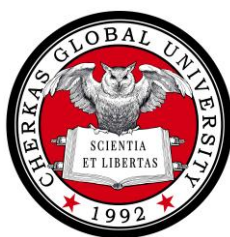


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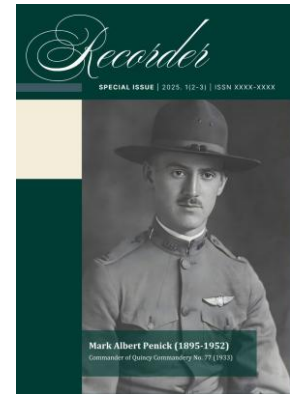
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### Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

We are preparing this Editor-in-Chief's column on the eve of Christmas, and on behalf of our entire team we would like to wish you happiness, peace, prosperity, and the fulfillment of your wishes. Merry Christmas!

Traditionally, the final days of December are a time to take stock. In 2025, the editorial team of our journal accomplished a great deal. We published five issues—two regular and three special—amounting to more than 300 pages, and released 37 articles representing a wide range of genres and approaches.

We would also like to inform our readers that beginning next year the journal will be published in January, April, July, and October. This change will allow our special issues—a practice we plan to continue—to be released as soon as they are ready, rather than being tied to the schedule of the first regular issue, which in 2025 appeared in March.

Now, a few words about the present special issue.

It is an honor for our team to present the third and final special issue of 2025. With this publication, we conclude a cycle of original research devoted to the Commanderies of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar in Quincy, Illinois. Across three special issues, we have explored: the major milestones of the 50-year history of the city's first commandery, Beauseant Commandery No. 11; the brief yet vivid 29-year history of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55; and the more than 110-year-long, still-unfolding history of Quincy Commandery No. 77.



Over the course of more than 160 years, hundreds of Knights have passed through the city's Commanderies, each leaving a distinctive trace: group photographs, participation in conclaves, Christmas, Easter, and other services, charitable work, as well as patriotic and youth-oriented activities. Behind these events—sometimes seemingly modest in themselves—there lies, in the personal memories of those who have been part of the brotherhood of the Order of Knights Templar, an entire world: a world of Faith and Art, a world in which Charity and Virtue are valued as highly as Fidelity to their time-honored Banners.

We wish you a pleasant reading.

Editor-in-Chief

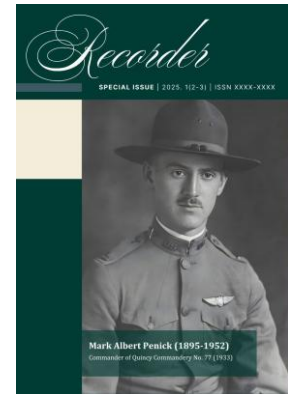
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### *Original Research*

## **History of Quincy Commandery No. 77, KT (Quincy, Illinois)**

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### **Abstract**

This study is devoted to the history of one of the active commanderies of the Masonic Order of Knights Templar in the State of Illinois—Quincy Commandery No. 77.

The source base of the research consists of the proceedings of the annual conclaves of the Grand Commandery of Illinois for the period from 1912 to 2023. These materials contain information on changes in the numerical strength of the commandery, the results of official inspections, and other administrative data. The preparation of concise biographical sketches of the members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 relied upon materials drawn from commercial genealogical and biographical databases.

In the conclusion, the author arrives at the following findings.

Quincy Commandery No. 77, located in Quincy, Illinois, was established in 1912 through the consolidation of two local commanderies, namely Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55. As a result, at the time of its formation the commandery comprised 135 knights, reaching its peak membership of 179 in 1924.

Over the years of its existence, according to incomplete data, no fewer than 461 individuals passed through the ranks of Quincy Commandery No. 77, 190 of whom remained knights of the commandery until their deaths. Among its membership were three veterans of the American Civil War and at least seven veterans of the First World War. The oldest knight was Past Commander Henry Warren Mead, born in 1830. Other notable members included Past Commander Pressly Alvin Laird, who in 2005 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

In its social and public life, the commandery participated in annual conclaves held both within the State of Illinois and beyond its borders, took part in parades and served as escorts at official functions, and engaged in drill, patriotic, and youth-oriented activities. It also contributed to charitable initiatives sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

The study presents concise biographies of 142 knights whose terms of service in the commandery are known and who remained members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 at the time of their deaths. These biographical entries include complete dates of birth and death, places of birth, names of spouses, dates of initiation as Knights Templar, as well as records of advancement and offices held, where applicable. This body of material is of exceptional value for genealogical research.

**Keywords:** Quincy Commandery No. 77, Knights Templar, Masonic Order, Quincy, Illinois, Grand Commandery of Illinois, 1912–present.



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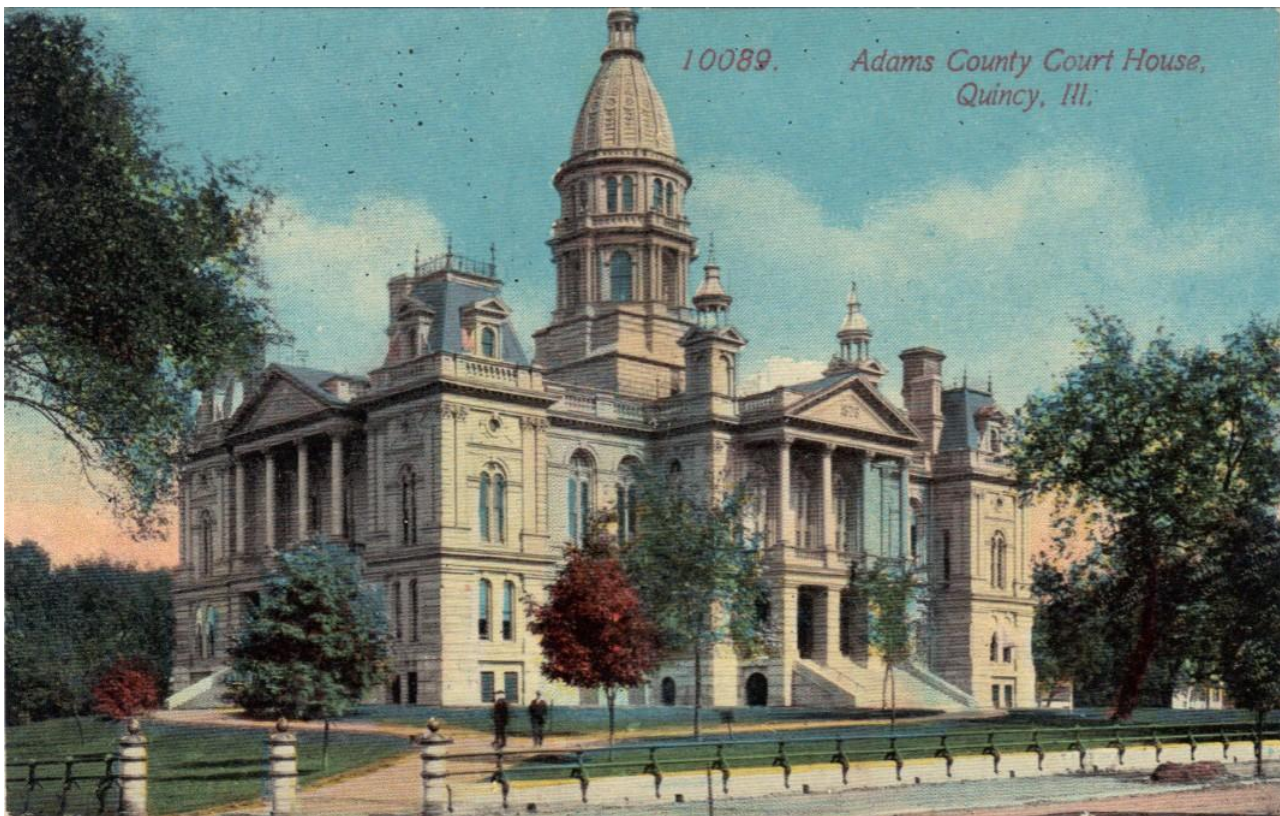
**Historical Background of the City of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois**

The future city of Quincy was situated on the Mississippi River. Quincy was granted city status in 1834. During the 1850s, the city experienced significant growth and prosperity owing to steamboat traffic and railroad connections that linked the eastern and western regions of the United States<sup>1</sup>. By the early twentieth century, the population of the city had reached approximately 36,000 inhabitants. Quincy attained its maximum population in the 1970s, when it numbered about 45,000 residents, after which a gradual decline began. According to the 2020 census, the population of the city stood at approximately 39,000.

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The history of our commandery began on 11 January 1912, when a delegation from the Grand Commandery of Illinois arrived in Quincy to establish a new local commandery—Quincy Commandery. It should be recalled that this commandery was created through the merger of two previously existing commanderies in the city, namely Beauseant Commandery No. 11<sup>2</sup> and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55<sup>3</sup>.

The former names of the Quincy commanderies were closely associated with the Crusades and Jerusalem. Thus, Beauseant was the name of the military banner of the Knights Templar in the twelfth century, while El-Aksa derived from the name of the Templars' headquarters in Jerusalem during the same period. On this occasion, however, the Templars of Quincy chose to adopt a neutral designation and selected the name of their own city (Fig. 1), resulting in the formation of Quincy Commandery.



**Fig. 1.** Adams County Court House, Quincy, Illinois

<sup>1</sup> Cherkas A.C. (2025). History of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, KT (Quincy, Illinois). *Recorder*. 1(2-1): 98.

<sup>2</sup> Cherkas A.C. (2025). History of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, KT (Quincy, Illinois). *Recorder*. 1(2-1): 98-168.

<sup>3</sup> Cherkas A.C. (2025). History of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, KT (Quincy, Illinois). *Recorder*. 1(2-2): 172-212.

As the circumstances were exceptional and the newly established commandery numbered more than one hundred knights, a distinguished delegation of officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois was present for the constitution of the commandery. The delegation included R.E. Sir Arthur Melvin Otman, Grand Commander; E. Sir Thomas Albert Stevens, Deputy Grand Commander; E. Sir Andrew Jackson Redmond, Grand Generalissimo; E. Sir James McCredie, Grand Captain General; R.E. Sir Alfred Augustus Whipple, Grand Prelate; R.E. Sir John Durham Cleveland, Grand Marshal; and R.E. Sir Edward Starr Mulliner, Grand Recorder<sup>4</sup>. The commandery was constituted in full accordance with established regulations, and its first Eminent Commander was Sir George Milton Reeves<sup>5</sup>.

On 1 March 1912, Quincy Commandery submitted its By-Laws to the Grand Commandery of Illinois for approval<sup>6</sup>.

In the summer of 1912, the commandery elected E. Sir Thomas J. Mackoy as its Recorder<sup>7</sup>. It should be recalled that from 1887 to 1911 E. Sir Thomas J. Mackoy had served as Recorder of Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and possessed considerable experience in this office<sup>8</sup>.

At the 56th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, Quincy Commandery was reported as having been Chartered on October 24, 1911, and was assigned Number 77<sup>9</sup>.

In 1912, the membership of the commandery totaled 135 knights. During the year, 3 were Created and 1 Admitted<sup>10</sup>. It is important to clarify that each annual report contained two sets of data concerning changes in membership. The first consisted of a statistical table summarizing numerical data for all commanderies within the Grand Commandery. The second comprised detailed commandery-level information, in which the numerical data were fully corroborated.

Those Created were John E. Cadwell, Thomas C. Johnson, and Wilton E. White; the knight Admitted was Robert J. Christie<sup>11</sup>.

Organizationally, Quincy Commandery was assigned to the Seventh District of the Grand Commandery of Illinois<sup>12</sup>.

In 1913, the numerical strength of the commandery remained unchanged at 135 members. During the year, 7 were Created, 4 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 2 Deceased<sup>13</sup>.

Officers:

George Milton Reeves .....	Eminent Commander
William Andrew Pfeiffer .....	Generalissimo
James McClelland Irwin .....	Captain General
Julius Louis Klemme .....	Senior Warden
Elmer Herbert Miller .....	Junior Warden
Edward W. McClure .....	Prelate
John McAfee Winters .....	Treasurer
Thomas Jefferson Mackoy .....	Recorder
Thomas Carroll Johnson .....	Standard Bearer
John Henry Breitstadt .....	Sword Bearer
John Erle Caldwell .....	Warder
Ernest Graham Horner .....	Sentinel <sup>14</sup> .

<sup>4</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 54.

<sup>5</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 54.

<sup>6</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 57.

<sup>7</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 119.

<sup>8</sup> Cherkas A.C. (2025). History of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, KT (Quincy, Illinois). *Recorder*. 1(2-1): 162.

<sup>9</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 380.

<sup>10</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 117, 145.

<sup>11</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 145.

<sup>12</sup> Fifty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1912. P. 164.

<sup>13</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 171.

## Past Commanders:

Thomas Austin, Stephen P. Barnes, John Batschy, John A. Bunting, Gerald M. Finlay, George W. Govert, Edward E. Hollister, Ernest Graham Horner, Emmett Howard, Robert A. Kiefer, William H. Konantz, George J. McMein, William H. McMein, Henry W. Mead, Henry L. Michelmann, Edward S. Mulliner, George M. Reeves, John H. Rice, Frank Rothgeb, Alfred A. Whipple, Henry L. Whipple, Robert B. White, Henry Wilson, Albert R. Wilson<sup>15</sup>.

