and indeed Sir Knight Evers as a Recorder is a model of neatness and accuracy.

This Commandery has had no work since last winter, but now occupying her new and beautiful Asylum, is prepared to confer the Orders in a very imposing manner. It is to be regretted that some differences have arisen within the Asylum during the year, but it is earnestly hoped that time, and the exercise of a knightly tolerance of adverse opinions, will eventually bring the Commandery together upon that harmonious plane where there shall only exist a noble contention as to who shall best work and best agree.

...
Courteously submitted,
EDWARD S. MULLINER,
Grand Warder, in charge of Eighth District².

In his report, Edward S. Mulliner included a table presenting information on Beauseant Commandery No. 11 (Table 2).

Table 2. Information on Beauseant Commandery No. 11³.

Name of Commandery	Number	Present Membership	Average Attendance	Number of Uniform	Assets of Commandery
Beauseant	11	88	17	75	\$1,000

The report also included information on the potential membership of Charter No. 5 (Quincy) and Charter No. 157 (Mendon), which were located within the area of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and could serve as a source for recruiting new members into the commandery. According to the report, Charter No. 5 had 120

¹ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 6.

² Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 118-122.

³ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 123.

members, and Charter No. 157 had 24 members. In total, the Beauseant Commandery No. 11 area encompassed 144 charter members¹. If the total number of charter members is divided by the total membership of the commandery, the resulting value is 1.6, meaning that for each Knight, there were approximately 1.6 charter members. This ratio was the lowest compared to the other four commanderies inspected by the Grand Warder. For example, in the area of Ascalon Commandery No. 49, this ratio was 5.9; in Almoner Commandery No. 32, it was 4.7; and in Galesburg Commandery No. 8, it was 3.4².

This circumstance helps explain the trend of declining membership in the commandery in recent years: the source for replenishing the commandery was relatively weak, and no additional members could be drawn from outside.

In 1881, Edward S. Mulliner held the officer position of Grand Warder.

In 1882, the commandery's membership continued to decline, reaching 83 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, two Dimitted, two Suspended, and one Deceased³.

Thomas White Commander

Thomas Austin Generalissimo

Joseph Robbins Captain General⁴

Charles H. Bagby Recorder⁵.

Created: John Whitebread, James D. Epperson, William Ferdinand Allen, John Armstrong Riley.

Dimitted: Jacob M. Smith, William M. Baxter. Suspended: Roswell Grant, Daniel Harris. Dead: Samuel E. Seeger (Mar. 21, 1882)⁶.

In 1882, Rev. Sir Freeman D. Rickerson continued to hold the officer position of Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁷.

In the same year, Edward S. Mulliner held the officer position of Grand Standard Bearer⁸.

On 20 October 1882, Grand Sword Bearer Edward S. Mulliner visited Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and, in his report, provided the following description: «My home Commandery — Beauseant, No. 11 — with which I meet at nearly all her conclaves, is prosperous, harmonious and conservative, doing as much work as is consistent with a conscientious control of the ballot, which is habitually cast with scrupulous care. Her Eminent Commander, with that indomitable energy and will peculiar to Scotia's sons, presides over and directs her destinies with untiring zeal and faithful devotion.

This Commandery has considerable work now at hand, and her officers are well qualified for conferring the Orders. In the matter of drill and equipments she is hardly up to the standard, as is the case with many, if not most, of the older Commanderies. Financial condition healthy»⁹.

In 1882, at the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, objections submitted by members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 were considered, and amendments to certain legal articles in the By-Laws were adopted¹⁰.

In the same year, El Aksa Commandery No. 55 was chartered in Quincy¹¹.

The establishment of this commandery soon had a negative impact on the membership of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.

¹ Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 123.

² Twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1881. P. 123.

³ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 69.

⁴ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 63.

⁵ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 95.

⁶ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 100, 115.

⁷ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 8.

⁸ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 181.

⁹ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 181.

¹⁰ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 73.

¹¹ Twenty sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1882. P. 96.

In 1883, the commandery's membership sharply declined to 72 members. During the year, eleven Knights were Created, fifteen Dimitted, two Suspended, and five Deceased¹.

Gustave Adolph Rothgeb Commander
 Isaac Newton Farrar Generalissimo
 Granville Moody Evatt Captain General
 William Alexander Summers Prelate
 James Nichols Wellman Senior Warden
 John Armstrong Riley Junior Warden
 George Frazier Jasper Treasurer
 William Frederick Allen Recorder
 John Whitbread Standard Bearer
 Henry Warren Mead Sword Bearer
 James Dallas Epperson Warder
 Michael McVay Captain of the Guards².

Past Commanders: E. Sir Wm. E. Oven, E. Sir Asa W. Blakesley, E. Sir Joseph Robbins, E. Sir Albert Demaree, E. Sir Granville M. Evatt, E. Sir Wm. M. Avise, E. Sir Edwin S. Mulliner, E. Sir Thomas White³.

Members: William M. Avise, William England Avise, Joseph Wilkinson Aldrich, George Green Avise, William Frederick Allen, Asa Wellington Blakesley, John W. Banker, Moses Fitch Bassett, Benjamin Franklin Berrian, George Whitfield Burns, John Washington Brown, Noah Boyer, Dudley Benton Cook, Stephen Arnold Douglass Campbell, Albert Demaree, Granville Moody Evatt, John Francis Eaton, James Dallas Epperson, Isaac Newton Farrar, Leonard J. Grieser, James Oliver Gooch, William Henry Govert, Damon Hauser, Jacob R. Harris, James Monroe Hoffman, Benjamin Foarnan Hoar, John William Heideman, John Frederick Haxell, David T. Jamison, George Frazier Jasper, Joseph Karr, Charles Nathaniel Lee, Rodney Lambert, William Blackwell Larkworthy, Charles W. Mead, Michael McVay, Melville Daniel Massie, Edward Starr Mulliner, Louis Miller, Frederick William Menke, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, Henry Warren Mead, Lorenzo Dean Newland, William Eckley Oven, Thaddeus Sobiesky Owens, John Dunlap Patton, Joseph Robbins, James Harvey Richardson, Gustave Adolph Rothgeb, John Armstrong Riley, Frederick Wilhelm Johannes Rittler, Dricus Snitzer, William Sommerville, David Sheer, William Alexander Summers, William Henry Shinn, Richard Thompson Sheckells, Horace A. Towne, William Wayne Templin, John Henry Thompson, Frederick William Tansman, David Harlow Winton, Joshua Streeter Wood, Lewis Dawson White, Alexander Edwin Wheat, David Gaskill Williams, Samuel Wood, Thomas White, James Nichols Wellman, John Whitbread, Eli Henry Wilkins, William Jay Smith⁴.

Created: James Oliver Gooch, Frederick Wilhelm Johannes Rittler, Noah Boyer, Dudley Benton Cook, Eli Henry Wilkins, William Henry Govert, William Henry Shinn, Richard Thompson Sheckells, Lorenzo Dean Newland, Stephen Arnold Douglas Campbell, William Jay Smith⁵.

Dimitted: John Quincy Adams, Thomas Austin, Chauncy H. Castle, William Evers, William H. Konantz, Ed. E. Manson, Richard F. Newcomb, Charles W. Parker, Ed. A. Rogers, Evelyn C. Selleck, Pliny Bliss Williams, William Fletcher, Alesinsins Y. McCormick, Charles H. Bagby, Robert C. Lockwood⁶.

Suspended: Thomas H. Bryant, Joseph L. Hatcher. Dead: Henry Shafer Brown (Dec. 24, 1882), Walter N. Colburn (Feb. 16, 1883), John W. Wallace (Aug. 15, 1883), Jordan L. Freeman (June 7, 1882), James Ayers Beard (1881)⁷.

In 1883, Edward Starr Mulliner was elected to the officer position of Grand Junior Warden⁸.

¹ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 36.

² Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 89.

³ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 89.

⁴ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 90.

⁵ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 90.

⁶ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 90.

⁷ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 90, 171.

⁸ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 3.

At the 1883 Conclave, amendments to the charter proposed by Beauseant Commandery No. 11 were discussed:

«BY-LAWS.

The committee have had the By-Laws of Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, under consideration, and would report that while we are not prepared to say that there is anything utterly inconsistent to the statutes and regulations of this Grand Commandery or the constitution and edicts of the Grand Encampment, still we believe that the By-Laws as laid down by the Standard By-Laws in Sec. 1, Art. 8, page 151, proceedings of 1882, on Discipline, is far better than the substitute proposed as Article 8, and therefore cannot recommend its adoption.

The balance of the By-Laws are in accordance with the statutes, and we recommend that they be approved.

All of which is courteously submitted,

HENRY C. RANNEY,
WILEY M. EGAN,
JOHN M. PEARSON,
JOHN F. NASH.
Committee.

On vote, all of the report, except that portion relating to the By-Laws of Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, was adopted.

E. Sir Joseph Robbins offered the following as a substitute for the report of the committee on the subject of the By-Laws of No. 11, which was adopted»¹.

In 1884, the commandery's membership increased to 73 members. The report noted that the previous year the commandery had 71 members, while the report for the year before that recorded 72 members. During the year, seven Knights were Created and five Dimitted².

I.N. Farrar Commander
Wm. F. Allen Recorder³.

Created: James Franklin Darling, George Reinbeck Pfeiffer, George Franklin Barr, Oliver Eugene Rickerson, John Rentz, Josiah Tufts Bradford, Joseph Carl Adamy⁴.

Dimitted: George Whitfield Burns, Horace A. Towne, Joseph Wilkerson Aldrich, James Nichols Wellman, Joseph Karr⁵.

In 1884, Edward Starr Mulliner was elected to the officer position of Grand Captain General⁶.

In 1885, the commandery's membership declined again, reaching 67 members. During the year, five Knights were Created, one Reinstated, six Dimitted, four Suspended, and two Deceased⁷.

John A. Riley Commander
Wm. F. Allen Recorder⁸.

Created: William Frederick Badee, Robert Bowman White, George Fuller, David Oliphant, Albert George Smyth.

¹ Twenty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1883. P. 56.

² Twenty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1884. P. 39.

³ Twenty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1884. P. 75.

⁴ Twenty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1884. P. 80.

⁵ Twenty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1884. P. 80.

⁶ Twenty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., printers, 1884. P. 3.

⁷ Twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1885. P. 36.

⁸ Twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1885. P. 72.

Dimitted: Damon Hauser, John Frederick Haxell, John Francis Eaton, William M. Avise, Daniel Harlow Winton, George Frazier Jasper¹.

Suspended: Jacob R. Harris, David T. Jamison, David G. Williams, William England Avise. Dead: Benjamin Forman Hoar (Oct. 27, 1884), Alexander Edwin Wheat (Sept. 1, 1885)².

In 1885, Edward Starr Mulliner was elected to the officer position of Grand Generalissimo³.

In 1886, the commandery's membership continued to decline, reaching 62 members. During the year, one Knight was Created, five Dimitted, and one Deceased⁴.

John Armstrong Riley	Eminent Commander
John Whitbread	Generalissimo
Granville Moody Evatt	Captain General
William Alexander Summers	Prelate
Thomas Jefferson Mackoy	Senior Warden
Oliver Eugene Rickerson	Junior Warden
Thomas White	Treasurer
William Frederick Allen	Recorder
Eli Henry Wilkins	Standard Bearer
William Frederick Bader	Sword Bearer
Robert Bowman White	Warder
Michael McVay	Captain of the Guards ⁵ .

Past Commanders: William Eckley Oven, Asa Wellington Blakesley, Joseph Robbins, Albert Demaree, Granville Moody Evatt, Edward Starr Mulliner, Thomas White, Gustave Adolph Rothgeb, Isaac Newton Farrar, John Armstrong Riley⁶.

Members: George Green Avise, William Frederick Allen, Joseph Carl Adamy, Asa Wellington Blakesley, John W. Banker, Benjamin Franklin Berrian, John Washington Brown, Noah Boyer, Josiah Tufts Bradford, William Frederick Bader, Dudley Benton Cook, Stephen Arnold Douglass Campbell, Michael Cames, Albert Demaree, James Franklin Darling, George O'Bryant DeBar, Granville Moody Evatt, Isaac Newton Farrar, George Fuller, James Oliver Gooch, William Henry Govert, James Monroe Hoffman, John William Heideman, Charles Nathaniel Lee, William Balkwell Larkworthy, Charles W. Mead, Michael McVay, Melville Daniel Massie, Edward Starr Mulliner, Louis Miller, Frederick William Menke, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, Henry Warren Mead, Lorenzo Deane Newland, William Eckley Oven, Thaddeus Sobisky Owens, David Oliphant, John Dunlap Patten, George Reinbeck Pfeiffer, Joseph Robbins, James Harvey Richardson, Gustave Adolph Rothgeb, John Armstrong Riley, Frederick Wilhelm Johannes Rittler, Oliver Eugene Rickerson, John Rentz, Dricus Snitzer, William Jay Smith, William Henry Shinn, Richard Thompson Sheckells, Albert George Smyth, William Wayne Templin, Frederick William Tansman, Joshua Streeter Wood, Lewis Dawson White, Thomas White, John Whitbread, Eli Henry Wilkins, Robert Bowman White⁷.

Created: Michael Carnes⁸.

Dimitted: Samuel Wood, Leonard Grieser, Moses Fitch Bassett, John Henry Thompson, James Dallas Epperson.

Dead: Rodney Lambert⁹.

¹ Twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1885. P. 76.

² Twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1885. P. 77, 92.

³ Twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1885. P. 3.

⁴ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 26.

⁵ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 77.

⁶ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 77.

⁷ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 77.

⁸ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 77.

⁹ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 77.

In 1886, Edward Starr Mulliner was elected to the second-highest officer position in the Grand Commandery of Illinois—Deputy Grand Commander¹.

On 9 April 1886, the commandery was visited for inspection by Sir Joseph E. Dyas, Grand Warder, who noted in his report: «On the 9th of April I had the pleasure of visiting Beauseant Commandery No. 11, at Quincy. The Commandery was opened for inspection, review, and rehearsal, and closed in form. I examined the records of the Commandery, and found them properly kept in every particular»².

In 1887, the commandery's membership increased to 63 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, one Reinstated, and two Dimitted³. However, the personal membership lists indicate that four Knights were Created⁴.

Wm. A. Summers Commander
Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁵.

Created: Charles McClellan Ertel, Frank Rothgeb, William August Hazenbruck, Albert George Victor Hasler. Reinstated: David T. Jamison⁶.

Dimitted: Stephen Arnold Douglas Campbell, James Franklin Darling⁷.

In 1887, Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, Edward Starr Mulliner, was elected to the highest officer position, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois⁸.

In 1888, the commandery's membership declined to 59 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, one Reinstated, seven Dimitted, and one Deceased⁹.

John Whitbread Commander
Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder¹⁰.

Created: Ertel Charles McLellan, Richard Henry Kuhn, Frank Rothgeb, Charles Wiggins. Reinstated: William E. Avise¹¹.

Dimitted: William F. Allen, James O. Gooch, William H. Govert, Louis Miller, Thaddeus S. Owen, John A. Riley, Richard T. Shickells¹².

Dead: Noah Boyer (Jan. 1, 1888)¹³.