Members: Charles H. Achelpohl, Clat L. Adams, James O. Anderson, Gerhard G. Arends, Thomas Austin, Thomas S. Baldwin, Stephen P. Barnes, John H. Bastert, John Batschy, Gustav A. Bauman, Henry C. Beatty, Geo. P. Behrensmeyer, H. P. Behrensmeyer, Ezra Best, William D. Best, Frank E. Bird, John H. Breitstadt, Fred. W. Brinkoetter, John W. Brown, John A. Bunting, Thomas Burrows, John E. Caldwell, Michael Caines, Charles E. Carles, John W. Cassidy, Timothy P. Castle, Harry H. Charles, Robert J. Christie, Charles H. Cottrell, William T. Coulter, John W. Cruttenden, Karl M. Durant, William H. Duvall, Samuel W. Eldred, Charles M. Ertel, John N. Evans, Charles R. Farrar, William C. Fick, Gerald M. Finlay, Thomas D. Gardner, George W. Govert, William H. Govert, Harry J. Heidbreder, Walter A. Heidbreder, Charles R. Henderson, William A. Hendley, Corydon S. Hickman, Edward E. Hollister, Herman H. Holtman, Ernest Graham Horner, Emmett Howard, John Jay Howard, Hugh H. Hutchison, James M. Irwin, William C. Johns, Thomas C. Johnson, Julius Kespohl, Robert A. Kiefer, Julius L. Klemme, David M. Knapp, Fred. W. Knollenberg, William H. Konantz, James W. Kramer, Charles A. Kreich, H. W. E. Krietemeyer, Ernest H. Kuhlo, Charles N. Lee, Albert B. Leeper, John M. Lewis, Peter B. Lott, Edward W. McClure, George J. McMein, Harry M. McMein, William H. McMein, Thomas J. Mackoy, William A. Martin, Henry W. Mead, Henry L. Michelmann, Bernard H. Miller, Elmer H. Miller, Frank C. Miller, Otto A. Mohrenstecher, S. B. Montgomery, Edward Morton, Edward S. Mulliner, D. Musselman, Virgil G. Musselman, Henry F. Naumann, Levi H. A. Nickerson, George C. Osborn, William L. Pencil, Franklin J. Penick, William A. Pfeiffer, Charles S. Phelps, Roseberry Randall, George Milton Reeves, Robert Rhoads, John H. Rice, Albert L. Richards, Walter F. Richards, Harvey Gilbert Riggs, Charles S. Ross, George D. Roth, Frank Rothgeb, William John Ruff, Albert H. Schmidt, Kirk Shawgo, William H. Shinn, George H. Stahl, Louis M. Stahl, William J. Singelton, Carl Steinwedell, Homer M. Swope, Gilbert K. Taylor, Edwin G. Thompson, Herbert M. Turner, William Cornelius Volk, Henry P. Walton, James W. Wayland, William F. Wehmeyer, James N. Wellman, Alfred A. Whipple, Henry L. Whipple, Robert B. White, Thompson S. White, Wilton E. White, David F. Wilcox, Albert Rush Wilson, Henry Wilson, P. B. Williams, Charles H. Williamson, Frederick Wilms, William H. Winget, John M. Winters, Chauncey H. Wood<sup>16</sup>.

Created: John H. Breitstadt, Henry C. Beatty, Gilbert K. Taylor, William J. Ruff, William A. Hendly, Sylvanus I. Bragg, Carl Steinwedell, William J. Singelton, Chas. L. Bartlett<sup>17</sup>

Dimitted: Joel Benton, Henry E. Kuapheide, Samuel M. Potter, Louis B. Boswell. Suspended: Albert M. Suhler<sup>18</sup>.

Dead: J. B. Shwego (Feb. 19, 1913), Joseph N. Carter (Feb. 6, 1913)<sup>19</sup>.

On 30 June 1913, amendments were adopted to the By-Laws of the commandery<sup>20</sup>.

In 1914, the membership of the commandery increased to 136 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 2 Admitted, 2 Dimitted, and 2 Deceased<sup>21</sup>.

James M. Irwin ..... Commander

Thomas J. Mackoy ..... Recorder<sup>22</sup>.

<sup>14</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 380.

<sup>15</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 380.

<sup>16</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 381.

<sup>17</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 382.

<sup>18</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 382.

<sup>19</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 135, 139, 382.

<sup>20</sup> Fifty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1913. P. 34.

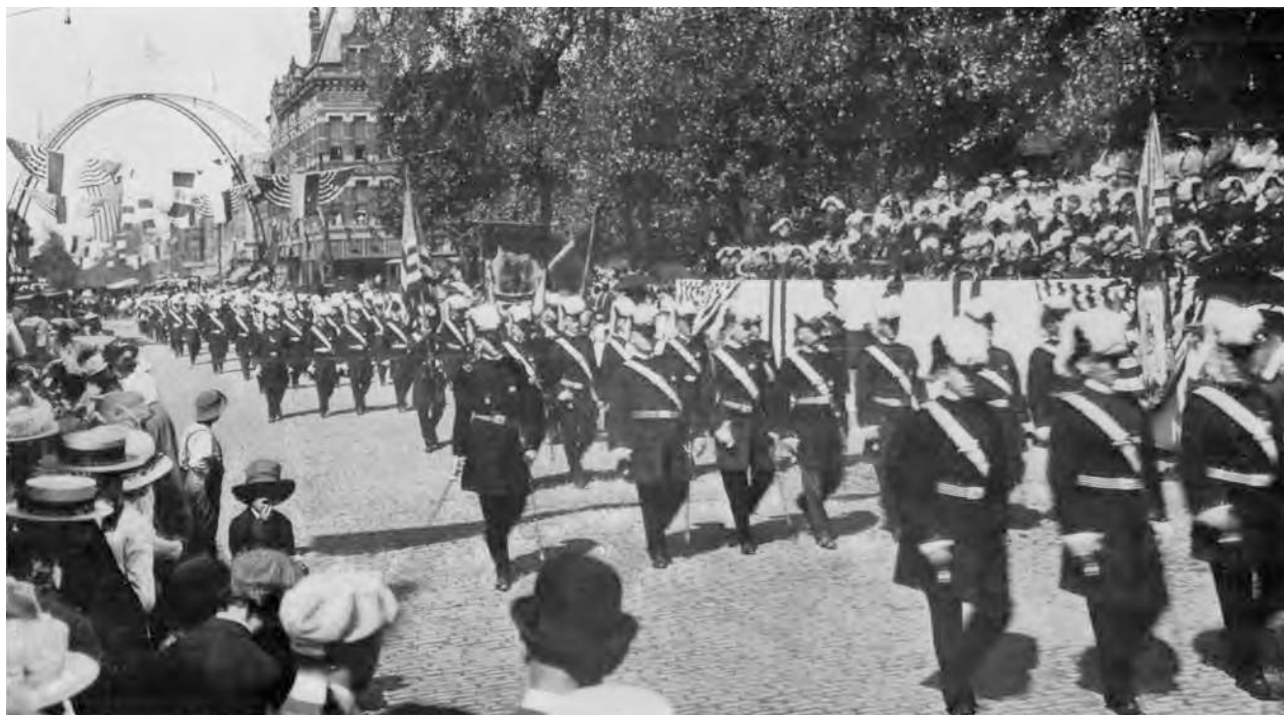
<sup>21</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. 185.

Created: Henry Edgar Wisherd, Sylvanus Ingram Bragg, John E. Andrew. Admitted: Charles Harper Gaushell, Thomas R. Evans. Dimitted: Charles Sumner Ross, Michael Caines<sup>23</sup>.

Dead: Corydan Sheldon Hickman (Nov. 21, 1914), Albert H. Schmidt (Feb. 14, 1914)<sup>24</sup>.

The 1914 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in the city of Springfield. Fifteen hundred Knights Templar from the Illinois commanderies, representing nearly every major city in the state, took part in the event. In the parade, the city of Quincy was represented by the Fifth Regiment Band of Quincy and Quincy Commandery No. 77<sup>25</sup>.

Thousands of spectators lined the sidewalks of the city's imposing business district and the adjoining residential areas through which the knightly procession passed, cheering and waving their handkerchiefs. Nine of the finest bands in the state and five drum corps provided musical accompaniment for the parade (Fig. 2)<sup>26</sup>.



**Fig. 2.** Parade of the Knights Templar of the State of Illinois in honor of the Annual Conclave. Springfield, 1914.

On 22 January 1915, the members of the commandery convened for the election of a Prelate<sup>27</sup>.

In 1915, the membership of the commandery declined to 132 members. During the year, 4 were Created, 1 Admitted, 6 Dimitted, and 4 Deceased<sup>28</sup>.

John E. Caldwell ..... Commander

Charles H. Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>29</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. 187.

<sup>23</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. 236.

<sup>24</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. 182, 237.

<sup>25</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. I, IV.

<sup>26</sup> Fifty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1914. P. I.

<sup>27</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 154.

<sup>28</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 233.



Created: Thomas Franklin Garner, Charles Lackey Bartlett, Seward Best, Charles William Leffingwell. Admitted: John Thomas Ingram. Dimitted: George Montray Finley, Charles H. Cottrell, Edward W. McClure, James O. Anderson, Otto A. Mohrenstecher, James W. Wayland<sup>30</sup>.

Dead: E. Sir Gerald Montray Finley (Sep. 29, 1914), William C. Fick (Oct. 5, 1914), Charles N. Lee (Jan. 27, 1915), John M. Lewis (Mar. 27, 1915)<sup>31</sup>.

On 28 October 1915, General Orders No. 2 authorized Knights Templar in the State of Illinois to appear in public in uniform for the purpose of visiting other commanderies and fostering strong fraternal bonds among the knights<sup>32</sup>.

In 1916, the membership of the commandery increased to 135 members. During the year, 9 were Created, 3 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 2 Deceased<sup>33</sup>.

John Erie Caldwell .....	Commander
Julius Louis Klemme .....	Generalissimo
John Henry Breitstadt .....	Captain General
Frederick W. Brinkoetter .....	Senior Warden
Edwin Grant Thompson .....	Junior Warden
John Thomas Inghram .....	Prelate
John McAfee Winters .....	Treasurer
Charles Harper Gaushell .....	Recorder
Thomas Carrott Johnson .....	Standard Bearer
Lee Elisha Caldwell .....	Sword Bearer
Joseph Addison Ehart .....	Warder
Ernest Graham Horner .....	Sentinel <sup>34</sup> .

Created: Lee Elisha Caldwell, George Herschel Earhart, Addison Niles Calkins, Joseph Addison Smith Ehart, Thomas Alexander Crooks, John Peter Hoeffler, Paul Garfield Duncan, Charles Sylvester Irwin, Jackson Robert Pearce.

Dimitted: Henry Cleveland Beatty, Charles Reed Farrar, Frank Rothgeb.

Suspended: William A. Martin<sup>35</sup>.

Dead: John William Brown (Apr. 21, 1916), Henry Prentiss Walton (Dec. 26, 1915)<sup>36</sup>.

On 10 May 1916, the Grand Commander granted permission to Quincy Commandery No. 77 to appear in full Templar uniform at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, to be held in Hannibal, Missouri, on 23–24 May 1916<sup>37</sup>.

In 1917, the membership of the commandery declined to 132 members. During the year, 4 were Created, 1 Admitted, 5 Dimitted, and 3 Deceased<sup>38</sup>.

<sup>29</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 235.

<sup>30</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 283.

<sup>31</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 211, 230, 283.

<sup>32</sup> Fifty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1915. P. 178.

<sup>33</sup> Sixtieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1916. P. 3.

<sup>34</sup> Sixtieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1916. P. 182.

<sup>35</sup> Sixtieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1916. P. 183.

<sup>36</sup> Sixtieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1916. P. 175.

<sup>37</sup> Sixtieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1916. P. 102.

<sup>38</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 219.

John Henry Breitstadt ..... Commander  
 F. W. Brinkoeller ..... Generalissimo  
 John Erie Caldwell ..... Captain General<sup>39</sup>.  
 Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>40</sup>.

Created: William Richard Stanbury, Charles Frederick Bishop, William Budell Moseman, Charles Lawrence Wells. Admitted: George Wells. Dimitted: S. W. Eldred, T. D. Gardner, E. E. Hollister, T. J. Mackoy, W. F. Richards<sup>41</sup>.

Dead: Past Commander Stephen Palmer Barnes (May 15, 1917)<sup>42</sup>, William Charles Johns (December 12, 1916), Charles Henry Williamson (July 18, 1916)<sup>43</sup>.

In July 1917, Senior Warden Sir Edwin Grant Thompson tendered his resignation. As a result, on 3 August 1917 the Grand Commander granted permission for a special election to fill this office, to be held on 10 August 1917<sup>44</sup>.

In 1918, the membership of the commandery increased to 136 members. During the year, 10 were Created, 1 Admitted, 3 Dimitted, 3 Suspended, and 1 Deceased<sup>45</sup>.

John H. Breitstadt ..... Commander  
 Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>46</sup>.