In 1888, at the annual Conclave, the report of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, Edward Starr Mulliner, was read, which, in the section on "Visitations," also mentioned Beauseant Commandery No. 11: «I have been, during the year, an almost regular attendant upon the conclaves of my own Commandery, Beauseant, No. 11, and feel a pardonable pride in saying that her officers are unostentatious, conscientious and faithful workers for the interests of the Order and their Commandery; and

¹ Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 3.

² Thirtieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington: Pantagraph Stationery Company, Printers, 1886. P. 155.

³ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 35.

⁴ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 73.

⁵ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 68.

⁶ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 73.

⁷ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 73.

⁸ Thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1887. P. 3.

⁹ Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 41.

¹⁰ Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 106.

¹¹ Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 110.

¹² Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 110.

¹³ Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 110, 125.

that in accurate rendering of the text of the established Ritual, in conferring the Orders of Knighthood, her devoted Commander yields to none»¹.

In 1889, Beauseant Commandery No. 11 was absent from the general table of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. On this issue, the relevant committee presented a report at the Conclave: «R. E. Sir Charles M. Morse, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Commandery of Illinois:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations herewith respectfully submit a tabulated statement of the returns received from 55 Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction, showing gains and losses in membership during the Templar year.

We failed to receive returns from Beauseant No. 11, Mt. Olivet No. 38 and Damascus No. 42, in time to include them in this statement, but in giving the total membership we have added their membership as returned since. But few errors appeared in the reports—such as could be easily corrected, and they were reported to the different Recorders, and in most cases corrections were promptly reported.

C. M. MORSE,
E. N. EDWARDS,
GEO. W. SHAW,
Committee»².

Nevertheless, it is known that the commandery's membership continued to decline in 1889, reaching 52 members. During the year, one was Reinstated, four Dimitted, three Suspended, and one Deceased.

John Whitbread	Eminent Commander
Henry W. Mead	Generalissimo
Robert B. White	Captain General
William A. Summers	Prelate
Frank Rothgeb	Senior Warden
Charles Wiggin	Junior Warden
Thomas White	Treasurer
Thomas J. Mackoy	Recorder
Michael Carnes	Standard Bearer
Eli H. Wilkins	Sword Bearer
Edward S. Mulliner	Warder
Asa W. Blakesley	Captain of the Guards ³ .

Past Commanders: Asa W. Blakesley, Albert Demaree, Granville M. Evatt, Edward S. Mulliner, William E. Oven, Joseph Robbins, Gustav A. Rothgeb, William A. Summers, John Whitbread, Thomas White⁴.

Members: Joseph C. Adamy, William F. Bader, William E. Avise, Asa W. Blakesly, Josiah T. Bradford, John W. Brown, Michael Carnes, Dudley B. Cooke, George O. De Barr, Albert Demaree, Charles M. Ertel, Granville M. Evatt, George Fuller, William A. Hagenbrud, Alfred G. V. Harlow, John W. Heideman, David T. Jameson, Richard H. Kuhn, William B. Larkworthy, Charles H. Lee, Thomas J. Mackoy, Melville D. Massie, Michael McVay, Charles W. Mead, Henry W. Mead, Frederick W. Menke, Edward S. Mulliner, Lorenzo D. Newland, David Oliphant, William E. Oven, George R. Pfeiffer, John Rentz, James H. Richardson, Oliver E. Rickerson, Frederick W. J. Rittler, Joseph Robbins, Gustav A. Rothgeb, Frank Rothgeb, David Sheer, William H. Shinn, William J. Smith, Albert G. Smyth, Dricus Snitjer, William Somerville, William A. Summers, Fred W. Tansman, William W. Templin, John Whitbread, Robert B. White, Thomas White, Charles Wiggin, Eli H. Wilkins⁵.

¹ Thirty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: Geo. K. Hazlitt and Co., Printers, 1888. P. 26.

² Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 62.

³ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 95.

⁴ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 95.

⁵ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 96.

Reinstated: George G. Avise.

Dimitted: George G. Avise, John W. Banker, James M. Hoffman, Joshua S. Wood. Suspended: George G. Avise, Benjamin F. Berrian, John B. Patten¹.

Dead: Isaac N. Farrar (Aug. 7, 1889)².

Isaac N. Farrar was a Past Commander, and in his memory, an obituary was published in the proceedings of the subsequent Conclave: «EM. SIR ISAAC N. FARRAR,

Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, died at his home in Quincy, August 7, 1880, at the age of 53 years, after a protracted illness.

E. Sir Farrar was made a Master Mason in Luce Lodge No. 439, which body he afterwards served as Master. He was also honored in Quincy Chapter No. 5, R. A. M., by being elected to the office of Secretary for ten successive years—a position he was holding at the time of his demise—and in Beauseant Commandery No. 11, K. T., by bestowal upon him of the highest office in its gift.

Sir Farrar served all the bodies in which he was called to labor with fidelity, and until his health failed, with energy, and leaves behind him an unblemished record as a Mason and citizen.

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart for each of the Em. Sir Knights mentioned»³.

In the detailed lists for the same year, we can trace the membership changes of the commandery, but some of the data are questionable. For example, George G. Avise appears simultaneously in three lists—among the Reinstated, the Dimitted, and the Suspended⁴.

In 1890, the commandery's membership declined to 50 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, three Dimitted, and one Deceased⁵.

Robert B. White Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁶.

Created: Joel Whitney Bonney, Bernard Brown. Dimitted: Josiah T. Bradford, Edward S. Mulliner, Lorenzo D. Newland. Dead: William B. Larkworthy (Jun. 19, 1890)⁷.

In 1890, Edward S. Mulliner left the commandery; he continued to reside in the city until his death in 1921. In the same year, he was a member of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem⁸.

In 1891, the commandery's membership remained unchanged at 50 members. During the year, five Knights were Created, three Dimitted, one Suspended, and one Deceased⁹.

Robert B. White Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder¹⁰.

Created: Daniel G. Brown, William Harley, Sr., William Harley, Jr., Charles Wesley Shinn, William Cary Rood¹¹.

¹ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 96.

² Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 172.

³ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 48-49.

⁴ Thirty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Chicago: H.S. Tiffany and Co., Printers, 1889. P. 96.

⁵ Thirty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1890. P. 76.

⁶ Thirty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1890. P. 116.

⁷ Thirty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1890. P. 121, 140.

⁸ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 96.

⁹ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 58.

¹⁰ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 110.

¹¹ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 115.

Dimitted: William E. Avise, George O. DeBarr, Mellville D. Massie. Suspended: Granville M. Evatt¹.
Dead: William E. Oven (May 5, 1891)².

On 29 May 1891, the commandery was visited for inspection by Grand Junior Warden Augustus L. Webster. In his report, he noted the following: «May 29, 1891, visited officially Beauseant Commandery No. 11, at Quincy. The Order of the Red Cross was conferred on one candidate in a creditable manner. I find E. Sir White an enthusiastic Templar, and think a new interest will be awakened in this sterling Commandery under his administration. I find several candidates elected for the Orders, and the finances in good condition, and the general prospects fair for the coming Templar year. I am indebted for courtesies extended by Past Grand Commander E. S. Mulliner, Past E. Sir Robbins, White, and others.

Number of Sir Knights in Commandery..... 50
Number Knighted, June, 1890, to June, 1891..... 5
Number of Red Cross Knights..... 7
Number of uniforms..... 45
Average attendance..... 15
Resident membership..... 30
No debts and money in treasury»³.

In 1892, the commandery's membership increased to 51 members. During the year, three Knights were Created, one Admitted, two Dimitted, and one Deceased⁴.

Joel W. Bonney Eminent Commander
John Whitbread Generalissimo
Frank Rothgeb Captain General
William A. Summers Prelate
Bernard Brown Senior Warden
Henry W. Mead Junior Warden
Thomas White Treasurer
Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder
Michael Cames Standard Bearer
Albert Demaree Sword Bearer
Charles Wiggins Warder
A. W. Blakesley Captain of the Guards⁵.

Past Commanders: Asa W. Blakesley, Albert Demaree, Gustav A. Rothgeb, Joseph Robbins, William A. Summers, John Whitbread, Thomas White, Robert B. White⁶.

Members: Joseph C. Adamy, William F. Bader, Asa W. Blakesley, Joel W. Bonney, Henry Bretherick, Bernard Brown, Daniel G. Brown, Edward J. Brown, John W. Brown, Michael Cames, Dudley B. Cooke, Albert Demaree, Charles M. Ertel, George Fuller, Wm. A. Hagenbruch, Alfred G. V. Harley, William Harley, Sr., William Harley, Jr., John W. Heideman, Edward E. Hollister, David T. Jameson, Richard H. Kuhn, Charles N. Lee, Thomas J. Mackoy, Michael McVey, Charles W. Mead, Henry W. Mead, William H. Myers, Frederick W. Menke, David Oliphant, George R. Pfeiffer, John Rentz, James H. Richardson, Oliver E. Rickerson, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, Gustav A. Rothgeb, David Sheer, Charles W. Shinn, William H. Shinn, William J. Smith, Albert G. Smyth, Dricus Snitjer, William Sommerville, William A. Summers, Frederic W. Tansman, William W. Templin, John Whitbread, Thomas White, Robert B. White, Charles Wiggins⁷.

¹ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 115.

² Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 137.

³ Thirty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1891. P. 35-36.

⁴ Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 73.

⁵ Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 137.

⁶ Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 137.

⁷ Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 137.

Created: Henry Bretherick, Edward E. Hollister, William Henry Myers. Admitted: Ed. J. Brown.
 Dimitted: William Rood, Eli H. Wilkins¹.
 Dead: Frederick Rittler (Apr. 7, 1892)².

On 29 March 1892, in Phoenix, Arizona, Rev. Freeman D. Rickerson, Past Grand Prelate, passed away. A page in his memory was included in the annual proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Illinois (Fig. 4).

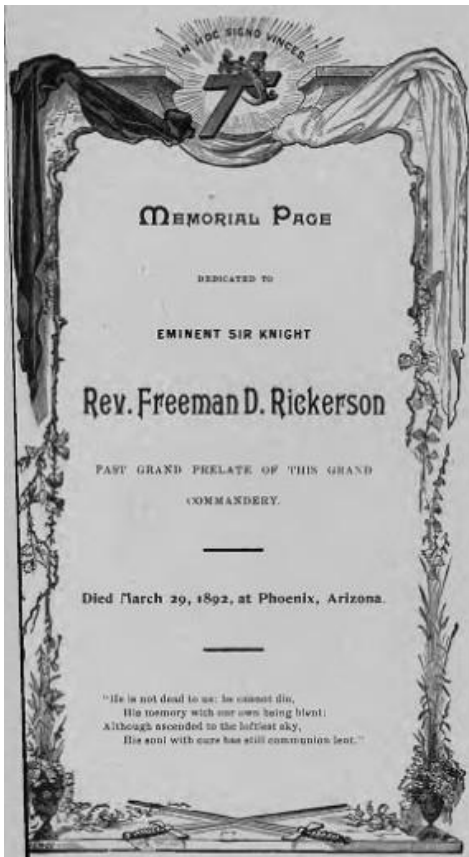


Fig. 4. In memory of Rev. Freeman D. Rickerson³

In 1893, the commandery's membership increased to 52 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, two Dimitted, and one Deceased⁴.

Henry W. Mead Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁵.

Created: Samuel Y. Baldwin, Thomas S. Baldwin, Robert J. Christie, Jr., John T. Inghram. Dimitted: William F. Bader, Gustav A. Rothgeb. Dead: Michael McVay (May 2, 1893)⁶.

In 1894, the commandery's membership increased to 57 members. During the year, ten Knights were Created, three Dimitted, and two Deceased⁷.

¹ Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 137.

² Thirty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co, 1892. P. 231.

³ Thirty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1893. P. 105.

⁴ Thirty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1893. P. 40.

⁵ Thirty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1893. P. 86.

⁶ Thirty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1893. P. 91, 114.

⁷ Thirty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1894. P. 72.

Henry W. Mead Commander
 Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder¹.

Created: Wm. M. Dickason, Levi A. Pool, Francis M. Rigg, Chas. H. Cottrell, Benjamin F. Porter, Henry Wilson, Frederick W. Knollenberg, John H. Bastert, Charles E. Soule, Gerhard G. Arends².

Dimitted: William Harley, Sr., William Harley, Jr., Alfred G. V. Harley³.

Dead: Charles W. Mead (June 17, 1894), Joseph C. Adamy (Nov. 2, 1893)⁴.

In 1895, the commandery's membership declined to 56 members. During the year, one Knight was Created and two Suspended⁵.

Frank Rothgeb Eminent Commander
 Edward E. Hollister Generalissimo
 William H. Myers Captain General
 William A. Summers Prelate
 John T. Inghram Senior Warden
 Robert J. Christie Junior Warden
 Thomas White Treasurer
 Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder
 Michael Carnes Standard Bearer
 Daniel G. Brown Sword Bearer
 Levi A. Pool Warder
 Barnard Brown Captain of the Guards ⁶.

Past Commanders: Asa W. Blakesley, Joel W. Bonney, Albert Demaree, Henry W. Mead, Joseph Robbins, William A. Summers, John Whitbread, Robert B. White, Thomas White ⁷.

Members: Gerhard G. Arends, Samuel Y. Baldwin, Thomas S. Baldwin, John H. Bastert, Asa W. Blakesley, Henry Bretherick, Joel W. Bonney, Barnard Brown, Daniel G. Brown, Edward J. Brown, John W. Brown, Michael Carnes, Robert J. Christie, Charles H. Cottrell, Dudley B. Cooke, Albert Demarre, William M. Dickason, William H. Duvall, Charles M. Ertel, George Fuller, W. A. Hagenbruch, John W. Heideman, Edward E. Hollister, John T. Inghram, David T. Jameson, Frederick W. Knollenberg, Charles N. Lee, Thomas J. Mackoy, Henry W. Mead, Frederick W. Menke, William H. Myers, David Oliphant, George R. Pfeiffer, Levi A. Pool, Benjamin F. Porter, John Rentz, Oliver E. Rickerson, Francis M. Rigg, Frank Rothgeb, Joseph Robbins, David Sheer, William H. Shinn, Charles W. Shinn, William J. Smith, Dricus Snitzer, William Somerville, Charles E. Soule, William A. Summers, Albert G. Smyth, Frederick W. Tansman, William W. Templin, John Whitbread, Robert B. White, Thomas White, Charles Wiggin, Henry Wilson⁸.

Created: William Henry Duvall. Suspended: Richard H. Kuhn, James H. Richardson⁹.

On 28 June 1895, the commandery was visited by J. B. McFatrigh, Grand Standard Bearer, who prepared the following report on his visit: «On the 28th of June I visited Quincy, and was met at the train in the morning by a committee of Sir Knights, who made it their business during the day to see that I was well entertained. It is an old Commandery, and made up of many old, enthusiastic, and well-known Sir Knights. We spent the evening very pleasantly in inspection, passing in review, forming the triangle, and rehearsal,

¹ Thirty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1894. P. 118.

² Thirty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1894. P. 123.

³ Thirty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1894. P. 123.

⁴ Thirty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1894. P. 147.

⁵ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 79.

⁶ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 145.

⁷ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 145.

⁸ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 145.

⁹ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 145.

concluding the exercises with a banquet. This was one of the most enjoyable visits I have made this year, and I bespeak for the Commandery enthusiastic and hard work in the future»¹.

In 1896, the commandery's membership declined to 50 members. During the year, one was Admitted, one Reinstated, six Suspended, and two Deceased².

Frank Rothgeb Commander

Robert B. White Recorder³.

Admitted: Albert F. Swope. Reinstated: David B. Williams.

Suspended: Daniel G. Brown, William A. Hagenbouch, David Oliphant, Oliver E. Rickerson, John Reutz, Frederic W. Tausman⁴.

Dead: Thomas White (Apr. 6, 1896), George Fuller (Apr. 3, 1896)⁵.

Among the deceased was Past Eminent Commander Thomas White, in whose memory a note was published (Fig. 5).

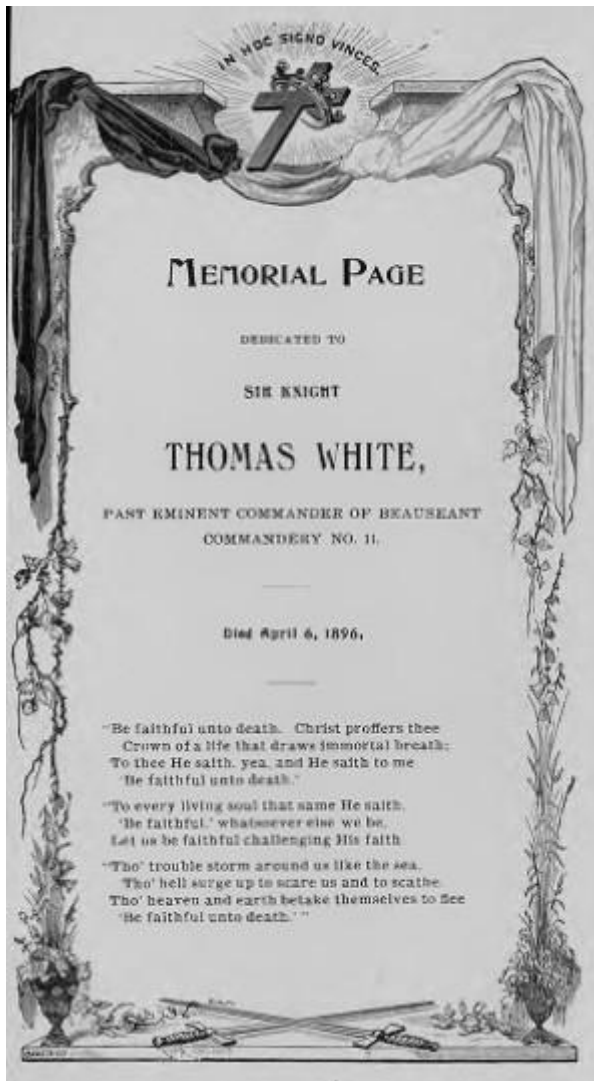


Fig. 5. In memory of Past Eminent Commander Thomas White⁶

¹ Thirty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1895. P. 65.

² Fortieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1896. P. 70.

³ Fortieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1896. P. 126.

⁴ Fortieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1896. P. 132.

⁵ Fortieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1896. P. 155, 157.

In 1897, the commandery's membership remained unchanged at 50 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, two Reinstated, three Dimitted, and two Deceased¹.

Edward E. Hollister Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder ².

Created: Joel Benton, James P. Dussair. Reinstated: Daniel C. Brown, Joseph L. F. Hatcher.

Dimitted: Dudley B. Cooke, William H. Myers, Charles W. Shinn³.

Dead: George R. Pfeiffer (May 30, 1897) ⁴.

In 1898, the commandery's membership increased to 51 members. During the year, two Knights were Created and one Deceased⁵.

John T. Ingraham Eminent Commander

Levi A. Pool Generalissimo

Robert J. Christie, Jr. Captain General

Wm. A. Summers Prelate

Henry Wilson Senior Warden

James P. Dussair Junior Warden

Robert B. White Treasurer

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder

Daniel G. Brown Standard Bearer

Joel Benton Sword Bearer

Gerhard G. Arends Warder

Michael Cames Sentinel⁶.

Past Commanders: Asa W. Blakesley, Joel W. Bonney, Albert Demaree, Edward E. Hollister, Henry W. Mead, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, William A. Summers, John Whitbread, Robert B. White⁷.

Members: Gerard G. Arends, Samuel Y. Baldwin, Thos. S. Baldwin, John H. Bastert, Joel Benton, Asa W. Blakesley, Joel W. Bonney, Henry Bretherick, Daniel G. Brown, Edward J. Brown, John W. Brown, Michael Cames, Robert J. Christie, Jr., Charles H. Cottrell, Albert Demaree, William M. Dickinson, James P. Dussair, William H. Duvall, Charles M. Ertel, Joseph L. F. Hatcher, John W. Heidemann, Edward E. Hollister, John T. Ingraham, David T. Jameson, Frederick W. Knollenberg, Charles N. Lee, John A. McCann, Thomas J. Mackoy, Henry W. Mead, Frederick W. Menke, Levi A. Pool, Benjamin F. Porter, Francis M. Riggs, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, David Sheer, William H. Shinn, William J. Smith, Albert J. Smyth, Dricus Suitjir, William Somerville, Chas. E. Soule, William A. Summers, Albert F. Swope, Wm. W. Templin, Henry P. Walton, John Whitbread, Robert B. White, Charles Wiggin, David G. Williams, Henry Wilson⁸.

Created: Henry Prentice Walton, John Ambrose McCann⁹.

Dead: Bernard Brown (July 27, 1897) ¹⁰.

⁶ Fortieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1896. P. 155.

¹ Forty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1897. P. 76.

² Forty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1897. P. 116.

³ Forty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1897. P. 193.

⁴ Forty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1897. P. 193, 217.

⁵ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 61.

⁶ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 27.

⁷ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 27.

⁸ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 27.

⁹ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 27.

¹⁰ Forty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1898. P. 128.

On 27 May 1898, Henry C. Cleveland, Grand Junior Warden, scheduled an inspection of Beauseant Commandery No. 11. As part of the preparatory activities, the Recorder of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, T. J. Mackoy, sent the following letters to the commandery members. One of these letters, addressed to Knight C. M. Ertel, is preserved in the archive of Cherkas Global University (Fig. 6).

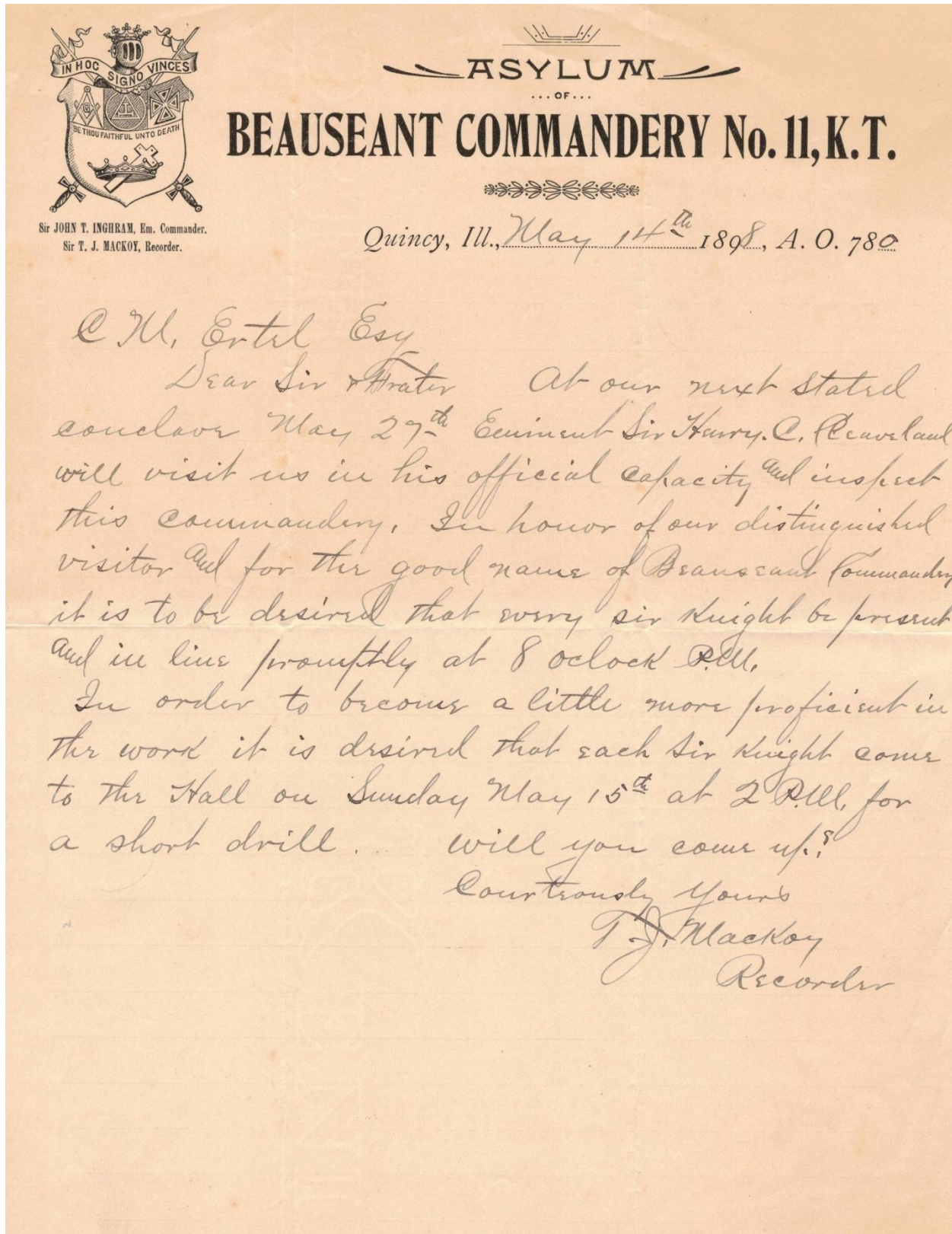


Fig. 6. Letter from the Recorder of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, T. J. Mackoy, to C. M. Ertel¹.

¹ Archive CGU. Collection 3. Inventory 1. Case 13. Sheet 1.

The text of the letter is as follows:

«ASYLUM OF BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY No. 11, K.T.

Sir JOHN T. INGHAM, Em. Commander.

Sir T. J. MACKOY, Recorder.

Quincy, Ill., May 14th, 1898, A.O. 780.

C. M. Ertel Esq

Dear Sir & Brother

At our next Stated conclave May 27th, Eminent Sir Henry C. Cleveland will visit us in his official capacity and inspect this commandery. In honor of our distinguished visitor and for the good name of Beauseant Commandery all is to be in their best you might be present and in line promptly at 8 o'clock P.M.

In order to become a little more proficient in the work it is desired that each Sir Knight come to the Hall on Sunday May 15th at 2 P.M. for a short drill.

Will you come up?

Courteously yours

T. J. Mackoy

Recorder»¹.

Thanks to this letter, we can identify the autograph of T. J. Mackoy, Recorder, and the commandery's form. Unfortunately, no information on the results of the inspection has been found.

In 1899, the commandery's membership declined to 47 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, six Dimitted, and two Deceased².

John T. Ingham Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder³.

Created: John J. Milleisen, John V. R. Schermerhorn, Frank W. Evatt, Henry J. Dudley⁴.

Dimitted: John J. Milleisen, Thomas S. Baldwin, Joel W. Bonney, Edward J. Brown, William W. Templin, Benjamin F. Porter⁵.

Dead: John Whitbread (Dec. 25, 1898), Asa W. Blakesley (Mar. 30, 1899)⁶.

In 1900, the commandery's membership declined to 45 members. During the year, one Knight was Created, one Dimitted, and two Deceased⁷. Beauseant Commandery No. 11 became the smallest commandery in the Grand Commandery of Illinois. In 1900, the average membership of a commandery in this state was 143 members⁸.

Levi A. Pool Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁹.

¹ Archive CGU. Collection 3. Inventory 1. Case 13. Sheet 1.

² Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1899. P. 59.

³ Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1899. P. 116.

⁴ Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1899. P. 7.

⁵ Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1899. P. 7.

⁶ Forty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1899. P. 114.

⁷ Forty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1900. P. 53.

⁸ Forty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1900. P. 53-54.

⁹ Forty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1900. P. 92.

Created: Harry B. Coffield. Dimitted: Dricus Snitzer¹.

Dead: Albert Demaree (July 16, 1899), David T. Jameson (Nov. 3, 1899) ².

In 1901, the commandery's membership declined to 44 members. During the year, three Knights were Created, two Dimitted, one Suspended, and one Deceased³. At the same time, El Aksa Commandery No. 55 had 90 member⁴.

Henry Wilson	Eminent Commander
James P. Dussair	Generalissimo
Joel Benton	Captain General
Henry W. Mead	Prelate
Harry B. Coffield	Senior Warden
Albert R. Wilson	Junior Warden
Robert B. White	Treasurer
Thomas J. Mackoy	Recorder
Daniel G. Brown	Standard Bearer
William L. Pencil	Sword Bearer
Ernest G. Horner	Warder
Micheal Cames	Sentinel ⁵ .

Past Commanders: Edward E. Hollister, John T. Ingraham, Henry W. Mead, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, Levi A. Pool, Robert B. White⁶.

Members: Gerhard Gerjet Arends, Samuel Yates Baldwin, John Henry Bastert, Joel Benton, Henry Bretherick, Daniel G. Brown, John Washington Brown, Michael Cames, Harry Burnham Coffield, Charles Henry Cottrell, William McCandliss Dickason, Henry James Dudley, James Paul Dussair, William Henry Duvall, Charles McClellan Ertel, Joseph La Fou Hatcher, John William Heideman, Edward Everett Hollister, John Thomas Ingraham, Frederick William Knollenberg, Charles Nathaniel Lee, John A. McCann, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, Henry Warren Mead, Frederick William Menke, William Lawrence Pencil, Levi Andrew Pool, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, John Van Rensalier Schermerhorn, David Sheer, William Henry Shinn, Winfield Scott Smith, William Jay Smith, Albert George Smyth, William Sommerville, Charles Edward Soule, Albert Francis Swope, Henry Prentice Walton, Charles Wiggin, Robert Bowman White, David Gaskill Williams, Albert Rush Wilson, Henry Wilson⁷.

Created: Winfield S. Smith, Albert R. Wilson, William L. Pencil.

Dimitted: Frank W. Evatt, Robert J. Christie.

Suspended: Francis M. Rigg⁸.

Dead: Past Eminent Commander William A. Summers (July 16, 1900) ⁹.

In 1902, the commandery's membership increased to 50 members. During the year, seven Knights were Created and one Dimitted¹⁰.

¹ Forty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1900. P. 99.

² Forty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1900. P. 99, 131.

³ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 65.

⁴ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 65.

⁵ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 27.

⁶ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 27.

⁷ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 27.

⁸ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 27.

⁹ Forty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1901. P. 136.

¹⁰ Forty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1902. P. 59.

John P. Dussair Commander
 Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder¹.
 Created: John A. Bunting, Charles R. Farrar, Ernest G. Horner, Emmett Howard, William C. Johns,
 Ernest E. Kuhl, Henry L. Michelmann.
 Dimitted: John A. McCann².