Created: Thomas Anthony Brown, John Jay Lusk, Walter Davis Stevenson, Archer Billings Rogers, William Albert Grieser, Albert Frederick Smyth, Edwin Percy Brown, Arthur Francis Odell, Christian Steven Tuffli, Leroy Horace Wolfe. Admitted: Francis Asbury McCarty. Dimitted: Ernst Henry Kuhlo, James Nichols Wellman, Charles Enoch Carley. Suspended: Robert Rhoads, Thompson Sharpe White, Hy. William Emil Krietemeyer<sup>47</sup>.

Dead: Robert James Christie (Sep. 8, 1917)<sup>48</sup>.

During the years of the First World War, five knights of Quincy Commandery No. 77 served in the armed forces. Their names were John Erie Caldwell, Joseph Addison Smith Ehart, Roseberry Randall, Gilbert Kent Taylor, and Walter Davis Stevenson<sup>49</sup>. Looking ahead, it should be noted that during the economic depression of the 1930s, all of them eventually left the commandery.

In 1919, the membership of the commandery increased to 151 members. During the year, 18 were Created, 3 Admitted, 1 Dimitted, and 5 Deceased<sup>50</sup>.

John Henry Breitstadt ..... Commander  
 Frederick W. Brinkoetter ..... Generalissimo  
 George Hershel Earhart ..... Captain General  
 Paul Garfield Duncan ..... Senior Warden

<sup>39</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 192.

<sup>40</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 221.

<sup>41</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 270-271.

<sup>42</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 49, 271.

<sup>43</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 56, 271.

<sup>44</sup> Sixty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1917. P. 24.

<sup>45</sup> Sixty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1918. P. 251.

<sup>46</sup> Sixty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1918. P. 253.

<sup>47</sup> Sixty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1918. P. 298.

<sup>48</sup> Sixty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1918. P. 298, 335.

<sup>49</sup> Sixty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1918. P. 246.

<sup>50</sup> Sixty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1919. P. 203.

Charles Lawrence ..... Junior Warden  
 John Thomas Inghram ..... Prelate  
 John McAfee Winters ..... Treasurer  
 Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder  
 Thomas C. Johnson ..... Standard Bearer  
 Virgil G. Musselman ..... Sword Bearer  
 William Richard Stanbury ..... Warder  
 Ernest Graham Horner ..... Sentinel<sup>51</sup>.

Created: William John Smith, Lyman Manchester Greenman, Robert Edward Crooks, Charles Camden Crooks, John Robert McLaughlin, Charles Samuel Leon, William August Schwindeler, Edwin George Charles Buerkin, Almon Laymon Hazen, George Albert Wall, Emil Evert Kaempfen, Charles Frederick Eichenauer, George Zoller, Frederick Boyd Castle, Charles Henry Morford, Thomas Raymond Morford, Oliver Roscoe Butler, William Collins Bradley. Admitted: John Samuel Milton Smarr, Samuel Wilson Eldred, Carl Buch. Dimitted: David Franklin Wilcox<sup>52</sup>.

Dead: Archer Billings Rogers (Oct. 10, 1918), Harry Moran McMein (Oct. 17, 1918), George Daniel Roth (Oct. 26, 1918), William Henry Shinn (Jan. 23, 1919), William Thornton Coulter (April 19, 1919) <sup>53</sup>.

In 1919, two Illinois commanderies—Rock Island Commandery No. 18 and Quincy Commandery No. 77—submitted invitations to host the Annual Conclave of 1920 in their respective cities. However, the Grand Commander selected Rock Island as the location for the conclave<sup>54</sup>.

In 1920, the membership of the commandery increased to 164 members. During the year, 14 were Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Reinstated, 2 Dimitted, and 1 Deceased<sup>55</sup>.

G. H. Earhart ..... Commander  
 Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>56</sup>.

Created: Emil Herman Huenefeld, Frederic Milford Pendleton, William Facer Sprague, John Allan Taylor, Arthur Herman Heidemann, Paul Schell Cobbey, Luther Amos Drury, Warren Leroy King, Loren Ernest Gillhouse, Frank Frederick Brinkoetter, Grandison Lloyd Grieser, Leroy Oliver Grieser, Oliver Cromwell Quinn, LeRoy Hetherington. Admitted: Charles Bansom Crum. Reinstated: Thompson Sharpe White. Dimitted: Julius Louis Klemme, Albert Frederick Smyth<sup>57</sup>.

Dead: Pliny Bliss Williams (Dec. 19, 1919)<sup>58</sup>.

In 1920, the reporting materials of the Grand Commandery of Illinois introduced a new inspection report form for the commanderies of the state (Table 1). A distinctive feature of this form was that, starting from the Records column through the Ritual column, each aspect of the inspection was evaluated on a 100-point scale, with 100 points being the highest possible score.

<sup>51</sup> Sixty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1919. P. 411.

<sup>52</sup> Sixty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1919. P. 412.

<sup>53</sup> Sixty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1919. P. 412, 460.

<sup>54</sup> Sixty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1919. P. 67.

<sup>55</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 203.

<sup>56</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 205.

<sup>57</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 289.

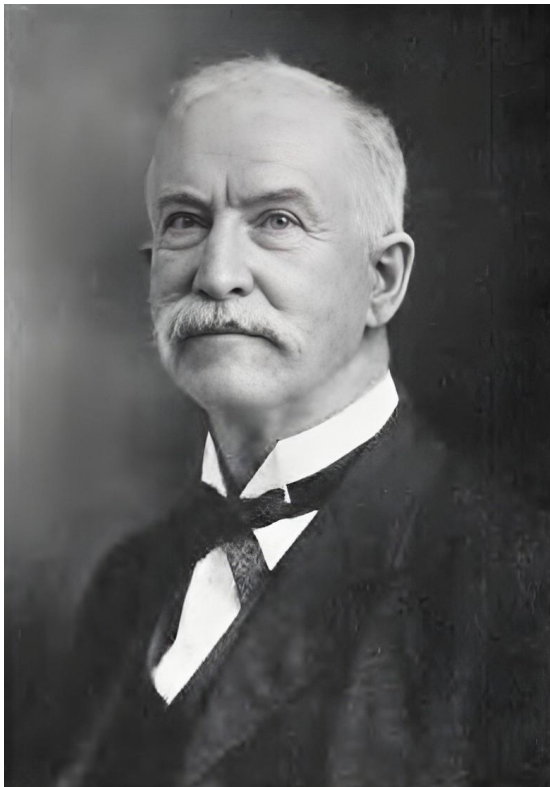
<sup>58</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 289, 338.

**Table 1.** Inspection report form and results<sup>59</sup>

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership	Conclaves Since Last Inspection	Opening in Full Form	Present at Inspection	In Uniform	Records	Officers Present	Manual Officers	Manual Lines	Rehearsal Duties	Ritual	Total Points	Average	Inspector
Quincy	77	158	40	35	53	38	96	100	94	95	97	92	574	95	JPH

As a result of this inspection, Quincy Commandery No. 77 scored 574 points, averaging 95 points per category. Only 17 commanderies out of the 85 in the State of Illinois achieved a higher score<sup>60</sup>. In other words, Quincy Commandery No. 77 ranked among the top 25% of commanderies in the state.

On 20 January 1921, one of the most distinguished Knights Templar, R.E. Sir Edward Starr Mulliner (Fig. 3)—Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11, and member of Quincy Commandery No. 77—passed away. In the 1921 Annual Conclave proceedings, a full obituary was published in his memory, which is presented here in its entirety: "Sir Knight Edward Starr Mulliner, R.E. Past Grand Commander

**Fig. 3.** R. E. Sir Edward Starr Mulliner (1839-1921)

Of him the grand commander said:

<sup>59</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 112.

<sup>60</sup> Sixty-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1920. P. 111-112.

Past Grand Commander Edward Starr Mulliner was born June 26, 1839, in Hillsdale, Michigan. In early manhood he located at Springfield, Illinois. He was educated in the Baptist College at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in the Illinois State University. In the year 1861, he was employed in the quartermaster's department at Camp Butler, and later engaged in the drug business in Springfield, Illinois, and subsequently in the hardware and housefurnishing business in that city. In 1868, he moved to Quincy, Illinois, where he engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, conducting an extensive establishment. In 1881, he organized the Mulliner Box and Planing Company, in which he held the position of secretary, treasurer and superintendent. A few years ago the plant was entirely destroyed by fire, and since that time he had not been engaged in active business, devoting his time largely to the duties of secretary of Quincy Consistory.

He was married to Sylvia J. Conklin of Jackson County, Michigan, May 10, 1865, and to this union two children were born, Walter, who resides in Galesburg, Illinois, and Mrs. Maud Dickinson, of Austin, Texas.

He was dubbed Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple in Elwood Commandery No. 6, Springfield, Illinois, and later affiliated with Beauseant Commandery No. 11, and by reason of the merger of the latter commandery with El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, he automatically became a member of Quincy Commandery No. 77. He was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois at its annual conclave held in Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 25th day of October, 1887, and served until the selection of his successor the following year. He was a member of, and held numerous offices in, many secret societies in which he was actively engaged for a period of time exceeding a half century. For several years preceding his death, he had been gradually failing, and was the victim of those diseases many times attending advanced age. On January 20, 1921, at 11 o'clock a. m., his brave soul winged its way to the land of eternal rest.

Past Grand Commander Mulliner possessed many friends in the community in which he resided. No greater acknowledgment can be made of his worth than to point out that he was the embodiment of all that is comprised within the term, gentleman. His fine character, unflinching honesty, and quiet, pleasing, sincere manner, gave him a distinctive personality. No man ever lived who gave greater thought to his fellowmen or who had more lofty ideals and strove more dutifully to carry them to the utmost. His remains were laid at rest in the cemetery at Quincy, Illinois, by the grand commander, assisted by his corps of officers. Sixty-third degree Masons officiated as pallbearers, and the officers and every available member of Quincy Commandery No. 77 acted as escort. The vast throng which gathered to pay its last respects, was an eloquent tribute to one who labored so incessantly for the well-being of others.

Memory is never more active nor vision more keen than when we look into the empty space over the grave of a friend. The grassy mound in the quiet acre of the dead becomes a resistless magnet—the voice now silent, a persuasive force which constrains us to live over again the happy past. We listen and hear a faint echo of a song among the stars; we bend the ear and seem to distinguish voices that are hushed in death. Smiling through our tears, we see the sunshine quivering upon the darkness, for just across on the other side, the flowers never fade, and crystal streams murmur incessantly, ever commingling with the song of the bird. No tear dims the vision as boundless beauty breaks in increasing splendor on the view. There is never a cloud to mar the light that makes perpetual morning, and in the contemplation of this grandeur, in the abode of the blessed, we recall the consoling words of our risen Saviour: "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also."

Oh, the ineffable victory gained through the Knight Templar's steadfast hope and childlike trust"<sup>61</sup>.

In 1921, the membership of the commandery increased to 167 members. During the year, 8 were Created, 2 Admitted, 1 Dimitted, and 6 Deceased<sup>62</sup>.

Paul G. Duncan ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>63</sup>.

Created: George Luke Beil, Charles Henry Edgar, Paul James Dean, James Russell Williams, John Walter Hart, Clarence Elmo Johnson, Philip Evehart Hess, Neal Edward Monroe. Admitted: George Montgomery Blair, Julius Louis Klemme. Dimitted: Hugh Hayes Hutchison<sup>64</sup>.

Dead: Past Grand Commander Edward Starr Mulliner (Jan. 19, 1921), Past Commander Henry Warren Mead (Jul. 19, 1920), John Henry Bastert (Nov. 9, 1920), LeRoy Hetherington (Sep. 18, 1920), William Laurens Pencil (Sep. 1, 1920), Homer Milton Swope (Oct. 8, 1920)<sup>65</sup>.

<sup>61</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 79-80.

<sup>62</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 203.

<sup>63</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 205.

<sup>64</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 263-264.

<sup>65</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 264, 279, 301.



In 1921, based on the results of the inspection, the commandery achieved an average score of 93. The areas identified as most in need of improvement were: Records – 91.4, Manual of Officers – 91.3, Manual of Lines – 88.6, Ritual – 91.4<sup>66</sup>.

In 1922, the membership of the commandery increased to 169 members. During the year, 7 were Created, 2 Admitted, 5 Dimitted, and 2 Deceased<sup>67</sup>.

Charles L. Wells ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>68</sup>.

Created: Elmer Henry Russell Mathis, George Long, Oliver Thomas Eads, Oga Emil Anderson, Allison Holmes Gibbs, Walter Henry Lee Thomas, Raymond H. White, Charles Jacob Fisher. Admitted: Samuel McClellan Potter, Julius Carl Barth. Dimitted: Francis Asbury McCarty, Frederic Milford Pendleton, Henry Learned Whipple, Robert Bowman White, John McAfee Winters<sup>69</sup>.

Dead: William Henry Govert (Dec. 7, 1921), Frederick Wilms (June 25, 1921)<sup>70</sup>.

In 1922, E. Sir Horace Herbert Halliday, Grand Standard Bearer, was appointed Inspector of the Seventh District, which included Quincy Commandery No. 77<sup>71</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1922 in Quincy, 36 knights from the commandery took part<sup>72</sup>.

On 8 May 1922, the commandery received permission from the Grand Commander to appear in public in full Templar uniform to visit and collaborate with Excalifor Commandery No. 5, Hannibal, Missouri, on 9 May 1922<sup>73</sup>.