In 1903, the commandery's membership remained unchanged at 50 members. During the year, one Knight was Created and one Deceased³.

Joel Benton Commander
 Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁴.
 Created: Albert B. Leeper. Dead: John V.R. Schermerhorn (Feb. 12, 1903) ⁵.

In 1904, the commandery's membership increased to 55 members. During the year, five Knights were Created, one Admitted, two Reinstated, one Dimitted, and two Suspended⁶.

Joel Benton Eminent Commander
 Harry B. Coffield Generalissimo
 Albert R. Wilson Captain General
 Ernest G. Horner Senior Warden
 Emmett Howard Junior Warden
 Henry W. Mead Prelate
 Robert B. White Treasurer
 Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder
 Ernest H. Kuhlo Standard Bearer
 Henry L. Michelmann Sword Bearer
 John A. Bunting Warder
 Michael Cames Sentinel⁷.

Past Commanders: James P. Dussair, Edward E. Hollister, John T. Inghram, Henry W. Mead, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, Levi A. Pool, Robert B. White, Henry Wilson⁸.

Members: Gerhard Gerjet Arends, Samuel Yates Baldwin, John Henry Bastart, Joel Benton, Henry Bretherick, Daniel Griffith Brown, John Washington Brown, John Antrim Bunting, George Wells Burch, Michael Cames, Harry Burnham Coffield, Edward Cooney, Charles Henry Cottrell, William McCandliss Dickason, Henry James Dudley, James Paul Dussair, William Henry Duvall, Charles McClellan Ertel, Charles Reed Farrar, Joseph Inskiff Foreman, John William Heidemann, Edward Everett Hollister, Ernest Graham Horner, Emmett Howard, John Thomas Inghram, William C. Johns, Frederick William Knollenberg, Henry Edward Knapheide, Ernest Henry Kuhlo, Charles Nathaniel Lee, Albert Benson Leeper, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, William Alexander Martin, Henry Warren Mead, Frederick William Menke, Henry Louis Michelmann, William Laurens Pencil, Levi Andrew Pool, Oliver Eugene Rickerson, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, David Sheer, William Henry Shinn, William Jay Smith, Winfield Scott Smith, William Sommerville, Charles Edward Soule, Albert Francis Swope, Henry Prentice Walton, Charles Wiggin, David Gaskill Williams, Albert Rush Wilson, Henry Wilson, John McAfee Winters, Robert Bowman White⁹.

¹ Forty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1902. P. 116.

² Forty-sixth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1902. P. 131.

³ Forty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1903. P. 76.

⁴ Forty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1903. P. 130.

⁵ Forty-seventh annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1903. P. 147, 174.

⁶ Forty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1904. P. 77.

⁷ Forty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1904. P. 30.

⁸ Forty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1904. P. 30.

⁹ Forty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1904. P. 30-31.

Created: George Wells Burch, Edward Cooney, Joseph Inskiff Foreman, Henry Edward Knapheide, William Alexander Martin. Admitted: John McAfee Winters. Reinstated: George Abdiel Dills, Oliver E. Rickerson. Dimitted: George Abdiel Dills. Suspended: Joseph LaFout Hatcher, Albert George Smyth¹.

In 1905, the commandery's membership increased to 59 members. During the year, five Knights were Created, two Admitted, two Dimitted, and one Deceased².

Harry B. Coffield Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder³.

Created: Frederick Wm. Brinkoetter, John McC. Brown, Chas. S. Ross, James H. Webber, Elijah D. Young. Admitted: Gerald M. Finlay, James W. Kramer. Dimitted: Henry J. Dudley, Chas. S. Ross⁴.

Dead: David G. Williams (Sep. 11, 1904)⁵.

In 1906, the commandery's membership increased to 60 members. During the year, three Knights were Created and two Deceased⁶.

Harry B. Coffield Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁷.

Created: Clat L. Adams, Henry F. Naumann, Samuel M. Potter⁸.

Dead: Daniel G. Brown (Oct. 15, 1906), John W. Heidemann (June 1, 1906)⁹.

In 1906, Grand Commander A. A. Whipple issued an order for the inspection of commanderies in the city of Quincy:

«PECIAL ORDERS No. 6

Quincy, April 21, 1906.

At his own request, Eminent Sir Harry Hayes Cleaveland, Grand Junior Warden, is hereby relieved from the duty of inspecting Beauseant Commandery No. 11, and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, stationed at Quincy, also Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 29, stationed at Carrollton.

Eminent Sir John D. Cleveland, Grand Senior Warden, is hereby designated Special Inspecting Officer, to inspect El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, and Beauseant Commandery No. 11, stationed at Quincy, vice H. H. Cleaveland relieved; said duty to be performed on the 26th and 27th of April, 1906.

Eminent Sir McMein, P. C., is hereby designated Special Inspecting Officer to inspect Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 29, vice Eminent Sir H. H. Cleaveland relieved; said duty to be performed on the 25th of April, 1906.

Said Special Inspecting Officers are entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, and will forward their accounts together with the necessary reports to this office.

A. A. WHIPPLE,
Grand Commander»¹⁰.

¹ Forty-eighth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1904. P. 31.

² Forty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1905. P. 62.

³ Forty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1905. P. 112.

⁴ Forty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1905. P. 124.

⁵ Forty-ninth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1905. P. 124.

⁶ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 47.

⁷ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 118.

⁸ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 131.

⁹ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 163.

¹⁰ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 20.

On 15 November 1906, Grand Commander A. A. Whipple described his visit to his home commandery as follows, mentioning Beauseant Commandery No. 11: «On the evening of November 15, 1905, El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, my home Commandery, tendered to me, as your Grand Commander, a reception at its asylum, upon which occasion a large number of the Templars of the two Commanderies, El-Aksa and Beauseant, together with their ladies, assembled and paid to me the courtesies of my official position. At the conclusion of the reception an enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse, followed by dancing and refreshments. The occasion was one which I shall always remember with pleasure and with gratitude to these Commanderies»¹.

In 1907, the commandery's membership increased to 62 members. During the year, four Knights were Created, one Reinstated, one Dimitted, one Suspended, and one Deceased².

Albert Rush Wilson	Eminent Commander
Ernest Graham Horner	Generalissimo
Emmett Howard	Captain General
Henry Louis Michelmann	Senior Warden
John Autrim Bunting	Junior Warden
James W. Kramer	Prelate
Robert B. White	Treasurer
Thomas J. Mackoy	Recorder
William A. Martin	Standard Bearer
Ernest H. Huhlo	Sword Bearer
George W. Burch	Warder
Michael Cames	Sentinel ³ .

Past Commanders: Joel Benton, Harry B. Coffield, James P. Dussair, Edward E. Hollister, John T. Inghram, Henry W. Mead, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, Robert B. White, Henry Wilson⁴.

Members: Clat Livingston Adams, Gerhard Gerget Arends, John Henry Bastert, Joel Benton, Francis Edward Bird, Henry Bretherick, Frederick William Brinkoetter, John McCabe Brown, John W. Brown, John Antrim Bunting, George Wells Burch, Michael Cames, Harry B. Coffield, Edward Cooney, Charles Henry Cottrell, Wm. McCandless Dickason, James Paul Dussair, William Henry Duvall, Charles McClellan Ertel, Charles Reed Farrar, Gerald Mantray Finlay, Joseph Inskiff Foreman, Edward Everett Hollister, Ernest Graham Horner, Emmett Howard, Hugh Hayes Hutchison, John Thomas Inghram, William C. Johns, Henry William Knapheide, Frederick William Knollenberg, James W. Kramer, Ernest Henry Kuhlo, Charles Nathaniel Lee, Albert Benson Leeper, Thomas Jefferson Mackoy, William Alexander Martin, Henry Warren Mead, Frederick William Menke, Henry Louis Michelmann, Henry Frederick Naumann, Walter Ogden, William Laurens Pencil, Charles Selmer Phelps, Samuel McClellan Potter, Joseph Robbins, Frank Rothgeb, Oliver E. Rickerson, David Sheer, William Henry Shinn, William Jay Smith, Winfield Scott Smith, William Somerville, Charles Edward Soule, Albert Francis Swope, Henry Prantiss Walton, James Harry Webber, Robert Bowman White, Charles Wiggins, Albert Rush Wilson, Henry Wilson, John McAfee Winters, Elijah Dunham Young⁵.

Created: Walter Ogden, Francis Edward Bird, Hugh Hayes Hutchison, Charles Selmer Phelps.
Reinstated: Richard H. Kuhn. Dimitted: Richard H. Kuhn. Suspended: Samuel Y. Baldwin⁶.

Dead: Past Commander Levi Andrew Pool (Jan. 25, 1907)⁷.

¹ Fiftieth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1906. P. 38.

² Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 77.

³ Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 33.

⁴ Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 33.

⁵ Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 33-34.

⁶ Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 34.

⁷ Fifty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1907. P. 34, 152.

In 1908, the commandery's membership declined to 59 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, one Admitted, two Dimitted, and four Deceased¹.

Emmett Howard Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder².

Created: Karl Maertz Durant, Robert Rhoads. Admitted: Thomas Scott Baldwin. Dimitted: Joseph I. Foreman, W. Scott Smith³.

Dead: Albert F. Swope (Nov. 19, 1907), Frederick W. Menke (March 29, 1908), Charles Wiggins (Dec. 16, 1907), William J. Smith (Dec. 6, 1907)⁴.

On 10 December 1908, 28 Knights Templar of Illinois submitted a petition to establish Ingevere Commandery in Carthage, Illinois. The petition was approved by Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and other commanderies⁵.

In 1909, the commandery's membership increased to 62 members. During the year, three Knights were Created, two Admitted, one Dimitted, and one Deceased⁶.

Henry L. Michelmann Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder⁷.

Created: George Philip Behrensmeyer, Roseberry Randall Chauncey, Higbee Wood. Admitted: Clarence Dee Tillsan, Eli H. Wilkins. Dimitted: John McCabe Brown⁸.

Dead: David Sheer (Jan. 16, 1909)⁹.

In 1910, the commandery's membership declined to 60 members. During the year, one Knight was Created and three Deceased¹⁰.

Henry L. Michelmann Eminent Commander

John A. Bunting Generalissimo

William A. Martin Captain General

Henry F. Naumann Senior Warden

Karl M. Duran Junior Warden

Henry W. Mead Prelate

Robert B. White Treasurer

Thomas J. Mackoy Recorder

Charles M. Ertel Standard Bearer

Ernest H. Kuhlo Sword Bearer

Chauncey H. Wood Warder

Michael Cames Sentinel¹¹.

Past Commanders: Joel Benton, Harry B. Coffield, Edward E. Hollister, Ernest G. Horner, Emmett Howard, John F. Inghram, Henry W. Mead, Frank Rothgeb, Robert B. White, Henry Wilson, Albert R. Wilson¹².

¹ Fifty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1908. P. 41.

² Fifty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1908. P. 102.

³ Fifty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1908. P. 144.

⁴ Fifty-second annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1908. P. 127, 144.

⁵ Fifty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1909. P. 15.

⁶ Fifty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1909. P. 118.

⁷ Fifty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1909. P. 120.

⁸ Fifty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1909. P. 141.

⁹ Fifty-third annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1909. P. 108.

¹⁰ Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 140.

¹¹ Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 37.

Members: Clat L. Adams, Gerhard G. Arends, Thomas S. Baldwin, John H. Bastert, Joel Benton, Frank E. Bird, Henry Bretherick, Frederick W. Brinkoetter, John W. Brown, George P. Behrensmeyer, John A. Bunting, George W. Burch, Michael Cames, Harry B. Coffield, Edward Cooney, Charles H. Cottrell, William N. Dickason, Karl M. Durant, William H. Duvall, Charles M. Ertel, Charles R. Farrar, Gerald M. Finlay, Edward E. Hollister, Ernest G. Horner, Emmett Howard, Hugh H. Hutchinson, John F. Inghram, William C. Johns, Henry E. Knapheide, Frederick W. Knollenberg, James W. Kramer, Ernest H. Kuhlo, Charles N. Lee, Albert B. Leeper, Thomas J. Mackoy, William A. Martin, Henry W. Mead, Henry L. Michelmann, Henry F. Naumann, Walter Ogden, William L. Pencil, Charles S. Phelps, Samuel M. Potter, Robert Rhoads, Frank Rothgeb, Roseberry Randall, William H. Shinn, William Somerville, Charles E. Soule, Clarence D. Tillson, Henry P. Walton, J. Harry Webber, Robert B. White, Eli H. Wilkins, Albert R. Wilson, Henry Wilson, William H. Winget, John M. Winters, Chauncey H. Wood, Elijah D. Young¹.

Created: William Henry Winget².

Dead: Past Commander Joseph Robbins (Jul. 19, 1909), Oliver E. Rickerson (July 1, 1909), James P. Dussair (Jan. 5, 1910)³.

On 19 July 1910, the Grand Commander authorized Beauseant Commandery No. 11 to participate on 20 July as an escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. at the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Quincy⁴.

In 1911, the 50th anniversary year of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, the commandery's membership declined to 57 members. During the year, two Knights were Created, two Dimitted, two Suspended, and one Deceased⁵.

The list of officers was no longer provided in the report.

Created: Edwin G. Thompson, William F. Wehmeyer. Dimitted: Eli H. Wilkins, Henry Bretherick. Suspended: Walter Ogden, Charles E. Soule⁶.

Dead: William Somerville (Jan. 9, 1911)⁷.

In 1911, the members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El Aksa Commandery No. 55 submitted a petition to merge the two commanderies in the city of Quincy. The petition specifically noted: «REPORT—Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Sir Knight Holman G. Purinton, P.G.C., submitted the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. It was adopted.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations has had placed before it for its consideration a petition for a charter for a Commandery to be located at Quincy, Illinois, to be known as Quincy Commandery. It is in regular form and signed by 135 Sir Knights, of whom fifty are members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, and eighty-one are members of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, and four dimitted Sir Knights. Accompanying this petition are four dimits and 131 receipts for dues, and conditional dimits for same. The petition is in pursuance of a proposed consolidation of the two Commanderies mentioned, both of which are located at Quincy, Illinois, all of which is set forth in duly authenticated copies of resolutions adopted by said Commanderies agreeing to surrender the charters now held by them, and to turn over all property and

¹² Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 37.

¹ Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 37.

² Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 37.

³ Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 113, 133.

⁴ Fifty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1910. P. 28.

⁵ Fifty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1911. P. 116.

⁶ Fifty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1911. P. 124.

⁷ Fifty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1911. P. 124, 158.

obligations now held by them to the new Commandery. After carefully considering this petition we recommend:

First — That a charter for a Commandery be granted the petitioners, to be known as Quincy Commandery No. 77.

Second — That in view of the fact that Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55 each having previously paid their charter fees, that the charter fee for the new Commandery be remitted.

Third — That the properties and obligations of the existing Commanderies be vested in and assumed by Quincy Commandery, and

Fourth — That the surrender of the charters of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, and the transfer of their properties take place at the time Quincy Commandery No. 77 is constituted»¹.