The 1922 inspection revealed that a substantial portion of the previous year's deficiencies had been addressed, resulting in an average score of 95.2. Scores improved in the following areas: Records – 95, Manual of Officers – 93, Manual of Lines – 91.3, Ritual – 94.4<sup>74</sup>.

At the parade in honor of the 1922 Annual Conclave, 7,000 Knights Templar from across Illinois were present. Quincy Commandery No. 77 participated as part of the Third Division<sup>75</sup>.

In 1923, the membership of the commandery decreased to 167 members. During the year, 4 were Created, 1 Reinstated, 1 Dimitted, and 6 Deceased<sup>76</sup>.

Henry Edgar Wisherd ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>77</sup>.

Created: Kyle Alexander Snowhill, Charles August Heiddreder, Harold Arthur Preece, Grover Carl Held. Reinstated: Henry William Emil Krietemeyer. Dimitted: Emil Herman Huenefeld<sup>78</sup>.

<sup>66</sup> Sixty-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1921. P. 145.

<sup>67</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 203.

<sup>68</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 205.

<sup>69</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 258.

<sup>70</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 258, 294.

<sup>71</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 70.

<sup>72</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 116.

<sup>73</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 94.

<sup>74</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. 121.

<sup>75</sup> Sixty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1922. P. XIII, XVIII.

<sup>76</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 203.

<sup>77</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 205.

<sup>78</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 257-258.

Dead: Past Commander John Batschy (Aug. 27, 1922), Thomas Scott Baldwin (May 17, 1923), Gustav Adolph Bauman (Sep. 30, 1922), John Norton Evans (Sep. 17, 1922), John Hume Rice (Jan. 31, 1923), William Richard Stanbury (Jan. 31, 1923)<sup>79</sup>.

On 9 February 1923, the Grand Commander signed Special Orders No. 4, appointing Sir Knight John Hobbs, Grand Senior Warden, to conduct the 1923 inspection of the commandery<sup>80</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1923 in Quincy, 41 knights from the commandery participated<sup>81</sup>.

The 1923 inspection revealed new deficiencies, and the overall score declined to 93.2, slightly higher than two years earlier. Notably, the score for Officers Present, which had usually been 100, dropped sharply to 90, significantly affecting the commandery's overall evaluation<sup>82</sup>.

At the parade in honor of the 1923 Annual Conclave, Quincy Commandery No. 77 participated as part of the Fourth Division<sup>83</sup>.

On 12 November 1923, Circular No. 2 was issued, announcing that on 5 December 1923, the commandery would hold Grand Commandery Schools sessions<sup>84</sup>.

In 1924, the membership of the commandery increased to 179 members. During the year, 13 were Created, 2 Admitted, 2 Dimitted, and 1 Deceased<sup>85</sup>.

Arthur H. Heidemann ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>86</sup>.

Created: Walter Allen Tapp, Earl Lockhart Caddick, Leonidas Doran Mays, Andrew Kley Miller, Harold Francis Nichols, Everett Carl White, Ralph Charles Swansen, Mark Albert Penick, James Richards Dayton, William Benton Dayton, Julius Amar Buerkin, David Dolah Kirk, Herbert Henry Heidbreder. Admitted: John William Hobbs Pollard, William Augustine Hendley. Dimitted: William Augustine Hendley, William August Schwindeler<sup>87</sup>.

Dead: Charles Sylvester Irwin (Jun. 12, 1923)<sup>88</sup>.

On 5 January 1924, Quincy Commandery received permission from the Grand Commander to appear in full Templar uniform to act as an escort at the installation of officers of Alpha Chapter, O.E.S., on 9 January 1924<sup>89</sup>.

On 7 March 1924, the commandery underwent its annual inspection<sup>90</sup>. As a result, the commandery achieved an average score of 95, a significant increase compared to the previous year, largely due to improvements in Officers Present<sup>91</sup>.

On 13–14 May 1924, the commandery visited the Grand Commandery of Missouri and participated in its Annual Conclave at Hannibal, Missouri<sup>92</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1924 in Quincy, 80 knights from the commandery took part<sup>93</sup>.

<sup>79</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 258, 271, 295.

<sup>80</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 83.

<sup>81</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 134.

<sup>82</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 140.

<sup>83</sup> Sixty-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1923. P. 177.

<sup>84</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 99.

<sup>85</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 203.

<sup>86</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 205.

<sup>87</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 256.

<sup>88</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 256, 294.

<sup>89</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 124.

<sup>90</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 111.

<sup>91</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 165.

<sup>92</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 149.

In 1925, the membership of the commandery declined to 175 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 2 Admitted, 1 Reinstated, 2 Dimitted, 2 Suspended, and 4 Deceased<sup>94</sup>.

Elmer Herbert Miller ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>95</sup>.

Created: Edward Ellsworth Orr. Admitted: William Blake Elston, Frank Henry Unglaub. Reinstated: James Harry Webber. Dimitted: Loren Ernest Gillhouse, James Harry Webber. Suspended: Paul Schell Cobbey, George Henry Stahl<sup>96</sup>.

Dead: William Albert Grieser (Dec. 12, 1924), Julius Louis Klemme (May 8, 1925), James Harry Lee Thomas (Nov. 11, 1924), George Albert Wall (Mar. 4, 1925)<sup>97</sup>.

On 14 January 1925, the members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 participated as an escort at the installation of officers of Alpha Chapter, O.E.S. <sup>98</sup>.

On 21 January 1925, the commandery members served as an escort at the installation of officers of Henry Root Hill Chapter, Order of DeMolay<sup>99</sup>. The commandery had received permission from the Grand Commander to participate in both events.

During the Easter events of 1925 in Quincy, 61 knights from the commandery took part<sup>100</sup>.

The commandery also engaged in charitable activities, donating \$40 toward the L.P. Newby Scholarships for the Boys' School at Rome. In total, the Grand Commandery of Illinois collected over \$4,000 for this purpose in 1925<sup>101</sup>.

As a result of the 1925 inspection, the commandery's average score declined to 94.3. The decrease was largely due to the Officers Present score, which usually was 100 but fell to 94.7 in 1925<sup>102</sup>.

On 29 September 1925, the next annual conclave was held in Chicago. At the parade, Quincy Commandery No. 77 participated as part of the Sixth Division (Fig. 4)<sup>103</sup>.

<sup>93</sup> Sixty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1924. P. 153.

<sup>94</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 253.

<sup>95</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 255.

<sup>96</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 305-306.

<sup>97</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 306, 343.

<sup>98</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 126.

<sup>99</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 127.

<sup>100</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 143.

<sup>101</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 145.

<sup>102</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 148.

<sup>103</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. 184.



**Fig. 4.** Parade in Chicago in honor of the Annual Conclave, 1925 <sup>104</sup>

On 9 December 1925, a school for the members of the Knights Templar was held at the commandery. Seventy-five knights and four Grand Officers participated in the event<sup>105</sup>.

In 1926, the membership of the commandery increased to 178 members. During the year, 10 were Created, 3 Admitted, 6 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 3 Deceased<sup>106</sup>.

Francis Edward Bird ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>107</sup>.

Created: Eugene Blessing Ward, Walter Earl Thomas, Charles William Johnston, George Harvey, John Stephen Ahern, Delbert Allison Wheeler, Aylette Hawes Buckner, Donald Corbin Van Hoy, Alfred H. Adams, Gifford Vannin Leece. Admitted: Harry L. Meyer, Eben Robert Busby, Hannibal Claude Fortune. Dimitted: Charles Ransom Crum, Carl Buch, Raymond H. White, Everett Carl White, Henry William Emil Krietemeyer, George Long. Suspended: Charles S. Leon<sup>108</sup>.

Dead: Edwin Percy Brown (Aug. 8, 1925), William John Ruff (Nov. 3, 1925), P.C. Paul Garfield Duncan (May 10, 1926)<sup>109</sup>.

<sup>104</sup> Sixty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1925. P. XIII.

<sup>105</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 155.

<sup>106</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 253.

<sup>107</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 255.

<sup>108</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 306.

<sup>109</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 306, 344.

On 13 January 1926, Quincy Commandery No. 77 served as an escort to Alpha Chapter, O.E.S. <sup>110</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1926 in Quincy, 50 knights from the commandery participated<sup>111</sup>.

In 1926, the commandery also took part in the annual conclave held in Peoria. During the parade, the commandery marched as part of the Fifth Division, among a total of up to 7,000 knights<sup>112</sup>.

The 1926 inspection resulted in the commandery achieving its historical maximum average score of 95.8. The highest scores were recorded in Records – 99.5 and Rehearsal Duties – 99<sup>113</sup>.

In 1927, the membership of the commandery declined to 175 members. During the year, 8 were Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Reinstated, 6 Dimitted, 2 Suspended, and 5 Deceased<sup>114</sup>.

William Collins Bradley ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>115</sup>.

Created: Edgar Charles Oenning, Edward Henry Mitchell, Everett Leroy Lawrence, James Harrison Neal, Clyde Schwartz, Herman Heinrich Stormer, James Poling Nielson, Edward Frank Schulte. Admitted: Brintnell Robbins Newlan. Reinstated: Joseph Addison Smith Ehart. Dimitted: Sylvanus Ingram Bragg, Carl Buch, John Antrim Bunting, Joseph Addison Smith Ehart, William Augustine Hendley, Edwin Grant Thompson<sup>116</sup>.

Dead: Samuel Wilson Eldred (Apr. 18, 1927), Allison Holmes Gibbs (Jul. 10, 1926), John Jay Howard (Jul. 20, 1926), P.C. William Hubert McMein (Mar. 20, 1927), Jackson Robert Pearce (Apr. 21, 1927)<sup>117</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1927 in Quincy, 50 knights from the commandery participated<sup>118</sup>.

The 1927 inspection again resulted in a historical maximum average score of 96.1 <sup>119</sup>. It should be noted that the highest score that year was 98, achieved by only one commandery—Dixon Commandery No. 21<sup>120</sup>. Thus, Quincy Commandery No. 77 once again ranked among the top 25% of commanderies.

In 1927, the commandery also participated in the annual conclave, marching in the Fourth Division during the parade<sup>121</sup>.

During 1927–1928, the beginning of the Economic Depression in the United States and the resulting unemployment began to affect the membership of the commandery. Many individuals left their regions in search of work, which led to a decline in the commandery's membership—a trend that would not reverse until after the Second World War.

In 1928, the membership of the commandery increased to 177 members. During the year, 10 were Created, 3 Admitted, 4 Dimitted, 3 Suspended, 1 Deducted for Error, and 5 Deceased<sup>122</sup>.

<sup>110</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 140.

<sup>111</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 151.

<sup>112</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 93-95.

<sup>113</sup> Seventieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1926. P. 158.

<sup>114</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 253.

<sup>115</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 255.

<sup>116</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 306-307.

<sup>117</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 307, 324, 348.

<sup>118</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 170.

<sup>119</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 178.

<sup>120</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 178.

<sup>121</sup> Seventy-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1927. P. 121.

<sup>122</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 253.



Ralph C. Swansen ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>123</sup>.

Created: Harold Raymond Sharp, Herbert Edwin Eversmeyer, Joseph Caldwell Lloyd, Herman August Genteman, Edwin Joseph Lawrence, Kenneth Arthur Elmore, Arthur John Liebmann, William Victor Apperton, John Robert Truss, Kirby Llewellyn Hill. Admitted: Edwin Grant Thompson, Oscar Elliott Ware, William Garfield Brown. Dimitted: Charles Camden Crooks, Robert Edward Crooks, Edgar Charles Oenning, Charles Henry Edgar. Suspended: James Warren Cassidy, Leroy Oliver Grieser, Philip Everhart Hess<sup>124</sup>.

Dead: Charles Frederick Bishop (Feb. 8, 1928), Edwin George Charles Buerkim (Oct. 13, 1927), George Harvey (Apr. 1, 1928), P. C. Emmett Howard (Jul. 4, 1927), William Frederick Wehmeyer (Feb. 8, 1928)<sup>125</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1928 in Quincy, 40 knights from the commandery participated<sup>126</sup>.

The 1928 inspection resulted in a slight decrease in the average score, which fell to 95.3<sup>127</sup>. The primary reason for this decline was the incomplete presence of officers—Officers Present – 94.7.

On 14 November 1928, Alfred Augustus Whipple (Fig. 5) passed away. He had served as Past Grand Commander and Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, and following the merger of the commanderies, he became Past Commander of Quincy Commandery No. 77.



**Fig. 5.** R.E. Sir Alfred Augustus Whipple (1845-1928)

In memory of Alfred Augustus Whipple, the 1929 Annual Conclave proceedings published a full obituary, which we present here in its entirety:

"In Memoriam

Alfred Augustus Whipple

Again death has invaded the ranks of our Grand Commandery and summoned hence a valiant Knight.

Sir Knight Alfred Augustus Whipple, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois, answered the summons of the Supreme Grand Commander and passed from this life on November 14, 1928, at the home of his son Arthur in Benton Harbor, Mich. His death was due to a heart affection with which he had been afflicted for several years.

Sir Knight Whipple was born in Mansfield, N. Y., on October 31, 1845. He attended the public school in Mansfield until the breaking out of the Civil War. His father's enlistment in the Union Army left to the son

<sup>123</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 255.

<sup>124</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 306-307.

<sup>125</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 306, 324, 350.

<sup>126</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 219.