In 1912, neither Beauseant Commandery No. 11 nor El Aksa Commandery No. 55 existed in the Grand Commandery of Illinois; instead, Quincy Commandery No. 77 was established, with a total of 134 Knights². However, it should be noted that as early as December 7, 1921, an initiative group of Knights Templar from the city of Carbondale petitioned the Grand Commandery of Illinois for a charter to establish a new commandery under the name Beauseant, and in 1922 Beauseant Commandery No. 86 was established in the state of Illinois³.

Let us now summarize some conclusions. In Table 3, we compiled data on the members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 for the period from 1861 to 1911, indicating changes in their status within the commandery. If no entry follows the date of joining the commandery, it means that the Knight continued to serve as of 1911.

Table 3. List of members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 (1861–1911)

No.	Name	Year joined/ status changed
1	Adams, Clat L.	1906-
2	Adams, John Q.	1875- Dimitted 1883
3	Adamy, Joseph Carl	1884- Dead 1893
4	Aldrich, Joseph W.	1873- Dimitted 1884
5	Alkire (Alkin), Barton W.	1869- Dimitted 1879
6	Allen, William Ferdinand	1882- Dimitted 1888
7	Anderson, Rufus E.	1865- Dimitted 1865
8	Arends, Gerhard G.	1894-
9	Ashley, A. T.	1865- Dimitted 1870
10	Atwood, Charles G.	1869- Dimitted 1872
11	Austin, Thomas	1879- Dimitted 1883
12	Avisé, George Green	1876- Suspended 1889 - Reinstated 1889 - Dimitted 1889
13	Avisé, W. E.	1865- Suspended 1885 - Reinstated 1888 - Dimitted 1891
14	Avisé, William M.	1861- Dimitted 1885
15	Badee (Bader), William Frederick	1885- Dimitted 1893
16	Bagby, Charles Henry	1876- Dimitted 1883
17	Baldwin, Samuel Y.	1893- Suspended 1907
18	Baldwin, Thomas Scott	1893- Dimitted 1899 - Admitted 1908
19	Bartlett, Sylvester P.	1870- Suspended 1881
20	Bassett, Moses F.	1864- Dimitted 1886
21	Bastert, John H.	1894-
22	Baxter, Willis M.	1872- Dimitted 1882
23	Beard, James Ayers	1874- Dead 1881
24	Beebe, Albert	1873- Dead 1879
25	Behrensmeyer, George Philip	1909-
26	Benton, Joel	1897-
27	Berthoff, J. C.	1865- Dimitted 1870
28	Berrian, Benjamin F.	1867- Suspended 1889

¹ Fifty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1911. P. 93-94.

² Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 62.

³ Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Ill.: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 17, 264.

29	Bird, Francis Edward	1907-
30	Blakesley, Asa W.	1861- Dead 1899
31	Bloom, Caleb	1868- Suspended 1879
32	Bonney, Joel Whitney	1890- Dimitted 1899
33	Boyer, Noah	1883- Dead 1888
34	Bradford, Josiah W.	1862- Dimitted 1881
35	Bradford, Josiah Tufts	1884- Dimitted 1890
36	Bretherick, Henry	1892- Dimitted 1911
37	Brink, Christian A.	1872- Dimitted 1873
38	Brinkoetter, Frederick Wm.	1905-
39	Bristol, George V.	1870- Dimitted 1881
40	Bromback, T. B.	1866- Dimitted 1870
41	Brown, Bernard	1890- Dead 1897
42	Brown, Daniel G.	1891- Suspended 1896 - Reinstated 1897 - Dead 1906
43	Brown, Edward J.	1892- Dimitted 1899
44	Brown, John Washington	1870-
45	Brown, Henry S.	1869- Dead 1882
46	Bryant, Thomas Harry	1876- Suspended 1883
47	Bunker (Banker), John W.	1863- Dimitted 1889
48	Bunting, John A.	1902-
49	Burch, George Wells	1904-
50	Burns, Geo. W.	1869- Dimitted 1884
51	Cahill, James B.	1871- Dead 1874
52	Campbell, Stephen Arnold Douglas	1883- Dimitted 1887
53	Capron, Philip W.	1871- Dimitted 1878
54	Carnes, Michael	1886-
55	Carr, Gideon Vary	1865- Dead 1865
56	Carter, Thomas	1862- Dead 1877
57	Castle, Chauncey Harlow	1876- Dimitted 1883
58	Chauncey, Roseberry Randall	1909-
59	Christie, Robert J., Jr.	1893- Dimitted 1901
60	Coffield, Harry B.	1900-
61	Cottiers (Cotlins), Henry Nicholas Etienne	1869- Dimitted 1875
62	Colburn, Walter N.	1870- Dead 1883
63	Cook, Dudley Benton	1883- Dimitted 1897
64	Cooney, Edward	1904-
65	Cottrell, Chas. H.	1894-
66	Darling, James Franklin	1884- Dimitted 1887
67	Deacon, Eliakim C.	1872 ¹ - Dimitted 1875
68	Dean, Henry H.	1865- Dimitted 1866
69	Dearborn, H. G.	1865- Dimitted 1870
70	DeBarr (Barr), George O. (Franklin)	1884- Dimitted 1891
71	Demarce, Albert	1868- Dead 1899
72	Dickason, Wm. M.	1894-
73	Dills, George Abdiel	1867- Dimitted 1873 - 1875 - Suspended 1881 - Reinstated 1904 - Dimitted 1904
74	Dills, Harrison	1861- 1876 ²
75	Dudley, Henry J.	1899- Dimitted 1905
76	Dudley, Jephthla	1867- Degraded 1877
77	Durant, Karl Maertz	1908-
78	Dussair, James P.	1897- Dead 1910
79	Duvall, William Henry	1895-
80	Eaton, John F.	1875- Dimitted 1885
81	Epperson, James D.	1882- Dimitted 1886
82	Ertel, Charles McClellan	1887-
83	Evans, John W.	1866- Dimitted 1879
84	Evatt, Frank W.	1899- Dimitted 1901

¹ He joined the commandery around 1872, as he does not appear in the membership of 1871.

² The last mention of him as a member of the commandery is in 1876. His subsequent fate is unknown.

85	Evatt, H. (Granville) M.	1868- Suspended 1891
86	Evers, William	1876- Dimitted 1883
87	Farrar, Charles R.	1902-
88	Farrar, Isaac N.	1879- Dead 1889
89	Finlay, Gerald M.	1905-
90	Fletcher, William	1872- Dimitted 1883
91	Foley, William	1861-
92	Foreman, Joseph Inskiff	1904- Dimitted 1908
93	Freeman, Jordan L.	1866- Dead 1882
94	Fuller, George	1885- Dead 1896
95	Gale, George A.	1868-
96	Garrett, Benj. F.	1867- Expelled 1881
97	Glenn, A. A.	1867- Dimitted 1876
98	Gooch, James Oliver	1883- Dimitted 1888
99	Goodrich, Robert E.	1861- Dead 1877
100	Govert, William Henry	1883- Dimitted 1888
101	Grant, Roswell D.	1861- Suspended 1882
102	Gray, Stephen R.	1867- Dimitted 1878
103	Grieser, Leonard	1870- Dimitted 1886
104	Groff, Charles Sherman	1876- Dimitted 1879
105	Hagenbouch (Hagenbrud), William August	1887- Suspended 1896
106	Hanser, Damon	1861- Dimitted 1885
107	Harley (Hasler), Alfred George Victor	1887- Dimitted 1893
108	Harley, William, Sr.,	1891- Dimitted 1893
109	Harley, William, Jr.,	1891- Dimitted 1893
110	Harris, Daniel	1876- Suspended 1882
111	Harris, Daniel P.	1865- Dimitted 1872
112	Harris, Jacob R.	1863- Suspended 1885
113	Harris, John R.	1864- Dead 1876
114	Hatcher, Joseph L.	1871- Suspended 1883 - Reinstated 1897 - Suspended 1904
115	Haxell (Hoxel), John F.	1875- Dimitted 1885
116	Hazenbruck, William August	1887-
117	Heidemann, John W.	1872- Dead 1906
118	Hoar, Benjamin F.	1868- Dead 1884
119	Hoffman, James M.	1868- Dimitted 1889
120	Hollister, Edward E.	1892-
121	Holmes, T.I.	1874- Dimitted 1880
122	Holmes, Truman L.	1872- Dimitted 1879
123	Horner, Ernest G.	1902-
124	Howard, Emmett	1902-
125	Hunt, Josiah	1861- Dimitted 1880
126	Hutchison, Hugh Hayes	1907-
127	Inghram, John T.	1893-
128	Jamison, David T.	1862- Suspended 1885 - Reinstated 1887 - Dead 1899
129	Jasper, Geo. F.	1881- Dimitted 1885
130	Jasper, Thomas	1867- Dead 1880
131	Johns, William C.	1902-
132	Johnston, Frederick G.	1864- Dead 1880
133	Jones, J. A.	1865- Dimitted 1870
134	Jones, John Paul	1863- Dead 1868
135	Karr, Jos.	1864- Dimitted 1884
136	Kase, Henry	1870- Dimitted 1877
137	Keenan, J. T.	1869- Dimitted 1870
138	Keenan, W. T.	1864- Dimitted 1866
139	Knapheide, Henry Edward	1904-
140	Knollenberg, Frederick W.	1894-
141	Konantz, William Henry	1876- Dimitted 1883
142	Kramer, James W.	1905-

143	Kuhl, Ernest E.	1902-
144	Kuhn, Richard Henry	1888- Suspended 1895 - Reinstated 1907 - Dimitted 1907
145	Lambert, Jno. H.	1866- Dead 1868
146	Lambert, Rodney	1866- Dead 1886
147	Larkworthy, William B.	1868- Dead 1890
148	Lee, Charles Nathaniel	1865-
149	Leeper, Albert B.	1903-
150	Lockwood, Robert C.	1869- Dimitted 1883
151	Lowe, James	1861- Dimitted 1878
152	Loynd, James	1874- Dimitted 1881
153	Mackoy, Thomas Jefferson	1876-
154	Manson (Mansen), Edward Everett	1876- Dimitted 1883
155	Martin, William Alexander	1904-
156	Massie, M. D.	1866- Dimitted 1891
157	McB., J. H.	1866- Dimitted 1867
158	McCabe Brown, John	1905- Dimitted 1909
159	McCann, John Ambrose	1898- Dimitted 1902
160	McClelland, Joseph S.	1870- Dimitted 1879
161	McCormick, Alcinous Y.	1881- Dimitted 1883
162	McCormick, James F.	1870- Dead 1874
163	McGinnis, John, Jr.	1861- Dimitted 1875
164	McKean, John S.	1876- Dimitted 1881
165	McLellan, Ertel Charles	1888-
166	McVay, Chas. M.	1874- Dimitted 1881
167	McVay, Michael	1861- Dead 1893
168	Mead, Charles W.	1861- Dead 1894
169	Mead, Henry Warren	1879-
170	Mellen, John	1861- Dead 1871
171	Michelmann, Henry L.	1902-
172	Milleisen, John J.	1899- Dimitted 1899
173	Menke, Frederick W.	1871- Dead 1908
174	Michaels, R. C.	1868- Dimitted 1870
175	Miller, Louis	1869- Dimitted 1888
176	Morris, George	1868- Dead 1879
177	Moulton, George W.	1871- Dimitted 1876
178	Mulliner, Edward S.	1870- Dimitted 1890
179	Myers, William Henry	1892- Dimitted 1897
180	Naumann, Henry F.	1906-
181	Neal, Thomas	1861- Dead 1866
182	Newcomb, Richard Foote	1876- Dimitted 1883
183	Newland, Lorenzo Dean	1883- Dimitted 1890
184	Newton, Milton W.	1869- Dead 1879
185	Noyes, H. St. John	1866- Suspended 1881
186	Ogden, Walter	1907- Suspended 1911
187	Oliphant, David	1885- Suspended 1896
188	Oven, William Eckley	1861- Dead 1891
189	Owens, Thaddeus S.	1870- Dimitted 1888
190	Patton (Patten), John D.	1877- Suspended 1889
191	Parker, Charles W.	1879- Dimitted 1883
192	Pencil, William L.	1900-
193	Pfeiffer, George Reinbeck	1884- Dead 1897
194	Phelps, Charles Selmer	1907-
195	Pitman, James M.	1862- Dimitted 1868
196	Pool, Levi A.	1894- Dead 1907
197	Porter, Benjamin F.	1894- Dimitted 1899
198	Potter, Samuel M.	1906-
199	Rentz, John	1884- Suspended 1896
200	Rhoads, Robert	1908-
201	Richardson, James H.	1869- Suspended 1895
202	Rickerson, Oliver Eugene	1884- Suspended 1896 - Reinstated 1904 - Dead 1909

203	Rickerson, Freeman D.	1875- Dimitted 1878
204	Rigg, Francis M.	1894- Suspended 1901
205	Riley, John Armstrong	1882- Dimitted 1888
206	Rittler, Frederick Wilhelm Johannes	1883- Dead 1892
207	Robbins, Joseph	1864- Dead 1909
208	Rogers, Edward A.	1875- Dimitted 1883
209	Rood, William Cary	1891- Dimitted 1892
210	Ross, Chas. S.	1905- Dimitted 1905
211	Ross, John A.	1868- Dimitted 1870
212	Roth, John A.	1864- Dead 1876 ¹
213	Rothgeb, Gustav A.	1878- Dimitted 1893
214	Rothgeb, Frank	1887-
215	Rutherford, George V.	1870- Dead 1876
216	Sayle, E. O.	1865- Dimitted 1868
217	Schermerhorn, John Van Rensalier	1899- Dead 1903
218	Seaver, Ira A.	1873- Dead 1878
219	Seger, Samuel Eastman	1865- Dead 1882
220	Selleck, Evelyn Charles	1871- Dimitted 1880 (1883) ²
221	Sheckells, Richard Thompson	1883- Dimitted 1888
222	Sheer, David	1876- Dead 1909
223	Shepherd, Joseph	1868- Dead 1876
224	Shinn, Charles Wesley	1891- Dimitted 1897
225	Shinn, William Henry	1883-
226	Skinner, Onias C.	1862- Dead 1877
227	Smith, Jacob M.	1864- Dimitted 1882
228	Smith, William Jay	1883- Dead 1907
229	Smith, Winfield S.	1900- Dimitted 1908
230	Smyth, Albert George	1885- Suspended 1904
231	Snitger, Drisus	1869- Dimitted 1900
232	Somerville, William	1872- Dead 1911
233	Soule, Charles E.	1894- Suspended 1911
234	Steinberger, John F.	1868- Dimitted 1870
235	Steinagle, John	1864- Dead 1872
236	Summers, William Alexander	1876- Dead 1900
237	Swope, Albert F.	1896- Dead 1907
238	Tansman (Tausman), Frederick W.	1875- Suspended 1896
239	Taylor, Shubael O.	1870- Dead 1876
240	Templin, William W.	1870- Dimitted 1899
241	Thienemann, Johannes Anton	1871- Dead 1874
242	Thompson, Edwin G.	1911-
243	Thompson, John H.	1872- Dimitted 1886
244	Tillsan, Clarence Dee	1909-
245	Town (Towne), Horace S.	1861- Dimitted 1884
246	Urich (Ulric), Frederick J.	1864- Dimitted 1876
247	Van Frank, Henry M.	1865- Dimitted 1874
248	Van Frank, Willis R.	1866- Dimitted 1876
249	Viberts, John	1871- Suspended 1877
250	Wallace, John W.	1876- Dead 1883
251	Walton, Henry Prentice	1898-
252	Webber, James H.	1905-
253	Weber, Wendalin	1865- Dead 1873
254	Wehmeyer, William F.	1911-
255	Wellman, James N.	1879- Dimitted 1884
256	Wheat, Alexander Edwin	1867- Dead 1885 ³
257	Whitebread, John	1882- Dead 1899
258	White, Lewis Dawson	1866- 1886 ⁴

¹ The year of death is incorrectly stated; he actually died in 1875.