<sup>127</sup> Seventy-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1928. P. 223.

the support of the mother and five younger children. The father was taken prisoner in 1863 and died in Andersonville prison during the following year. For seven years he was employed as clerk in the offices of the Erie Railroad Co., at Salamanca, N. Y. It was at this time that he decided upon the practice of medicine as his life work and entered the office of Dr. Henry Learned of Salamanca, later attending the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in January, 1876. Following several years of practice in Western New York, he entered Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital at Chicago, for post graduate work, from which he received his degree in 1880, and during April of that year removed to Quincy, Ill., where he continuously practiced his profession until his retirement during 1927. There were those, however, who had so depended upon him for so many years and who could not accept his retirement. These he continued to serve almost to the time of his leaving Quincy in June, 1928.

Sir Knight Whipple was married to Miss Lydia E. Learned, daughter of Dr. Henry Learned, with whom he studied medicine at Salamanca, N. Y., on October 6, 1869. To this union five children were born. A daughter Grace, died in 1876 at the age of four years, and it was in her memory that Grace Whipple Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Quincy, Ill., was named. Four sons survive, Henry of Riverside, Calif.; Merritt of Rochester, N. Y.; Arthur of Benton Harbor, Mich.; and Will of Kearney, Neb. Mrs. Whipple died in July, 1909. In 1911 he was married to Mrs. Emeline Crum, who died June 20, 1927.

Sir Knight Whipple's Masonic career was unusual in that the honors conferred and recognition received come to few men. He was raised a Master Mason April 19, 1868, in Cattaraugus Lodge No. 239 of New York. On April 7, 1882, he affiliated with Quincy Lodge No. 296 which he served as Worshipful Master in 1895-1896, and as Chaplain continuously for fifteen years. Honorary memberships were conferred upon him by Bodley Lodge No. 1, Herman Lodge No. 39, and Lambert Lodge No. 659, all of Quincy.

He received the Capitular Degrees in Olean Chapter No. 150 at Olean, N. Y., May 12, 1871. Later assisted in the forming of Salamanca Chapter, R.A.M., of which he was charter member and its first Principal Sojourner. On November 29, 1881, he affiliated with Quincy Chapter No. 5, and served as High Priest in 1891-1893.

He was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil in 1893, advanced through all offices of the line, and elected Grand High Priest in 1902.

He was greeted a Select Master in Quincy Council No. 15, R. & S. M., on June 11, 1883, and after filling various stations on June 19, 1901, was elected Thrice Illustrious Master, serving for one year.

Sir Knight Whipple was admitted a companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on August 30, 1882, and created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple on September 14, 1882, in El-Aksa Commandery No. 55, Quincy, which body he served as Commander during 1897-1898.

His unusual interest and activity in all bodies of Masonry and particularly his devotion to Templarism brought deserved recognition by his election as Grand Warder in 1899. He was successively advanced through the line to his election, on October 24, 1905, as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.

He was a charter member and Past Worthy Patron of Grace Whipple Chapter, O.E.S., and an honorary member of Alpha Chapter, O.E.S., both of Quincy.

Sir Knight Whipple received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Quincy Consistory, Valley of Quincy, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on January 19, 1887. He served the Lodge of Perfection as orator for ten years, 1888-1899, and its Deputy Master 1900-1901; Sovereign Prince 1901-1902; Most Wise Master 1891-1992; Commander in Chief 1894-1896.

He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd degree and admitted to Honorary Membership in the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, on September 15, 1903.

Doctor Whipple, as he was more familiarly known, so lived and served that he was one of the best known and best loved in the community. In his life were found those personal characteristics, and high integrity, so essential to the successful practice of medicine. Intensely sympathetic and kindly always. Never too weary in mind or body to respond to the call of need. An honor to his profession.

On Saturday, November 17, 1928, the body of Sir Knight Alfred Augustus Whipple lay in state in the Lodge room of the Masonic Temple of Quincy where in the afternoon the funeral service was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. A. S. Champman of the Vermont Street Methodist Church, followed by the Masonic burial service and interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, in charge of Quincy Lodge No. 296. Quincy Commandery No. 77, attended in a body and formed an escort of honor. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Illinois, was represented by Sir Knight Aubrey Prosser, Grand Commander; Sir Knight David W. Isenhour, Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight John D. Cleveland, Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Edward A. Glad, Past Grand Commander; Sir Knight David Park, Grand Prelate; Sir Knight Carl A. Hallgren, Grand Warder.

"A staunch true friend from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is stilled,

A place is vacant in our ranks  
That never can be filled"<sup>128</sup>.

In 1929, the membership of the commandery declined to 172 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 1 Admitted, 2 Dimitted, and 5 Deceased<sup>129</sup>.

William B. Dayton ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>130</sup>.

Created: Homer Joseph Swope. Admitted: Herschel Orville Kiest. Dimitted: William Henry Devall, Grover Carl Held<sup>131</sup>.

Dead: Herman A. Genteman (Sep. 19, 1928), Frederick William Knollenberg (Jul. 23, 1928), John Robert McLaughlin (Feb. 20, 1929), Charles Selmer Phelps (Dec. 1, 1928), P. G. C. Alfred Augustus Whipple (Nov. 14, 1928)<sup>132</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1929 in Quincy, 40 knights from the commandery participated<sup>133</sup>.

The 1929 inspection resulted in the commandery achieving its highest average score of 96.2<sup>134</sup>. It is important to note that commanderies with an average score of 95 or higher were awarded a Certificate of Excellence. The form of the certificate is shown in Fig. 6. Possessing such a certificate was a mark of prestige, especially for smaller commanderies.

**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar Illinois*

.....Commandery No. .... at its  
inspection held ..... attained the grade of  
.....% in exemplifying the Ritual, based on accuracy, impressive-  
ness and perfection of floor movements as taught in our Schools.

This Grand Commandery, desiring to commend excellence of work  
in all Commanderies in Illinois, has caused this certificate to be issued  
this ..... day of ..... 19.....

.....  
*Grand Recorder* ..... *Grand Commander*

**Fig. 6.** Form of the Certificate of Excellence<sup>135</sup>

At the annual conclave in Peoria, the commandery's delegation marched as part of the Fifth Division during the parade<sup>136</sup>.

<sup>128</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 65-67.

<sup>129</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 253.

<sup>130</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 255.

<sup>131</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 299-300.

<sup>132</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 300, 307, 344.

<sup>133</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 125.

<sup>134</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 127.

<sup>135</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 31.

<sup>136</sup> Seventy-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1929. P. 172.

In 1930, the membership of the commandery decreased to 170 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 4 Admitted, 4 Dimitted, 3 Suspended, and 2 Deceased<sup>137</sup>.

Andrew Kley Miller ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>138</sup>.

Past Commanders: Francis E. Bird, William B. Dayton, Elmer H. Miller, Arthur H. Heidemann, Ralph C. Swanson, George M. Reeves, John H. Breitstadt, William C. Bradley<sup>139</sup>.

Created: Herman Henry Garrelts, Lloyd Benton Pepper, Carroll Diebald Schnepf. Admitted: Benjamin Trumbull Earl, Joseph Caldwell Lloyd, John Antrim Bunting, Herman Hoffman Brown. Dimitted: Grandison Lloyd Grieser, Joseph Caldwell Lloyd, Elmer Russell Henry Mathis, Levi Hill Adams Nickerson. Suspended: Oga Emil Anderson, Thomas Carrott Johnson, Harvey Gilbert Riggs<sup>140</sup>.

Dead: P. C. Thomas Austin (Dec. 31, 1929), Ezra Best (Feb. 4, 1930)<sup>141</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1930 in Quincy, 62 knights from the commandery participated<sup>142</sup>.

In 1930, the Grand Commandery of Illinois expanded the number of factors used to evaluate commanderies during inspections. As a result, whereas in 1929 the average score across the Grand Commandery was 94.8, in 1930 the average fell to 85.1<sup>143</sup>.

Quincy Commandery No. 77 ranked among the 27 best commanderies in the state, each scoring more than 84 points<sup>144</sup>.

According to the 1930 inspection, the commandery achieved an average score of 89.4<sup>145</sup>, which was the highest among all 84 commanderies in the state. The only other commandery to achieve the same score was Dixon Commandery No. 21<sup>146</sup>.

At the annual conclave in Decatur, a delegation of up to 10 members from the commandery participated in the parade as part of the Fifth Division<sup>147</sup>. The conclave proceedings also included the first published photograph of the commandery, which is presented here as Fig. 7.

<sup>137</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 203.

<sup>138</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 205.

<sup>139</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 216.

<sup>140</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 262.

<sup>141</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 262, 275, 301.

<sup>142</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 144.

<sup>143</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 31.

<sup>144</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 32.

<sup>145</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 147.

<sup>146</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 146-147.

<sup>147</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 182.



**Fig. 7.** Members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 in the 1930 Parade<sup>148</sup>

In 1931, the membership of the commandery declined to 154 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 4 Dimitted, 7 Suspended, and 6 Deceased<sup>149</sup>.

Aylette H. Buckner ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>150</sup>.

Created: Herbert Greeman. Dimitted: Harry L. Meyer, Delafayette Musselman, Virgil G. Musselman, John S. M. Smarr. Suspended: Thomas A. Brown, John E. Caldwell, Lee E. Caldwell, Hannibal C. Fortune, Charles A. Heidbuder, David D. Kirk, Leroy H. Wolfe<sup>151</sup>.

Dead: Karl M. Durant (Mar. 10, 1931), Oliver T. Eads (Jan. 11, 1931), Almon L. Hazen (Jun. 5, 1930), Bernard H. Miller (Sep. 23, 1930), Frank C. Miller (Jun. 10, 1930), Delbert A. Wheeler (Apr. 22, 1931)<sup>152</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1931 in Quincy, 63 knights from the commandery participated<sup>153</sup>.

The 1931 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 87.1<sup>154</sup>.

In 1932, the membership of the commandery declined further to 142 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 1 Admitted, 8 Dimitted, 3 Suspended, and 3 Deceased<sup>155</sup>.

Donald C. Van Hoy ..... Commander

Charles Harper Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>156</sup>.

Created: Kenneth Aubrey Simms. Admitted: James Monroe Read. Dimitted: Thomas R. Evans, Hervert Greeman, Emil Evert Kaempfen, Charles Henry Morford, Henry F. Naumann, Oscar Elliott Ware, George Wells, Kirk Shawgo. Suspended: Clarence Elmo Johnson, John Jay Lusk, Louis M. Stahl<sup>157</sup>.

<sup>148</sup> Seventy-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1930. P. 207.

<sup>149</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 183.

<sup>150</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 185.

<sup>151</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 240.

<sup>152</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 240, 274.

<sup>153</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 123.

<sup>154</sup> Seventy-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1931. P. 126.

<sup>155</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 165.

<sup>156</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 167.

<sup>157</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 199.



Dead: P. C. George Wood Govert (Apr. 1, 1932), P. C. Arthur Herman Heidemann (Aug. 14, 1931), George Zoller (Dec. 15, 1931)<sup>158</sup>.

During the Easter events of 1932 in Quincy, only 27 knights from the commandery participated<sup>159</sup>. The 1932 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 88<sup>160</sup>.

In 1933, the membership of the commandery declined to 134 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 5 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, 1 Expelled, and 4 Deceased<sup>161</sup>.

Mark A. Penick ..... Commander  
William V. Appuhn ..... Generalissimo  
Herschel O. Kiest ..... Captain General  
Charles H. Gaushell ..... Recorder<sup>162</sup>.

Past Commanders: Francis Edward Bird (1926), John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919), William Collins Bradley (1927), Sylette Hawes Buckner (1931), William Benton Dayton (1929), George Herschel Earhart (1920), John Thomas Inghram, James McClelland Irwin (1914), Robert August Kiefer (1906-1907), William Henry Konantz (1891-1892), Henry Louis Michelman, Andrew Kley Miller (1930), Elmer Herbert Miller (1925), George Milton Reeves (1912), Ralph Charles Swansen (1928), Donald Corbin Van Hoy (1932), Albert Rush Wilson (1909), Charles Lawrence Wells (1922), Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923)<sup>163</sup>.

Created: Wesley Melville Garoutte, Donald Charles McConnell, Truman William Vollmer. Dimitted: Thomas Alexander Crooks, William Blake Elston, Clyde Schwartz, Walter Davis Stevenson, Edwin Grant Thompson<sup>164</sup>.

Suspended: William Henry Winget. Suspended (Expelled): William A. Fifer<sup>165</sup>.

Dead: William David Best (Jan. 9, 1933), P.C. John Antrim Bunting (Oct. 11, 1932), Peter Belce Lott (Mar. 18, 1933), P.C. Henry Wilson (Dec. 24, 1932)<sup>166</sup>.

The 1933 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 85.9, with the significant decline attributed to an incomplete complement of officers<sup>167</sup>.

At the annual conclave in Belleville, the commandery's delegation participated in the parade as part of the Fourth Division<sup>168</sup>.

The 1934 report has not been located; however, it is known that the commandery's membership declined to 123 members<sup>169</sup>. In 1934, the Eminent Commander was William V. Appuhn<sup>170</sup>.

<sup>158</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 199, 208, 222.

<sup>159</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 131.

<sup>160</sup> Seventy-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1932. P. 133.

<sup>161</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 117.

<sup>162</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 137.

<sup>163</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 137.

<sup>164</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 161.

<sup>165</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 162.

<sup>166</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 162, 171, 184.

<sup>167</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 92.

<sup>168</sup> Seventy-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1933. P. 85.

<sup>169</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 152.

<sup>170</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 163.

In 1935, the membership further decreased to 118 members. During the year, 1 Dimitted, 1 Suspended (Other Causes), and 3 Deceased<sup>171</sup>.

Herschel Orville Kiest ..... Commander  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Generalissimo  
 Wesley Melville Garoutte ..... Captain General  
 Charles H. Graushell ..... Recorder<sup>172</sup>.  
 Dimitted: Charles L. Bartlett<sup>173</sup>.

Dead: P.C. George Herschel Earhart (Jun. 5, 1934), William C. Volk (Mar. 25, 1935), Paul James Dean (Nov., 1934)<sup>174</sup>.

Past Commanders: Robert August Kiefer (1906), John Thomas Inghram (1907), Henry Louis Michelmann (1908), Albert Rush Wilson (1909), George Milton Reeves (1912), James McClelland Irwin (1914), John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919), Charles Lawrence Wells (1922), Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923), Elmer Herbert Miller (1925), Francis Edward Bied (1926), William Collins Bradley (1927), Ralph Charles Swansen (1928), William Benton Dayton (1929), Andrew Kley Miller (1930), Aylette Hawes Buckner (1931), Donald Corbin VanHoy (1932), Mark Albert Penick (1933), William Victor Appuhn (1934)<sup>175</sup>.

The 1935 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving its lowest average score in history – 84.1. The significant decline was due to an incomplete complement of officers and the score for Manual of Lines<sup>176</sup>.

Quincy Commandery No. 77, Knights Templar, attended the Fall Festival hosted by Damascus Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, in Keokuk, Iowa<sup>177</sup>.

At the 1935 annual conclave, the commandery's delegation participated in the parade as part of the Fourth Division<sup>178</sup>.

The Seventh District School of Instruction was held at the Asylum of Quincy Commandery No. 77 on 4 December 1935, under the direction of Sir Knight Warren Archie MacCollum, Grand Warder<sup>179</sup>.

In 1936, the membership of the commandery declined to 111 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 4 Dimitted, 2 Suspended, and 2 Deceased<sup>180</sup>.

Alfred H. Adams ..... Commander  
 Wesley M. Garoutte ..... Generalissimo  
 James M. Read ..... Captain General  
 Charles H. Graushell ..... Recorder<sup>181</sup>.

Past Commanders: Robert August Kiefer (1906), John Thomas Inghram (1907), Henry Louis Michelmann (1908), Albert Rush Wilson (1909), George Milton Reeves (1912), James McClelland Irwin (1914), John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919), Charles Lawrence Wells (1922), Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923), Elmer Herbert Miller (1925), Francis Edward Bird (1926), William Collins Bradley (1927), Ralph Charles Swansen (1928), William Benton Dayton (1929), Andrew Kley Miller (1930), Aylette Hawes Buckner (1931),

<sup>171</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 152.

<sup>172</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 173.

<sup>173</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 192.

<sup>174</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 192, 201, 213.

<sup>175</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 173.

<sup>176</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 127.

<sup>177</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 17.

<sup>178</sup> Seventy-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1935. P. 119.

<sup>179</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 109.

<sup>180</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 136.

<sup>181</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 157.

Donald Corbin VanHoy (1932), Mark Albert Penick (1933), William Victor Appuhn (1934), Herschel O. Iviest (1935)<sup>182</sup>.

Created: Ray Knisely Johnson. Dimitted: Frederick Boyd Castle, Lyman Manchester Greenman, Harold Raymond Sharp, James Russell Williams. Suspended: Herbert E. Eversmeyer<sup>183</sup>. In the personal records, only one knight was listed as Suspended, instead of two as indicated in the general table.

Dead: P.C. John T. Ingram (Feb. 18, 1936), Wilton E. White (Nov. 11, 1935)<sup>184</sup>.

The 1936 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 85.6<sup>185</sup>.

At the 1936 annual conclave in Rock Island, the commandery's delegation participated in the parade as part of the Fourth Division<sup>186</sup>.

In 1937, the membership of the commandery declined to 96 members. During the year, 2 were Admitted, 7 Dimitted, 5 Suspended, and 5 Deceased<sup>187</sup>.

Wesley M. Garoutte ..... Commander

James M. Read ..... Generalissimo

Christian S. Tuffli ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>188</sup>.

Admitted: Lloyd Benton Pepper, Maurice Fielding Langellier. Dimitted: Frank F. Brinkoetter, John W. H. Pollard, Samuel M. Potter, William J. Smith, Gilbert K. Taylor, Lloyd B. Pepper, Charles L. Wells. Suspended: P.C. Francis E. Baird, Edward H. Mitchell, Homer J. Swope, William B. Moseman. In the personal records, only four knights were listed as Suspended, instead of five as indicated in the general table.

Dead: P.C. George M. Reeves (Jan. 27, 1837), Harry H. Charles (March 2, 1937), Harry J. Heidbreder (Jan. 22, 1937), Kirby L. Hill (Nov. 21, 1936), Oliver C. Quinn (July 17, 1936)<sup>189</sup>.

The 1937 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 85.3<sup>190</sup>.

In 1938, the membership of the commandery declined to 85 members. During the year, 4 Dimitted, 4 Suspended, 1 Suspended (Other Causes), and 2 Deceased<sup>191</sup>.

John Albert Pallo ..... Commander

Steger Nicholas Johnson ..... Generalissimo

Harold Abraham Finkel ..... Captain General

W. J. Wilmot-Gilbert ..... Recorder<sup>192</sup>.

Past Commanders: Robert August Kiefer (1906), Ernest G. Horner (1907), Henry Louis Michelmann (1908), Albert Rush Wilson (1909), James McClelland Irwin (1914), John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923), Elmer Herbert Miller (1925), William Collins Bradley (1927), Ralph Charles Swansen (1928), William Benton Dayton (1929), Andrew Kley Miller (1930), Aylette Hawes Buckner (1931),

<sup>182</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 157.

<sup>183</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 172.

<sup>184</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 178, 190.

<sup>185</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 111.

<sup>186</sup> Eightieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1936. P. 87.

<sup>187</sup> Eighty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1937. P. 103.

<sup>188</sup> Eighty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1937. P. 123.

<sup>189</sup> Eighty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1937. P. 140, 146.

<sup>190</sup> Eighty-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1937. P. 79.

<sup>191</sup> Eighty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1938. P. 137.

<sup>192</sup> Eighty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1938. P. 157.

Donald Corbin VanHoy (1932), Mark Albert Penick (1933), William Victor Appuhn (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Wesley M. Garouette (1937).

Dimitted: Edward F. Schulte, Herbert M. Turner, Charles H. Gaushell, Lloyd B. Pepper. Suspended: Charles H. Achelpohl, Seward Best, Herman H. Brown, Roseberry Randall<sup>193</sup>.

Dead: Herman H. Holtman (Nov. 7, 1937), Charles A. Kreich (Feb. 11, 1938)<sup>194</sup>.

The 1938 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 85.9<sup>195</sup>.

In 1939, the membership of the commandery declined to 83 members. During the year, 1 Reinstated, 4 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 2 Deceased; additionally, +4 members were noted under Adjustments<sup>196</sup>.

Maurice Fielding Langellier ..... Commander

Walter Earl Thomas ..... Generalissimo

William Victor Appuhn ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>197</sup>.

Past Commanders: Robert August Kiefer (1906), Ernest G. Horner (1907), Albert Rush Wilson (1909), James McClelland Irwin (1914), John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923), Elmer Herbert Miller (1925), William Collins Bradley (1927), Ralph Charles Swanson (1928), William Benton Dayton (1929), Andrew Kley Miller (1930), Aylett Hawes Buckner (1931), Donald Corbin VanHoy (1932), Mark Albert Penick (1933), William Victor Appuhn (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Wesley M. Garouette (1937), John Albert Pallo (1938)<sup>198</sup>.

Reinstated: Vannin Leece Gifford. Dimitted: John Stephen Ahern, Charles William Leffingwill, Kyle Alexander Snowhill, Charles William Johnston<sup>199</sup>.

Dead: Henry Louis Michelmann (Aug. 10, 1938), Benjamin Trumbull Earl (Jan. 27, 1939)<sup>200</sup>.

The 1939 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 86<sup>201</sup>.

In 1939, the commandery again submitted a proposal to host the 1940 Conclave in Quincy. This proposal was presented by E.C. Sir Knight Maurice E. Langellier of Quincy Commandery No. 77:

"Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, Quincy Commandery No. 77 and all other Masonic Bodies of the City of Quincy and the whole Seventh Templar District join with me in extending to you a most sincere and cordial invitation to hold your 1940 Conclave in Quincy, Illinois. Quincy is easily accessible by land, air, and water, if you choose. The finances are arranged. Four hotels located within three blocks of the Masonic Temple will afford ample housing, and the use of the new stadium, which incidentally will be dedicated Thursday of this week, has been assured us. For the good of Masonry, in the Western part of the great State of Illinois, we would sincerely appreciate it if you will come to Quincy and afford us the opportunity of demonstrating to you our hospitality. I have here letters of invitation from all of the Quincy Masonic Bodies, including the four Lodges, the Chapter, the Council, and the Consistory; also from the Mayor and the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and a number of outside organizations. I thank you."<sup>202</sup>

<sup>193</sup> Eighty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1938. P. 169.

<sup>194</sup> Eighty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1938. P. 179.

<sup>195</sup> Eighty-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1938. P. 114.

<sup>196</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 128.

<sup>197</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 147.

<sup>198</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 147.

<sup>199</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 159.

<sup>200</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 163, 168.

<sup>201</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 105.

<sup>202</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 66.

Sir Knight Stuart E. Pierson, R.E. Past Grand Commander, moved that the courteous invitation of Quincy Commandery No. 77 be accepted. The motion was unanimously carried<sup>203</sup>.

At the 1939 annual conclave in Chicago, the commandery's delegation participated in the parade as part of the Third Division<sup>204</sup>. Notably, the number of divisions in the parade was reduced to three for the first time.

The 1940 and 1941 reports have not been located; however, it is known that the commandery's membership in 1941 was 88 members<sup>205</sup>. The Eminent Commander in 1940 was Walter E. Thomas, and in 1941 – Everett L. Lawrence<sup>206</sup>.

In 1942, the membership of the commandery increased to 89 members. During the year, 8 were Created, 1 Admitted, 2 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 5 Deceased<sup>207</sup>.

Dudley Otis Meek ..... Commander  
Donald Allen Busbey ..... Generalissimo  
Floyd Melville Seaton ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>208</sup>.

Created: Wayne George Smith, Omara Wellington Horstmeyer, Frank Joseph Dick, Frank Calvin Baum, John Thomas Inghram, Norman Brown Getty, Frank Leo Kersting, George Fredrick Durst. Affiliated: Erick John Frank Bruer. Dimitted: John Peter Hoeffler, George Phillip Behrensmeyer. In the personal list, there is a discrepancy with the general table, namely the absence of the name of a knight who was Suspended.

Dead: Gerhard G. Arends (Oct. 21, 1941), John W. Hart (Sept. 25, 1941), Harold A. Preece (Jan. 11, 1942), William J. Singleton (Feb. 22, 1942), Walter A. Tapp (Mar. 21, 1942)<sup>209</sup>.

In 1942, the state of Illinois began awarding Fifty-Year badges in honor of long service<sup>210</sup>. That year, 13 commanderies in the state, including Quincy Commandery No. 77, showed an increase in membership<sup>211</sup>.

The 1942 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 87.8 <sup>212</sup>.

The 1943 report has not been located; however, it is known that the commandery's membership declined to 85 members in 1943<sup>213</sup>, and the Eminent Commander was Donald A. Busbey<sup>214</sup>.

In 1944, the membership further decreased to 83 members. During the year, 1 Dimitted and 1 Deceased<sup>215</sup>.

Floyd M. Seaton ..... Commander  
Walter W. Taylor ..... Generalissimo

<sup>203</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 66.

<sup>204</sup> Eighty-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1939. P. 99.

<sup>205</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 104.

<sup>206</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 163.

<sup>207</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 104.

<sup>208</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 133.

<sup>209</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 103.

<sup>210</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 29.

<sup>211</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 29.

<sup>212</sup> Eighty-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1942. P. 88.

<sup>213</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 88.

<sup>214</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 163.

<sup>215</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 88.



Anthony J. Fisher ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>216</sup>.  
 Dimitted: Chas. R. Henderson<sup>217</sup>.  
 Dead: Herbert Henry Heidbreder (Sept. 6, 1943)<sup>218</sup>.

The 1944 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 87.8<sup>219</sup>.

In 1945, the membership of the commandery declined to 82 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 1 Dimitted, 2 Suspended, and 1 Deceased<sup>220</sup>.

Walter William Taylor ..... Commander  
 Anthony John Fisher ..... Generalissimo  
 William Charles Powers ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>221</sup>.

Created: George Oliver Garoutte, William Wendell Wodell, Walter Clark Chatten. Demitted: Harold Francis Nichols. Suspended: John W. Cruttenden, Thompson S. White<sup>222</sup>.

Dead: Edward Ellsworth Orr (Oct. 17, 1944)<sup>223</sup>.