² The reports for 1880 and 1883 indicate that he Dimitted.

³ The year of death was incorrectly stated in the report (1883); he actually died in 1885.

259	White, Robert Bowman	1884-
260	White, Thomas	1872- Dead 1896
261	Wiggins, Charles	1888- Dead 1907
262	Wike, David J.	1866- Dimitted 1880
263	Wike (Wyke), George	1866- Dimitted 1878
264	Wike, Scott	1866- Dimitted 1878
265	Wilkins, Eli Henry	1883- Dimitted 1892 - Admitted 1909 - Dimitted 1911
266	Williams, David G.	1868- Suspended 1885 - Reinstated 1896 - Dead 1904
267	Williams, Pliny B.	1873- Dimitted 1883
268	Willis, Martin M.	1863- Dimitted 1876
269	Wilson, Albert R.	1900-
270	Wilson, Henry	1894-
271	Winget, William Henry	1910-
272	Winters, John McAfee	1904-
273	Winton, David H.	1861- Dimitted 1885
274	Wood, George W.	1875- Dimitted 1879
275	Wood, Higbee	1909-
276	Wood, Joshua S.	1865- Dimitted 1889
277	Wood, Samuel	1871- Dimitted 1886
278	Young, Elijah D.	1905-
279	Zelleck, Evelyn C.	1881-

According to Table 3, a total of 279 individuals passed through Beauseant Commandery No. 11 between 1861 and 1911. It was not uncommon for Masons to join the commandery as entire families. For example, the Brown family had five members, the Harris and Wood families had four members each, and the Avise, Smith, and White families had three members each.

In 1911, the oldest member of the organization was Charles Nathaniel Lee, who had joined the commandery in 1865 and held the record for longest service. Among deceased members, the longest-serving was Sir Joseph Robbins, who served from 1864 to 1909 (45 years); second was Sir William Somerville, from 1872 to 1911 (39 years); and third was Sir David G. Williams, from 1868 to 1905 (37 years).

Statistical data on membership changes over the 50-year period are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Beauseant Commandery No. 11 membership statistics, 1861 to 1911

Years	Members	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Demitted and Expelled	Suspended	Deceased
1861	17	17	-	-	-	-	-
1862	21	4	-	-	-	-	-
1863	25	4	-	-	-	-	-
1864	35	10	-	-	-	-	-
1865	47	13+1 ¹	1	-	1	-	1
1866	58	14	-	-	2	-	1
1867	65	8	-	-	1	-	-
1868	75	13	-	-	1	-	2
1869	87	9	3	-	-	-	-
1870	90	10	2	-	9	-	-
1871	97	7	1	-	-	-	1
1872	101	7	1	-	2	-	1
1873	102	3	1	-	2	-	-
1874	102	3	1	-	1	-	3
1875	108	4	4	-	2	-	-
1876	113	13	2	-	5	-	5
1877	108	1	-	-	2	1	3

⁴ In 1886, he was listed among the members of the commandery; after that, no further information about him is available.

¹ Samuel Eastman Seger was not included in the commandery records for 1865.

1878	102	1	-	-	6	-	1
1879	97	5	-	-	6	1	2
1880	91	-	-	-	4	-	2
1881	84	2	1	-	6	3	1
1882	83	4	-	-	2	2	1
1883	72	11	-	-	15	2	5
1884	73 ¹	7	-	-	5	-	-
1885	67	5	-	1	6	-	2
1886	62	1	-	-	5	-	1
1887	63	2+2 ²	-	1	2	-	-
1888	59	4	-	1	7	-	1
1889	52	-	-	1	4	3	1
1890	50	2	-	-	3	-	1
1891	50	5	-	-	3	1	1
1892	51	3	1	-	1	-	1
1893	52	4	-	-	2	-	1
1894	57	10	-	-	3	-	2
1895	56	1	-	-	-	2	-
1896	50	-	1	1	-	6	2
1897	50	2	-	2	3	-	2
1898	51	2	-	-	-	-	1
1899	47	4	-	-	6	-	2
1900	45	1	-	-	1	-	2
1901	44	3	-	-	2	1	1
1902	50	7	-	-	1	-	-
1903	50	1	-	-	-	-	1
1904	55	5	1	2	1	2	-
1905	59	5	2	-	2	-	1
1906	60	3	-	-	-	-	2
1907	62	4	-	1	1	1	1
1908	59	2	1	-	2	-	4
1909	62	3	2	-	1	-	1
1910	60	1	-	-	-	-	3
1911	57	2	-	-	2	2	1
Total		248+3	25	10	128	25	63

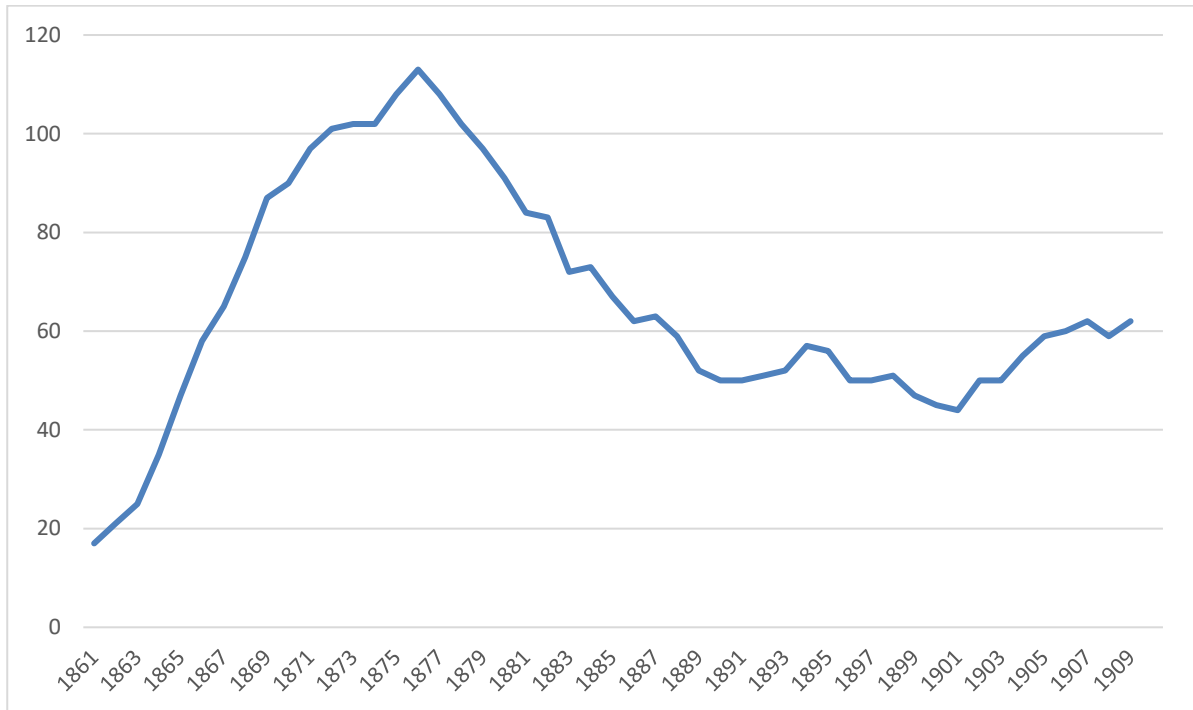
Analyzing Table 4, we can observe a slight discrepancy with Table 1. In Table 1, there are 279 names, whereas in the Created and Admitted columns of Table 2, there are only 275 names. In our view, this difference is due to the considerable number of variations in the spelling of members' names. We encountered up to four different spellings of the same last name, and there may also have been inconsistencies in the reports.

During the period from 1861 to 1911, 25 Knights Suspended their membership, 10 of whom were later Reinstated. 63 members died while still belonging to Beauseant Commandery No. 11. The number of members who Dimitted is also noteworthy, accounting for nearly half (46%) of the total membership—128 out of 276.

The data from Table 4 allowed us to compile information for a visualization of the membership of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 during the period from 1861 to 1911. For convenience, these data are presented in Chart 1.

¹ The report noted that in the previous year, 1883, the commandery had 71 members, while the report for 1882 indicated 72 members.

² However, the individual lists indicate that four Knights were Created.

Chart 1. Membership of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, 1861–1911

In Chart 1, we can see that the maximum membership of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 was in 1876; after that, the numbers declined. The reasons for this decline include:

Low membership in Chapter No. 5 (Quincy) and Chapter No. 157 (Mendon). Candidates for membership in Beauseant Commandery No. 11 came from these organizations, and their potential was limited.

The establishment of another commandery, El Aksa Commandery No. 55, in Quincy in 1882.

After the founding of El Aksa Commandery No. 55, some members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 immediately transferred to the new commandery, and the already limited potential of the Chapters was now split between two commanderies, which negatively affected membership numbers. As a result, Beauseant Commandery No. 11 fell into stagnation and only emerged from it in 1912, when the two commanderies merged to form Quincy Commandery No. 77.

We also present brief biographical data on the members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 who remained in the organization at the time of their death. This list is compiled in alphabetical order.

Adamy, Joseph Carl (Dec., 1834 – Nov. 2, 1893)



Joseph Carl Adamy was born on December, 1834, in Germany.
He was married to Caroline Wilhelmine Adamy.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1884. He did not hold any officer positions.
He died on November 2, 1893.

Beard, James Ayers (1835 – Nov. 2, 1881)

James Ayers Beard was born in 1835, in Pennsylvania.
He was married to Catherine Beard.
He was a Civil War veteran who served in the 40th Illinois Infantry Regiment.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1874. He did not hold any officer positions.
He died on November 2, 1881.

Beebe, Albert (Jul. 18, 1834 – Oct. 5, 1879)

Albert Beebe was born on Jul. 18, 1834, in Fall Creek, Adams County, Illinois.
He was married twice. His first wife was Aurelia Panama Beebe Nance, and his second wife was Anna Beebe.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1873. He did not hold any officer positions.
He died on October 5, 1879.

Blakesley, Asa Wellington (Apr. 21, 1818 – Mar. 30, 1899)
(Past Commander)

Asa Wellington Blakesley was born on April 21, 1818, in Madison County, New York.
He was married to Mary Blakesley.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. That same year he was elected Prelate, a position in which he served until 1863. In 1864 he was elected Generalissimo, and in 1865 he rose to the highest office in the commandery—Eminent Commander—serving in that capacity for five consecutive years, until 1869. From 1870 onward he held the rank of Past Commander.

In 1870 he was elected Grand Warden in the Grand Commandery of Illinois. This was followed by a series of annual appointments: Grand Sword Bearer in 1871, Grand Standard Bearer in 1872, and Grand Senior Warden in 1873–1874. After 1874 he no longer held offices in the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

After completing his service at the grand level, he returned to active officer duties in his home commandery. In 1876 he was elected Captain of the Guards. He was again elected to this office in 1889 and 1892. After 1893 he no longer held officer positions.

He died on October 5, 1899.

Boyer, Noah (Mar. 8, 1840 – Jan. 1, 1888)

Noah Boyer was born on Mar. 8, 1840, in Fairfield County, Ohio.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1883. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on January 1, 1888.

Brown, Bernard (Dec. 18, 1837 – Jul. 24, 1897)



Bernard Brown was born on December 18, 1837, in Northern Ireland.

He was married to Mary Ann Brown and served as a police officer in Quincy, Illinois.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1890. In 1892 he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1895 he became Captain of the Guards.

He died on July 24, 1897.

Brown, Henry Shafer (1827 – Dec. 24, 1882)

Henry Shafer Brown was born in 1827, in New York.

He was married to Nancy Brown.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1869. In 1870, he was elected to the officer's position of Sword Bearer.

He died on Dec. 24, 1882.

Cahill, James B. (Jul. 21, 1838 – Jan. 9, 1874)



James B. Cahill was born on July 21 1838, in Utica, Oneida County, New York.

He was married to Ellen Maude Cahil.

He was a Civil War veteran. He served in the 16th Regiment Illinois Infantry, holding the rank of Captain, and later was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1871. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on January 9, 1874.

Carr, Gideon Vary (Mar. 15, 1821 – Apr. 21, 1865)

Gideon Vary Carr was born on March 15, 1821, in Sheldon, Wyoming County, New York.

During the Civil War, he served in the 146th Illinois Infantry Regiment as a 1st Lieutenant.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1865 and did not hold any officer positions.

Gideon V. Carr died on April 21, 1865.

Carter, Thomas (Mar. 1, 1802 – Jun. 25, 1877)

Thomas Carter was born on March 1 1802, in Kentucky.

He was married to Elizabeth Carter.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1862. In 1863, he was elected to the officer position of Standard Bearer. He did not hold any other positions.

He dead on June 25, 1877.

Colburn, Walter Newton (1829 - Feb. 16, 1883)

Walter N. Colburn was born in 1829, in Washington DC.

He was married to Sarah Ann Colburn.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1870. In 1871 and 1872, he was elected to the officer position of Prelate.

He dead on February 16, 1883.

Demaree, Albert (Aug. 21, 1836 – Jul. 15, 1899)
(Past Commander)

Albert Demaree was born on August 21 1836, in Stark County, Ohio.

He was married to Adaline Demaree.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. In 1870, he was elected to the officer position of Captain General. In 1871 and 1872, he held the office of Generalissimo. In 1873, he became Eminent Commander, a position he also held in 1874. In 1875, he assumed the rank of Past Commander and again held the office of Generalissimo. In 1878, he was elected Recorder, in 1880 Captain General, and in 1892, Sword Bearer.

He dead on July 15, 1899.

Dussair, James Paul (Jun. 30, 1871 – Jan. 5, 1910)
(Past Commander)

James Paul Dussair was born on January 30, 1871, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri.

He was married to Catherine C. Murphy.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1897. In 1898, he was elected to the officer position of Junior Warden, and in 1901, Generalissimo. In 1902, he became Eminent Commander. From 1903, he held the rank of Past Commander.

He dead on January 5, 1910.

Farrar, Isaac Newton (Apr. 10, 1836 – Aug. 7, 1889)
(Past Commander)

Isaac Newton Farrar was born on April 10 1836, in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.

He was married to Elizabeth J. Farrar.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1879. In 1883, he was elected to the officer position of Generalissimo, and in 1884, he assumed the highest office of Commander. From 1886, he held the rank of Past Commander.

He dead on August 7, 1889.

Freeman, Jordan Lewis (Oct. 1, 1808 – Jun. 7, 1882)

Jordan Lewis Freeman was born on Oct. 1, 1808,

He was married to Sarah Freeman.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1866. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on Jun. 7, 1882.

Fuller, George (1842 – Apr. 3, 1896)

George Fuller was born in 1842, in Vermont.

He worked as an engineer.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1885. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on April 3, 1896.

Goodrich, Robert E. (May 8, 1820 – Jul. 15, 1877)

Robert E. Goodrich was born on May 8, 1820, in Massachusetts.

He was married to Harriet Goodrich.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. In 1861, he was elected Captain General, and in 1862, Generalissimo. In 1867, he was elected Standard Bearer, and in 1868, again Generalissimo. In 1871, he became Junior Warden, and in 1872, Senior Warden.

He dead on July 15, 1877.

Harris, John R. (1841 – May 15, 1876)

John R. Harris was born in 1841.
He was married to Mary F. Craver.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1864. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on May 15, 1876.

Heidemann, John William (Jan. 15, 1843 – Jun. 1, 1906)

John William Heidemann was born on January 15, 1843, in Germany.
He was married to Juliana Heidemann.
He was a Civil War veteran.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1872. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on June 1, 1906.

Hoar, Benjamin Forman (Apr. 11, 1824 – Oct. 27, 1884)

Benjamin Forman Hoar was born on April 11, 1824, in Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
He was married to Lydia Hoar.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. In 1869, he was elected Senior Warden. He held the office of Senior Warden again in 1871, Captain General in 1872, Generalissimo in 1873, and again Generalissimo in 1876.
He dead on October 27, 1884.

Johnston, Frederick G. (Apr. 5, 1815 – Aug. 11, 1880)

Frederick G. Johnston was born on April 5, 1815,
He was married to Sally Ann Johnston.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1864. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on August 11, 1880.

Jones, John Paul (Oct. 14, 1795 – Nov. 13, 1868)

John Paul Jones was born on October 14, 1795, in Sutton, Merrimack County, New Hampshire.
He was married to Polly Wells Jones.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1863. In 1864, he was elected Captain of the Guards, and he held this position in 1865 and 1866 as well.
He dead on November 13, 1868.

Lambert, John H. (Oct. 8, 1836 – Jul. 2, 1868)

John H. Lambert was born on October 8, 1836, in Virginia.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1866. In 1868, he was elected Senior Warden.
He dead on July 2, 1868.

Lambert, Rodney (Nov. 15, 1832 – Sep. 23, 1886)

Rodney Lambert was born on November 15, 1832, in Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
He was married to Martha Isabel Wolfe.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1866. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on September 23, 1886.

Larkworthy, William Balkwill (Oct. 1, 1827 – Jun. 19, 1890)

William Balkwill Larkworthy was born on Oct. 1, 1827, in England.

He was married to Ann Larkworthy.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. In 1871, he was elected to the officer position of Standard Bearer.

He dead on June 19, 1890.

McCormick, James Freeman (1840 – Sep. 24, 1874)

James Freeman McCormick was born in 1840, in Pennsylvania.

He was married to Jane McCormick.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1870. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on September 24, 1874.

McVay, Michael (1815 – May. 2, 1893)

Michael McVay was born in 1815, in Ireland.

He was married to Charlotte McVay.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. In 1883, he was elected Captain of the Guards, a position he held again in 1886.

He dead on May 2, 1893.

Mead, Charles W. (1836 – June 17, 1894)

Charles W. Mead was born in 1836, in Illinois.

He was a Civil War veteran. During the war, he commanded the Quincy Mounted Guards and held the rank of Captain.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. In 1861, he was elected Senior Warden; in 1862, Captain General; in 1863, Generalissimo; in 1864 and 1865, Captain General again.

He dead on June 17, 1894.

Mellen, John (Aug. 1, 1785 – Apr. 1, 1871)

John Mellen was born on August 1, 1785, in Pelham, Hampshire, Massachusetts.

He was married to Sarah Mellen.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. In 1861, he was elected Treasurer, a position he held until his death.

He dead on April 1, 1871.

Menke, Frederick William (Dec. 11, 1858 – Jun. 18, 1908)

Frederick William Menke was born on December 11, 1858, in Illinois.

He was married to Josephine Menke.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1871. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on June 18, 1908.

Dr. Morris, George (Aug. 1, 1839 – Feb. 6, 1879)



George Morris was born on August 1, 1839, in Payson Township, Adams County, Illinois. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on February 6, 1879.

Neal, Thomas (birth date unknown – Mar. 12, 1866)

Thomas Neal (date and place of birth unknown).

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on March 12, 1866.

Newton, Milton W. (Oct. 31, 1837 – Feb. 21, 1879)

Milton W. Newton was born on October 31, 1837, in Wayne County, Ohio.

He was married to Emma M. Newton.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1869. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on February 21, 1879.

Oven, William Eckley (Aug. 27, 1831 – May 5, 1891)
(Past Commander)

William Eckley Oven was born on August 27, 1831, in England.

He was married to Martha A. Oven.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1861 and was one of its founding members. In 1861, he was elected Generalissimo. In 1862, he was elected Commander, a position he held in 1863 and 1864. From 1865, he became Past Commander. In the same year, he was elected Prelate in the Commandery and Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

In 1866, he was elected Captain General in the Commandery while continuing as Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery. In 1867, he remained Captain General in the Commandery and was elected Grand Captain General in the Grand Commandery of Illinois. From 1868, he did not hold any further officer positions.

He died on May 5, 1891.

Pfeiffer, George Reinbeck (Charles) (Apr. 7, 1826 – May 30, 1897)

George Reinbeck Pfeiffer was born on April 7, 1826, in Germany.
He was married to Christina Carolina Wessels.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1884. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on May 30, 1897.

Pool, Levi Andrew (Apr. 1, 1855 – Jan. 25, 1907)
(Past Commander)

Levi Andrew Pool was born on April 1, 1855, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.
He was married to Mary B. Pool.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1894. In 1895, he was elected Warder; in 1898, Generalissimo; in 1900, Commander. From 1901, he served as Past Commander.
He dead on January 25, 1907.

Dr. Rittler, Frederick Wilhelm Johannes (Dec. 27, 1828 – Apr. 1, 1892)



Frederick Wilhelm Johannes Rittler was born on December 27, 1828, in Germany.
He was married to Ida Emelie Rittler.
He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1883. He did not hold any officer positions.
He dead on April 1, 1892.

Dr. Robbins, Joseph (Sep. 12, 1834 – Jul. 19, 1909)
(Past Commander)



Joseph Robbins was born on September 12, 1834, in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

He was married to Julia D. Robbins.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1864. In the same year, he was elected Warder. In 1865, he became Junior Warden; in 1866, Prelate, holding this office also in 1867, 1868, and 1869. In 1870, he was elected Commander, a position he retained in 1872. From 1873, he served as Past Commander. In 1882, he was elected Captain General. He served in the Commandery for 45 years, the longest tenure of any member.

He died on July 19, 1909.

Roth, John A. (Apr. 11, 1814 – Oct. 1, 1875)

John A. Roth was born on April 11, 1814, in Bavaria.

He was married to Appolonia Roth.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1864. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on Oct. 1, 1875.

Rutherford, George Valentine (1830 – Aug. 26, 1876)



George Valentine Rutherford was born in 1830, in Rutland, Vermont.

He was married to Lucy E. Keyes.

A Civil War veteran, he served as Colonel in the Quartermaster Department, USV, Union Army. From March 12, 1865, he held the rank of Brigadier General. He was a witness to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865, and authored the first published account of the event. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1870 and did not hold any officer positions.

He died on August 26, 1876.

Schermerhorn, John Van Rensalier (Oct. 13, 1860 – Feb. 12, 1903)

John Van Rensalier Schermerhorn was born on October 13, 1860, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1899. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on February 12, 1903.

Seaver, Ira A. (Sep. 20, 1835 – Jul. 15, 1878)

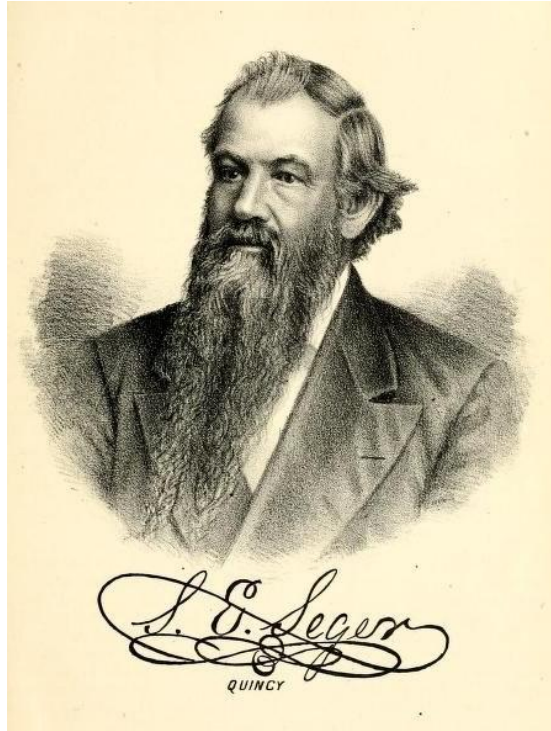
Ira A. Seaver was born on September 20, 1835, in Washington, Vermont.

He was married to Mary Jane Seaver.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1873. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on July 15, 1878.

Seger, Samuel Eastman (1826 – Mar. 21, 1882)



Samuel Eastman Seger was born in 1826, in New York.

He was married to Sarah E. Thompson Seger.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1865. In 1866, he was elected to the officer position of Warder. In 1871, he became Treasurer and continued to hold this position until 1880.

He dead on March 21, 1882.

Sheer, David (Oct. 10, 1828 – Jan. 16, 1909)



David Sheer was born on October 10, 1828, in Buffalo, Erie, New York.

He was married to Eliza Herlemann.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1876. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on January 16, 1909.

Shepherd, Joseph (Jul. 4, 1824 – Mar. 9, 1876)

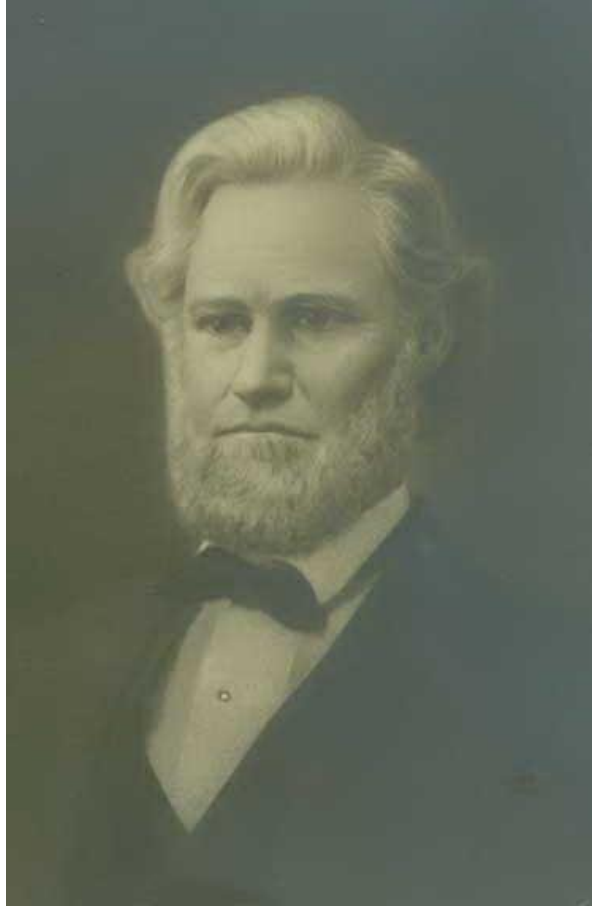
Joseph Shepherd was born on July 4, 1824, in New Jersey.

He was married to Susanna Shipe.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on March 9, 1876.

Skinner, Onias Childs (Jul. 22, 1817 – Feb. 4, 1877)



Onias C. Skinner was born on July 22, 1817, in Floyd, Oneida County, New York.

He was married to Sarah Skinner.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1862. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on February 4, 1877.

Smith, William Jay (1840 – Dec. 6, 1907)

William Jay Smith was born in 1840, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Mary Schlenk.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1883. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on December 6, 1907.

Somerville, William (Aug. 15, 1837 – Jan. 9, 1911)



William Somerville was born on August 15, 1837, in Pennsylvania.

He was married to Mary Josephine Thompson.

A Civil War veteran, he served in the 16th Regiment Illinois Infantry with the rank of Captain.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1872. In 1873, he was elected to the officer position of Sword Bearer. He did not hold any other officer positions.

He died on January 9, 1911.

Steinagle, John (1816 – Mar. 22, 1872)

John Steinagle was born in 1816, in Hesse-Darmstadt.

He was married to Margareth Steinagel.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1864. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on March 22, 1872.

Summers, William Alexander (Feb. 21, 1827 – Jul. 16, 1900)
(Past Commander)

William Alexander Summers was born on February 21, 1827, in Maryland.

He was married to Anna Mary Ahalt.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1876. In 1880, he was elected to the officer position of Prelate. He continued to hold this position in 1883 and 1886. In 1887, he was elected Commander, and from 1888 he held the title of Past Commander. In 1889, 1892, 1895, and 1898, he was again appointed Prelate. Most likely, he served in this position for about 20 years.

He died on Jul. 16, 1900.

Swope, Albert Fleming (Mar. 10, 1819 – Nov. 19, 1907)

Albert Fleming Swope was born on March 10, 1819, in Kentucky.

He was married to Caroline T. Swope.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1896. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died November 19, 1907.

Taylor, Shubael O. (Dec. 19, 1838 – Aug. 10, 1876)

Shubael O. Taylor was born on December 19, 1838, in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1870. He did not hold any officer positions. He died August 10, 1876.

Thienemann, Johannes Anton (Jun. 24, 1833 – Aug. 15, 1874)

Johannes Anton Thienemann was born on June 24, 1833, in Germany. He was married to Luise Mohrmann. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1871. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on August 15, 1874.

Wallace, John W. (1835 – 1883)

John W. Wallace was born in 1835, in Tennessee. He was married to Johana Wallace. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1876. He did not hold any officer positions. He died in 1883.

Weber, Wendalin (Oct. 21, 1821 – Mar. 12, 1873)

Wendalin Weber was born on October 21, 1821, in Germany. He was married to Agatha Weber. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1865. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on March 12, 1873.

Wheat, Alexander Edwin (Apr. 19, 1833 – Sep. 3, 1885)

Alexander Edwin Wheat was born on April 19, 1833, in Venice, New York. He was married to Mary Josephine Woodruff. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1867. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on September 3, 1885.

Whitebread, John (Apr. 19, 1836 – Dec. 22, 1899)
(Past Commander)

John Whitebread was born on April 19, 1836, in Hollenback, Luzerne, Pennsylvania. He was married to Ravena Moyer. He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1882. In 1886, he was elected to the officer position of Generalissimo. In 1888–1889, he served as Commander, and from 1890 he held the title of Past Commander. He died on December 22, 1899.

White, Thomas (Jan. 8, 1825 – Apr. 6, 1896)
(Past Commander)



Thomas White was born on January 8, 1825, in Scotland.