The 1945 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 83.4<sup>224</sup>. The inspection was effectively a failure, placing Quincy Commandery No. 77 among the seven lowest-ranked commanderies in the state<sup>225</sup>.

In 1945, for the first time in 22 years, a new commandery was established in Illinois: Du Page Commandery No. 88<sup>226</sup>.

From 1945 onward, the membership of commanderies in Illinois and across the United States began to increase, reflecting the end of World War II and the normalization of the economic situation.

In 1946, the membership of Quincy Commandery No. 77 rose to 87 members. During the year, 6 were Created, 1 Reinstated, 1 Dimitted, and 1 Deceased<sup>227</sup>.

Anthony John Fisher ..... Commander  
 Walter Earl Thomas ..... Generalissimo  
 Wesley M. Garoutte ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>228</sup>.

<sup>216</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 132.

<sup>217</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 112.

<sup>218</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 103.

<sup>219</sup> Eighty-eighth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1944. P. 77.

<sup>220</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 104.

<sup>221</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 166.

<sup>222</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 145.

<sup>223</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 130.

<sup>224</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 77.

<sup>225</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 76-77.

<sup>226</sup> Eighty-ninth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1945. P. 168.

<sup>227</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 104.

<sup>228</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 163.

Created: George William Fruehe, Fred W. Sueltnan, John Perry Hoeffler, August Henry Bergman, Earl August Henry Kelle, James Harrison Bradford. Reinstated: James Monroe Read. Demitted: John Allen Taylor<sup>229</sup>.

Dead: Charles Frederick Eichenauer (Sept. 26, 1945)<sup>230</sup>.

In 1946, two knights of the commandery, Charles McClellan Ertel and Robert A. Kiefer, were awarded Fifty-Year Jewels<sup>231</sup>.

The 1946 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 75.8<sup>232</sup>.

In 1947, the membership of the commandery increased to 99 members. During the year, 13 were Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Reinstated, 2 Dimitted, and 6 Deceased<sup>233</sup>.

Louis Carl Huebner ..... Commander  
August Henry Bergmann ..... Generalissimo  
Earl A. H. Kelle ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>234</sup>.

Past Commanders: Ernest G. Horner (1907), Albert R. Wilson (1909), John H. Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry E. Wisherd (1923), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), Ralph C. Swansen (1928), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), Mark A. Penick (1933), William V. Appuhn (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Wesley M. Garoutte (1937), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Walter E. Thomas (1940), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Walter W. Taylor (1945), Anthony J. Fisher (1946).

Affiliated Past Commander: Albert O. Howd, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1926)<sup>235</sup>.

Created: Harold Eldon Culp, William Jennings Bryan Purdy, Noble Adam Koch, John Lathrop Snow, Charles Edward Sparks, Milton William Herman Vollmer, Walter Lee Mayfield, Alvoid James Edmonson, Arthur Scheley Uebner, Frederick Anton Engelhardt, Joseph Carl Menre, Arthur Peter Simon Sehelf, Nicholas Macris. Affiliated: Albert Otis Howd. Reinstated: Edward Parker Allen. Demitted: John Stephen Ahern, Kenneth Arthur Elmore<sup>236</sup>.

Dead: Frederick W. Brinkoetter (Jan. 24, 1947), P.C. Robert A. Kiefer (Sept. 15, 1946), Christian S. Tuffli (Apr. 7, 1947), William G. Brown (Sept. 18, 1946), Addison N. Calkins (Oct. 10, 1946) James W. Kramer (Aug. 6, 1946)<sup>237</sup>.

In 1947, Albert Rush Wilson of the commandery was awarded a Fifty-Year Jewel<sup>238</sup>.

The 1947 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 76.9<sup>239</sup>.

<sup>229</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 144.

<sup>230</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 132.

<sup>231</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 45.

<sup>232</sup> Ninetieth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1946. P. 107.

<sup>233</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 136.

<sup>234</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 188.

<sup>235</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 188.

<sup>236</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 169-170.

<sup>237</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 151, 157.

<sup>238</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 59.

<sup>239</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 124.

On 29 December 1947, the Eminent Commander of Quincy Commandery No. 77 in Quincy conferred the Order of the Temple on Sir Knights James W. McRoberts and Earl Veatch as a courtesy to Star of Bethlehem Commandery No. 37, K.T., of Canton, Missouri<sup>240</sup>.

In 1948, the membership of the commandery increased to 113 members. During the year, 15 were Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Dimitted, and 4 Deceased<sup>241</sup>.

August Henry Bergmann ..... Commander  
 Earl A. H. Kelle ..... Generalissimo  
 John L. Snow ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>242</sup>.

Past Commanders: Ernest G. Horner (1907), Albert R. Wilson (1909), John H. Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry E. Wisherd (1923), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), Ralph C. Swansen (1928), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), Mark A. Penick (1933), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Walter E. Thomas (1940), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Walter W. Taylor (1945), Anthony J. Fisher (1946), Louis C. Huebner (1947).

Affiliated Past Commanders: Albert O. Howd, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1926), Harry B. Marsh, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1916), David A. Childers, Galesburg Commandery No. 8 (1929)<sup>243</sup>.

Created: Raymond Ray Worman, Arthur Henry Mohn, Merle Soller Hertsler, Galen Marion Parrack, Joseph Gerald Groves, Walter Henry Schuette, Lewis Pierce Evans, Albert Louis Bowman, Arthur Peter Nesta, Louis William Sturhan, Russell Henry Bergmann, Clarence Henry Greeman, William Vincil Stewart, George William Lantis, Jr., Evans Arthur Humphreys. Admitted: David Alexander Childers, Harry Boltwood Marsh, Gifford Vannin Leece, William Neil Silliman. Demitted: William Charles Powers<sup>244</sup>.

Dead: Weselley Melvin Garoutte (July 23, 1947), James Robert Smith (July 9, 1947), Henry Phillip Behrensmeyer (Apr. 24, 1948), Orville Benjamin Garnett (Apr. 22, 1948)<sup>245</sup>.

As part of the Easter activities in 1948, the commandery, with 50 members present, organized an Easter breakfast for 120 people<sup>246</sup>.

On Ascension Sunday, Quincy Commandery No. 77, with about 45 members present, held services at Grace Methodist Church under E.C. Sir Knight Louis C. Huebner<sup>247</sup>.

In 1948, "In Loving Memory of their departed fraters," the commandery attended services at the Cathedral of St. John in Quincy<sup>248</sup>.

The York Rite Activity Committee of Quincy No. 77, in conjunction with Quincy Chapter No. 5, R.A.M., organized a family Christmas Party on 20 December 1948. Supper was served at 6:00 P.M., followed by a well-received program<sup>249</sup>.

The 1948 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving a high average score of 78.7<sup>250</sup>.

<sup>240</sup> Ninety-first annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1947. P. 165.

<sup>241</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 168.

<sup>242</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 226.

<sup>243</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 226.

<sup>244</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 205.

<sup>245</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 185.

<sup>246</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 78.

<sup>247</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 78.

<sup>248</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 77.

<sup>249</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 79.

<sup>250</sup> Ninety-second annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1948. P. 209.

In 1949, the membership of the commandery increased to 117 members. During the year, 7 were Created, 1 Admitted, 2 Dimitted, and 2 Deceased<sup>251</sup>.

Earl A. H. Kelle ..... Commander  
 John L. Snow ..... Generalissimo  
 Alvoid J. Edmonson ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>252</sup>.

Created: J. Ogden Newman, Virgil Adrain Pyror, Edward J. Bubb, Bert Colledge Slaney, Carl LeRoy Hoffman, Orval James McNutly, Robert George Rosendale. Affiliated: John Peter Juckinsen. Suspended: George W. Fruehe, George O. Garoutte<sup>253</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Ralph C. Swansen (Feb. 15, 1949), Edward P. Allen (Apr. 12, 1949)<sup>254</sup>.

In 1949, Harry B. Marsh of the commandery was awarded a Fifty-Year Jewel<sup>255</sup>.

That year, the commandery organized a Christmas party for the families of its members, attended by approximately 200 people<sup>256</sup>.

The 1949 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 78.1<sup>257</sup>.

In 1950, the membership of the commandery increased to 118 members. During the year, 5 were Created, 1 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 2 Deceased<sup>258</sup>.

John Lathrop Snow ..... Commander  
 Alvoid James Edmonson ..... Generalissimo  
 Fred Anton Engelhardt ..... Captain General  
 Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>259</sup>.

Past Commanders: Ernest G. Horner (1907), Albert R. Wilson (1909), John H. Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry E. Wisherd (1923), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), Mark A. Penick (1933), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Walter E. Thomas (1940), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Walter W. Taylor (1945), Anthony J. Fisher (1946), Louis C. Huebner (1947), August H. Bergmann (1948), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949).

Affiliated Past Commanders: Albert O. Howd. Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1926), Harry B. Marsh, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1916), David A. Childers, Galesburg Commandery No. 8 (1929)<sup>260</sup>.

Created: William Bryan Alexander, Wayne J. Bryant, Harry Berttram Shelton, Alexander Watt Cobb, Ralph Allen McCalley. Demitted: Frank Leo Kersting. Suspended: Neal Edward Monroe<sup>261</sup>.

Dead: Clat L. Adams (Nov. 29, 1949), George S. Foster, Jr. (May 22, 1950)<sup>262</sup>.

<sup>251</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 120.

<sup>252</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 171.

<sup>253</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 151.

<sup>254</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 133, 138.

<sup>255</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 40.

<sup>256</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 78.

<sup>257</sup> Ninety-third annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1949. P. 131.

<sup>258</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 135.

<sup>259</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 181.

<sup>260</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 181.

<sup>261</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 162.

<sup>262</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 149.

The 1950 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 77.7<sup>263</sup>.

The period of the second renaissance for Quincy Commandery No. 77 ended rather quickly in 1950, after which the membership began to gradually decline. Interestingly, a very similar situation occurred in another small commandery in Illinois – Bethany Commandery No. 28<sup>264</sup>.

In 1951, the membership of the commandery decreased to 115 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 1 Suspended, and 3 Deceased<sup>265</sup>.

Alvoid James Edmonson ..... Commander  
Raymond Ray Worman ..... Generalissimo  
Albert Louis Bowman ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>266</sup>.

Created: Roswell James McIntosh. Suspended: James M. Read<sup>267</sup>.

Dead: Norman B. Getty (September 25, 1950), Herman H. Stormer (October 9, 1950), Frederick A. Engelhardt (December 23, 1950)<sup>268</sup>.

In 1951, Ernest Graham Horner and Franklin J. Penick of the commandery were awarded Fifty-Year Jewels<sup>269</sup>.

The 1951 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 78<sup>270</sup>.

In 1952, the membership of the commandery declined to 113 members. During the year, 1 was Admitted and 3 Deceased<sup>271</sup>.

Raymond Ray Worman ..... Commander  
Albert Louis Bowman ..... Generalissimo  
Lewis P. Evans ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>272</sup>.

Past Commanders: Ernest G. Horner (1907), Albert R. Wilson (1909), John H. Breitstadt (1917-1919), Henry E. Wisherd (1923), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), Mark A. Penick (1933), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Walter E. Thomas (1940), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Walter W. Taylor (1945), Anthony J. Fisher (1946), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949), John L. Snow (1950), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951).

Affiliated Past Commanders: Harry B. Marsh, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1916), Albert O. Howd, Almoner Commandery No. 32 (1926), David A. Childers, Galesburg Commandery No. 8 (1929)<sup>273</sup>.

Affiliated: Albert Allen Holmes<sup>274</sup>.

<sup>263</sup> Ninety-fourth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1950. P. 132.

<sup>264</sup> Cherkas A.C. (2025). History of Bethany Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar (Mendota, Illinois). Houston: Cherkas Global University Press. P. 92.

<sup>265</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 120.

<sup>266</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 165-166.

<sup>267</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 147.

<sup>268</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 136.

<sup>269</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 44.

<sup>270</sup> Ninety-fifth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1951. P. 114.

<sup>271</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 136.

<sup>272</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 180.

<sup>273</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 180.

<sup>274</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 153.

Dead: P.C. August H. Bergmann (May 28, 1952), Arthur S. Uebner (Jan. 5, 1952), Kenneth A. Simms (May 6, 1952)<sup>275</sup>.

In 1952, the Sixth District Commanderies held a Combined Ascension Day Service, with participation from Elwood No. 6, Hugh DePayens No. 29, St. Omer No. 30, Hospitaller No. 31, Damascus No. 42, St. Aldemar No. 47, Delta No. 48, Ascalon No. 49, Rushville No. 56, Macomb No. 61, Inglevere No. 75, and Quincy No. 77. The parade was led by the Ansar Shrine Band of Springfield, and the service was held at the Havana School Auditorium on Sunday, May 25th<sup>276</sup>.

The 1952 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 77.4<sup>277</sup>.

In 1953, the membership of the commandery declined to 110 members. During the year, 2 were Created and 5 Deceased<sup>278</sup>.

Albert Louis Bowman ..... Commander

Lewis P. Evans ..... Generalissimo

Earl A. Kelle ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>279</sup>.

Created: Clyde William Winner, Rush Benjamin Glick<sup>280</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Mark A. Penick (Sept. 13, 1952), Edward Morton (Sept. 13, 1952) Charles M. Ertel (Dec. 23, 1952), Oliver Roscoe Butler (May 1, 1953), Wayne J. Bryant (May 6, 1953)<sup>281</sup>.