He was married to Mary Bowman.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1872. In 1880, he was elected to the officer position of Generalissimo. In 1881, he became Commander, and in 1882 he was re-elected to this position. From 1883, he held the title of Past Commander. In 1886, he was elected Treasurer, and again in 1889, 1892, and 1895. He likely served as Treasurer for about 10 years.

He died on April 6, 1896.

Wiggins, Charles (birth date unknown – Dec. 16, 1907)

Charles Wiggins (place and date of birth unknown).

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1888. In 1892, he was elected to the officer position of Warder.

He died on December 16, 1907.

Williams, David G. (Dec. 3, 1837 – Sep. 11, 1904)

David G. Williams was born on December 3, 1837, in Columbiana, Columbiana, Ohio.

He joined Beauseant Commandery No. 11 in 1868. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on December September 11, 1904.

In total, this list contains 60 brief biographies, including 10 biographies of Templar members who held the status of Past Commander. Among these members, the most notable was George Valentine Rutherford (1830–1876), a brigadier general during the Civil War and a witness to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Information regarding the officer corps of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 is of particular importance in this study. These details have been compiled in Tables 5–7.

Table 5. List of Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (1861–1911)

Years	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Prelate
1861	Josiah Hunt	William E. Oven	R. E. Goodrich	Asa W. Blakesley
1862	William E. Oven	R. E. Goodrich	Charles W. Mead	Asa W. Blakesley
1863	William Eckley Oven	Charles W. Mead	Roswell D. Grant	Asa W. Blakesley
1864	William Eckley Oven	Asa W. Blakesley	Charles W. Mead	Martin W. Willis
1865	Asa W. Blakesley	Wm. M. Avise	Charles W. Mead	William E. Oven
1866	Asa W. Blakesley	Wm. M. Avise	William E. Oven	Joseph Robbins
1867	Asa Wellington Blakesley	David T. Jameson	William E. Oven	Joseph Robbins
1868	Asa Wellington Blakesley	R. E. Goodrich	D. T. Jameson	Joseph Robbins
1869	Asa W. Blakesley	James Lowe	George A. Dills	Joseph Robbins
1870	Joseph Robbins	James Lowe	Albert Demaree	William M. Avise
1871	Joseph Robbins	Albert Demaree	Granville Moody Evatt	Walter Newton Colburn
1872	Granville Moody Evatt	Albert Demaree	Benjamin Fourman Hoar	Walter Newton Colburn
1873	Albert Demaree	Benjamin Fourman Hoar	Granville Moody Evatt	William M. Avise
1874	Albert Demaree	-	-	-
1875	William M. Avise	Albert Demaree	A.A. Glenn	-
1876	William M. Avise	Benjamin Franklin Hoar	Granville M. Evatt	Rev. Freeman D. Rickerson
1877	F.D. Rickerson	-	-	-
1878	Edward S. Mulliner	-	-	-
1879	Edward S. Mulliner	-	-	-
1880	Edward Starr Mulliner	Thomas White	Albert Demaree	William Alexander Summers
1881	Thomas White	-	-	-
1882	Thomas White	Thomas Austin	Joseph Robbins	-
1883	Gustave Adolph Rothgeb	Isaac Newton Farrar	Granville Moody Evatt	William Alexander Summers
1884	I.N. Farrar	-	-	-
1885	John A. Riley	-	-	-
1886	John Armstrong Riley	John Whitbread	Granville Moody Evatt	William Alexander Summers
1887	Wm. A. Summers	-	-	-
1888	John Whitbread	-	-	-
1889	John Whitbread	Henry W. Mead	Robert B. White	William A. Summers
1890	Robert B. White	-	-	-
1891	Robert B. White	-	-	-
1892	Joel W. Bonney	John Whitbread	Frank Rothgeb	William A. Summers
1893	Henry W. Mead	-	-	-
1894	Henry W. Mead	-	-	-
1895	Frank Rothgeb	Edward E. Hollister	William H. Myers	William A. Summers
1896	Frank Rothgeb	-	-	-
1897	Edward E. Hollister	-	-	-
1898	John T. Ingraham	Levi A. Pool	Robert J. Christie, Jr.	Wm. A. Summers
1899	John T. Ingraham	-	-	-

1900	Levi A. Pool	-	-	-
1901	Henry Wilson	James P. Dussair	Joel Benton	Henry W. Mead
1902	John P. Dussair	-	-	-
1903	Joel Benton	-	-	-
1904	Joel Benton	Harry B. Coffield	Albert R. Wilson	Henry W. Mead
1905	Harry B. Coffield	-	-	-
1906	Harry B. Coffield	-	-	-
1907	Albert Rush Wilson	Ernest Graham Horner	Emmett Howard	James W. Kramer
1908	Emmett Howard	-	-	-
1909	Henry L. Michelmann	-	-	-
1910	Henry L. Michelmann	John A. Bunting	William A. Martin	Henry W. Mead
1911	-	-	-	-

From the data in Table 5, we can see that within this group of officers, the same individual was most frequently re-elected only to the office of Prelate. For example, William A. Summers was elected Prelate approximately 20 times. For all other officer positions, the same person typically held the office only twice.

Table 6. List of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder (1861–1911)

Years	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Treasurer	Recorder
1861	Charles W. Mead	Harrison Dills	John Mellen	William M. Avise
1862	Roswell D. Grant	William M. Avise	John Mellen	James Lowe
1863	Wm. M. Avise	D. T. Jameson	John Mellen	James Lowe
1864	William M. Avise	David T. Jameson	John Mellen	James Lowe
1865	David T. Jameson	Joseph Robbins	John Mellen	James Lowe
1866	Erdley Orville Sayle	Jacob M. Smith	John Mellen	James Lowe
1867	Henry Milton Van Frank	Benjamin Franklin Berrien	John Mellen	James Lowe
1868	J. H. Lambert	Charles N. Lee	John Mellen	William E. Avise
1869	Benjamin F. Hoar	Charles N. Lee	John Mellen	Joshua S. Wood
1870	Joshua S. Wood	George A. Gale	John Mellen	Edward S. Mulliner
1871	Benjamin Forteman Hoar	Robert E. Goodrich	Samuel Eastman Seger	Edward Starr Mulliner
1872	Robert E. Goodrich	Evelyn Charles Selleck	Samuel Eastman Seger	Edward Starr Mulliner
1873	Evelyn Charles Selleck	George Velet Bristol	Samuel Eastman Seger	Edward Starr Mulliner
1874	-	-	-	Edward S. Mulliner
1875	-	-	-	George A. Dills
1876	Evelyn C. Selleck	Edward S. Mulliner	Samuel E. Seger	George Worthington Wood
1877	-	-	-	George Worthington Wood
1878	-	-	-	Albert Demaree
1879	-	-	-	William E. Avise
1880	Thomas Henry Bryant	Gustav Adolph Rothgeb	Samuel Eastman Seger	William England Avise
1881	-	-	-	William Evers
1882	-	-	-	Charles H. Bagby
1883	James Nichols Wellman	John Armstrong Riley	George Frazier Jasper	William Frederick Allen
1884	-	-	-	William Frederick Allen
1885	-	-	-	William Frederick Allen
1886	Thomas Jefferson Mackoy	Oliver Eugene Rickerson	Thomas White	William Frederick Allen

1887	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1888	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1889	Frank Rothgeb	Charles Wiggin	Thomas White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1890	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1891	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1892	Bernard Brown	Henry W. Mead	Thomas White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1893	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1894	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1895	John T. Inghram	Robert J. Christie	Thomas White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1896	-	-	-	Robert B. White
1897	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1898	Henry Wilson	James P. Dussair	Robert B. White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1899	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1900	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1901	Harry B. Coffield	Albert R. Wilson	Robert B. White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1902	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1903	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1904	Ernest G. Horner	Emmett Howard	Robert B. White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1905	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1906	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1907	Henry Louis Michelmann	John Autrim Bunting	Robert B. White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1908	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1909	-	-	-	Thomas J. Mackoy
1910	Henry F. Naumann	Karl M. Duran	Robert B. White	Thomas J. Mackoy
1911	-	-	-	-

From the data in Table 6, we can see that among this group of officers, there were two positions that the same person could hold repeatedly: Treasurer and Recorder. For example, Thomas J. Mackoy served as Recorder for over 20 years, and Thomas White held the office of Treasurer for about the same length of time. Officers in all other positions changed almost constantly.

Table 7. List of Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warden, Captain of the Guards (1861–1911)

Years	Standard Bearer	Sword Bearer	Warden	Captain of the Guards
1861	Damon Hanser	Roswell D. Grant	William Foley	Michael McVey
1862	Damon Hanser	Horace A. Towne	William Foley	Michael McVey
1863	Thomas Carter	J. W. Bradford	William Foley	Michael McVey
1864	Damon Hauser	Joseph W. Bradford	Joseph Robbins	John P. Jones
1865	Damon Hauser	J. M. Smith	J. W. Banker	J. P. Jones
1866	Henry Milton Van Frank	Frederick George Johnson	Samuel Eastman Seger	John P. Jones
1867	R. E. Goodrich	Charles N. Lee	Willis R. Van Frank	John W. Banker
1868	J. M. Smith	Henry M. Van Frank	J. S. Wood	John W. Banker
1869	Jacob M. Smith	Geo. A. Gale	Granville M. Evatt	J. W. Barker
1870	Jacob M. Smith	Henry S. Brown	Granville M. Evatt	Michael McVay
1871	William Balkwill Larkworthy	Henry Nicholas Etienne Cottiers	John W. Banker	Asa Wellington Blakesley
1872	Samuel Wood	Henry Etienne Nicholas Cottiers	John W. Banker	Asa Wellington Blakesley
1873	Jephtha Dudley	William Somerville	Joseph La Fon Hatcher	Asa Wellington Blakesley
1874	-	-	-	-
1875	-	-	-	-
1876	Jacob M. Smith	Willis M. Baxter	Joshua S. Wood	Asa W. Blakesley
1877	-	-	-	-
1878	-	-	-	-
1879	-	-	-	-

1880	Henry Warren Mead	James N. Wellman	Thomas Austin	John W. Banker
1881	-	-	-	-
1882	-	-	-	-
1883	John Whitbread	Henry Warren Mead	James Dallas Epperson	Michael McVay
1884	-	-	-	-
1885	-	-	-	-
1886	Eli Henry Wilkins	William Frederick Bader	Robert Bowman White	Michael McVay
1887	-	-	-	-
1888	-	-	-	-
1889	Michael Carnes	Eli H. Wilkins	Edward S. Mulliner	Asa W. Blakesley
1890	-	-	-	-
1891	-	-	-	-
1892	Michael Cames	Albert Demaree	Charles Wiggins	A. W. Blakesley
1893	-	-	-	-
1894	-	-	-	-
1895	Michael Carnes	Daniel G. Brown	Levi A. Pool	Barnard Brown
1896	-	-	-	-
1897	-	-	-	-
1898	Daniel G. Brown	Joel Benton	Gerhard G. Arends	Michael Cames
1899	-	-	-	-
1900	-	-	-	-
1901	Daniel G. Brown	William L. Pencil	Ernest G. Horner	Micheal Cames
1902	-	-	-	-
1903	-	-	-	-
1904	Ernest H. Kuhlo	Henry L. Michelmann	John A. Bunting	Michael Cames
1905	-	-	-	-
1906	-	-	-	-
1907	William A. Martin	Ernest H. Huhlo	George W. Burch	Michael Cames
1908	-	-	-	-
1909	-	-	-	-
1910	Charles M. Ertel	Ernest H. Kuhlo	Chauncey H. Wood	Michael Cames
1911	-	-	-	-

From the data in Table 7, we can see that among this group of officers, the same individual could be re-elected multiple times (five or more) only to the office of Captain of the Guards.

Additionally, to facilitate work with the history of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, we have included a list of all Eminent Commanders, compiled in chronological order.

Josiah Hunt (1861)
 William E. Oven (1862-1864)
 Asa W. Blakesley (1865-1869)
 Joseph Robbins (1870-1871)
 Granville Moody Evatt (1872)
 Albert Demaree (1873-1874)
 William M. Avise (1875-1876)
 F.D. Rickerson (1877)
 Edward S. Mulliner (1878-1880)
 Thomas White (1881-1882)
 Gustave Adolph Rothgeb (1883)
 I.N. Farrar (1884)
 John A. Riley (1885-1886)
 Wm. A. Summers (1887)
 John Whitbread (1888-1889)
 Robert B. White (1890-1891)
 Joel W. Bonney (1892)
 Henry W. Mead (1893-1894)
 Frank Rothgeb (1895-1896)

Edward E. Hollister (1897)
 John T. Ingraham (1898-1899)
 Levi A. Pool (1900)
 Henry Wilson (1901)
 John P. Dussair (1902)
 Joel Benton (1903-1904)
 Harry B. Coffield (1905-1906)
 Albert Rush Wilson (1907)
 Emmett Howard (1908)
 Henry L. Michelmann (1909-1910)

Over the 50 years of the commandery's existence, there were a total of 29 Eminent Commanders. The majority of them—16 individuals—held the office for two or more years, while 13 served for only one year.

Unfortunately, during the research on the history of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, we did not find any photographs of the knights in their uniforms. As a result, we collected information on the uniforms of other commanderies within the Grand Commandery of Illinois during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is known that in Illinois, the Templars used the Regular Uniform of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar. We illustrate this point with a photograph from the parade at the 26th Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar, which included, among other Illinois commanderies, St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7. St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 during the parade, 1895¹.

In Fig. 6, we can see the regular white uniform without aprons. Using historical reconstruction methods, The Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar at Cherkas Global University recreated the uniform of Eminent Commander from Beauseant Commandery No. 11 (Figs. 8–11).

¹ Photo souvenir of 26th Triennial Conclave. Boston, 1895. P. 399.



Fig. 8. Full set of uniform and Beauseant



Fig. 9. Upper part of the uniform



Fig. 10. Belt and sword



Fig. 11. Recorder's Jewel and Commandery Jewel

Thus, in conclusion, it should be noted that Beauseant Commandery No. 11 operated in Quincy for fifty years, from 1861 to 1911. During this time, no fewer than 279 individuals became affiliated with the commandery. Among them were several notable figures, including Brigadier General George Valentine Rutherford (1830–1876), a Civil War veteran and eyewitness to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. A number of Past Commanders of Beauseant Commandery also held officer positions within the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and in 1887, Past Commander Edward Starr Mulliner was elected Grand Commander.

Throughout its existence, the commandery experienced both periods of rapid development and phases of decline. Significant membership growth occurred during the first fifteen years, and by 1876, the commandery numbered 113 members. Subsequently, due to a variety of factors, membership stagnated and began to fall. Contributing causes included the establishment in 1882 of El Aksa Commandery No. 55 in the same city; the insufficiently developed network of local Chapters, which served as the principal source of new members for the Knights Templar; as well as additional contributing circumstances. As a result, by 1901, only one-third of the former membership remained—44 members.

A renewed period of growth began after 1901. In 1911, the members of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El Aksa Commandery No. 55, both located in Quincy, decided to unite and submitted a petition to that effect to the Grand Commandery of Illinois. As a result, in 1912 a new Knights Templar body—Quincy Commandery No. 77—was established in the city. With its creation, the history of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 came to a close.

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