The 1953 conclave materials noted that Quincy Commandery No. 77 had a significant number of volunteers who were active in youth organizations and the Red Cross<sup>282</sup>.

The 1953 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 79.2<sup>283</sup>.

In 1954, the membership of the commandery declined to 105 members. During the year, 1 was Suspended and 4 Deceased<sup>284</sup>.

Louis Crockett Mohler ..... Commander

Paul Edward Mitchell ..... Generalissimo

Everett Junior Watson ..... Captain General

Jess Earl Ferree ..... Recorder<sup>285</sup>.

Suspended: Arthur Evan Humphrey<sup>286</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Harry B. Marsh (Aug. 3, 1953), Juluis Kesphol (October 26, 1953), Carl L. Steinmedell (February 21, 1954), Erick T. F. Breuer (April 16, 1954)<sup>287</sup>.

<sup>275</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 156.

<sup>276</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 86.

<sup>277</sup> Ninety-sixth annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1952. P. 140.

<sup>278</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 136.

<sup>279</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 183.

<sup>280</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 156.

<sup>281</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 160, 165.

<sup>282</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 182.

<sup>283</sup> Ninety-seventh annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1953. P. 131.

<sup>284</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 152.

<sup>285</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 187.

<sup>286</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 175.

<sup>287</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 178, 185.

The 1954 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 80.2<sup>288</sup>.

E. P.C. Earl August Kelle was elected Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of Illinois<sup>289</sup>.

In 1954, Walter A. Heidbrede of the commandery was awarded a Fifty-Year Jewel<sup>290</sup>.

In 1955, the membership of the commandery declined to 100 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 2 Dimitted, and 4 Deceased<sup>291</sup>.

Paul Edward Mitchell ..... Commander

Everett Junior Watson ..... Generalissimo

George Frederick Hughes ..... Captain General

Jess Earl Ferree ..... Recorder<sup>292</sup>.

Created: Chester Aubrey Groves. Dimitted: William Vincil Stewart, Rush Benjamin Glick<sup>293</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Ernest G. Horner (Sept. 19, 1954), Chauncey H. Wood (June 9, 1954), John E. Miller (April 5, 1955), Edwin Joseph Lawrence (October 28, 1954)<sup>294</sup>.

The 1955 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 75.8, one of the lowest among the commanderies in the state<sup>295</sup>.

In 1956, the membership of the commandery declined to 94 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 3 Dimitted, 2 Suspended, and 4 Deceased<sup>296</sup>.

Charles Edward Sparks ..... Commander

Raymond Ray Worman ..... Generalissimo

Alvoid James Edmonson ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>297</sup>.

Created: Dimmitt Wesley O'Bryen, Kenneth Arthur Schelp, Richard McCullough Winters. Dimitted: George Luke Beil, John Peter Jockinsen, E.P.C. Albert Otis Howd. Suspended: Alexander W. Cobb, Fred W. Suelman<sup>298</sup>.

Dead: John Henry Breitstadt (Sept. 11, 1955), William Bryan Alexander (March 7, 1956), J. Ogden Newman (April 1, 1956), Warren LeRoy King (May 11, 1956)<sup>299</sup>.

On January 26, 1956, the commandery held its annual inspection<sup>300</sup>. The 1956 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 78.3<sup>301</sup>.

<sup>288</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 163.

<sup>289</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 6.

<sup>290</sup> 98th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1954. P. 53.

<sup>291</sup> 99th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1955. P. 160.

<sup>292</sup> 99th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1955. P. 178.

<sup>293</sup> 99th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1955. P. 156.

<sup>294</sup> 99th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1955. P. 135, 142.

<sup>295</sup> 99th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1955. P. 114.

<sup>296</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 164.

<sup>297</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 190.

<sup>298</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 146.

<sup>299</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 149, 156.

<sup>300</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 130.

<sup>301</sup> 100th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1956. P. 174.



In 1957, the membership of the commandery declined to 92 members. During the year, 2 were Created and 4 Deceased<sup>302</sup>.

William J. B. Purdy ..... Commander  
Kenneth A. Schelp ..... Generalissimo  
Richard McCullough Winters ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>303</sup>.

Past Commanders: Albert R. Wilson (1909), Henry E. Wisherd (1923), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Ayllette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Walter E. Thomas (1940), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Walter W. Taylor (1945), Anthony J. Fisher (1946), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949), John L. Snow (1950), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951), Raymond R. Worman (1952), Albert L. Bowman (1953), Lewis Pierce Evans (1954), Galen M. Parrack (1955), Charles Edward Sparks (1956).

Affiliated Past Commander: David A. Childers, Galesburg Commandery No. 8 (1929)<sup>304</sup>.

Created: Roy Lee Wyckoff, Oliver Elliott Waddell<sup>305</sup>.

Dead: James A. Bradford (August 27, 1956), Kenneth A. Schelp (October 8, 1956), Arthur P. Nesta (January 9, 1957), Arthur A. Mohn (May 13, 1957)<sup>306</sup>.

On March 28, 1957, the commandery held its annual inspection<sup>307</sup>. The 1957 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 77.7<sup>308</sup>.

In 1958, the membership of the commandery declined to 87 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 1 Dimitted, 4 Suspended, and 1 Deceased<sup>309</sup>.

William Jennings Bryan Purdy ..... Commander  
Kenneth A. Schelp ..... Generalissimo  
Richard McCullough Winters ..... Captain General  
Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>310</sup>.

Created: Marion Clifford Riutjel. Dimitted: Walter W. Taylor. Suspended: Edward J. Bubb, Joseph G. Groves, Ralph A. McCalley, John P. Hoeffler<sup>311</sup>.

Dead: Joseph C. Lloyd (December 12, 1957)<sup>312</sup>.

The 1958 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 74.1<sup>313</sup>.

<sup>302</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 178.

<sup>303</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 240.

<sup>304</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 240-241.

<sup>305</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 194.

<sup>306</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 205.

<sup>307</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 37.

<sup>308</sup> 101st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1957. P. 177.

<sup>309</sup> 102nd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1958. P. 148.

<sup>310</sup> 102nd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1958. P. 204.

<sup>311</sup> 102nd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1958. P. 161.

<sup>312</sup> 102nd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1958. P. 172.

<sup>313</sup> 102nd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1958. P. 146.

In 1959, the membership of the commandery increased to 89 members. During the year, 3 were Created and 1 Deceased<sup>314</sup>.

Kenneth A. Schelp ..... Commander

Richard McCullough Winters ..... Generalissimo

Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>315</sup>.

Created: Cressie Terrill Brockman, John Willard Chapman, Derrick Leroy McNeall, Jr. <sup>316</sup>.

Dead: Arthur W. Nieman (October 5, 1958)<sup>317</sup>.

In 1959, the commandery was awarded a trophy as the best commandery of the Sixth District for achieving the greatest percentage increase in membership during the previous fiscal year<sup>318</sup>.

The 1959 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 78.4<sup>319</sup>.

In 1960, the membership of the commandery declined to 87 members. During the year, 1 was Created and 3 Deceased<sup>320</sup>.

Richard McCullough Winters ..... Commander

Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Generalissimo

Elliott Waddell ..... Captain General

Alfred Haerle Adams ..... Recorder<sup>321</sup>.

Past Commanders: Albert R. Wilson (1909), Elmer H. Miller (1925), William C. Bradley (1927), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Ayllette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Dudley O. Meek (1942), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949), John L. Snow (1950), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951), Raymond R. Worman (1952), Albert L. Bowman (1953), Lewis Pierce Evans (1954), Galen M. Parrack (1955), Charles Edward Sparks (1956), William J. B. Purdy (1957-1958), Kenneth A. Schelp (1959).

Affiliated Past Commander: David A. Childers, Galesburg No. 8 (1929)<sup>322</sup>.

Created: Theodore Leslie Stebbins<sup>323</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Anthony J. Fisher (October 27, 1959), P.C. Walter E. Thomas (July 22, 1959), Herman H. Garrelts (June 21, 1959)<sup>324</sup>.

On February 26, 1960, the commandery held its annual inspection<sup>325</sup>. The 1960 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 79.4<sup>326</sup>.

<sup>314</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 122.

<sup>315</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 178.

<sup>316</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 135.

<sup>317</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 144.

<sup>318</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 94.

<sup>319</sup> 103rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1959. P. 119.

<sup>320</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 154, 163.

<sup>321</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 198.

<sup>322</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 198.

<sup>323</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 154.

<sup>324</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 157, 163.

<sup>325</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 25.

<sup>326</sup> 104th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1960. P. 142.

In 1961, the membership of the commandery declined to 79 members. During the year, 1 was Created, 3 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, and 5 Deceased<sup>327</sup>.

Richard M. Winters ..... Commander  
 Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Generalissimo  
 O. Elliott Waddell ..... Captain General  
 Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>328</sup>.

Created: Virgil Richard Wheeler. Dimitted: Albert Allen Holmes, Orval James McNutley, P.C. Kenneth A. Schelp. Suspended: Joseph Carl Menke<sup>329</sup>.

Dead: Dudley Otis Meek (March 20, 1961), P.C. Henry Edgar Wisherd (January 19, 1961), Eben Ruban Busby (May 14, 1961), John Franklyn Garner (Nov. 24, 1960), Frank H. Unglaub (Aug. 31, 1960)<sup>330</sup>.

On March 16, 1961, the commandery held its annual inspection<sup>331</sup>. The 1961 inspection resulted in the commandery receiving an average score of 81.5<sup>332</sup>.

In 1962, the membership of the commandery increased to 80 members. During the year, 4 were Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Suspended, and 3 Deceased<sup>333</sup>.

Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Commander  
 O. Eliott Waddell ..... Generalissimo  
 W. J. Bryan Purdy ..... Captain General  
 Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>334</sup>.

It is important to note that the permanent office of the Recorder of Quincy Commandery No. 77 was located in the Masonic Temple, Quincy, Illinois. The building was constructed in 1911 (Fig. 8).



**Fig. 8.** Masonic Temple, Quincy, Illinois, early 20th century

<sup>327</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 133, 136, 141.

<sup>328</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 175.

<sup>329</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 133.

<sup>330</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 136, 141.

<sup>331</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 29.

<sup>332</sup> 105th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1961. P. 118.

<sup>333</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 167-68, 173, 179.

<sup>334</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 222.

Created: Burl Clinton Moeller, Paul Weisenburler, George Norman Powers, John McCullough Winters. Admitted: Raymond R. Battreal. Suspended: Robert George Rosendale<sup>335</sup>.

Dead: P.C. William Collins Bradley (December 28, 1961), Frank Calvin Baum (March 11, 1962), Dimmitt Wesley O'Bryen (Nov. 28, 1961)<sup>336</sup>.

On February 15, 1962, the commandery held its annual inspection<sup>337</sup>, resulting in an average score of 81.7<sup>338</sup>.

In 1962, Fifty-Year Jewels were awarded to Elmer Herbert Miller<sup>339</sup>, and on September 18, 1962, the commandery celebrated its 50th anniversary<sup>340</sup>.

In 1963, the membership of the commandery increased to 84 members. During the year, 6 were Created, 1 Suspended, and 1 Deceased<sup>341</sup>.

Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Commander  
O. Elliott Waddell ..... Generalissimo  
W. J. Bryan Purdy ..... Captain General  
Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>342</sup>.

Past Commanders: Albert R. Wilson (1909), William B. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. VanHoy (1932), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951), Raymond R. Worman (1952), Albert L. Bowman (1953), Lewis P. Evans (1954), Galen M. Parrack (1955), Charles E. Sparks (1956), William J. B. Purdy (1957-1958), Richard M. Winters (1960-1961), Roy L. Wyckoff (1962).

Affiliated Past Commander: David A. Childers (1929), Galesburg No. 8<sup>343</sup>.

Created (Knighted): Joseph Ascherman Lawrence, Wilbur T. Hetjler, John Dale Birkeymaier, Wallace Leo Hutter, Aaron Cole Stormer, Henry Otto Wiegman. Suspended: P.C. John Lathrop Snow<sup>344</sup>.

Dead: Clyde William Winner (June 26, 1962)<sup>345</sup>.

During 1963, the commandery was among five commanderies in Illinois that received six permits for public events<sup>346</sup>, reflecting its active social engagement.

The 1963 inspection awarded the commandery an average score of 81.6<sup>347</sup>.

<sup>335</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 167-168.

<sup>336</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 173, 179.

<sup>337</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 22.

<sup>338</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 146.

<sup>339</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 182.

<sup>340</sup> 106th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1962. P. 222.

<sup>341</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 171, 182.

<sup>342</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 228.

<sup>343</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 228.

<sup>344</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 171.

<sup>345</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 182.

<sup>346</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 31.

<sup>347</sup> 107th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1963. P. 149.

In 1964, the membership increased to 86 members. During the year, 3 were Created, 1 Reinstated, and 2 Deceased<sup>348</sup>.

Roy L. Wyckoff ..... Commander

O. Elliott Waddell ..... Generalissimo

W. J. Bryan Purdy ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>349</sup>.

Created: Willard Franklin Fleer, Francis Dale Gunterman, LeRoy Pickett. Reinstated: Kenneth Arthur Schelp<sup>350</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Elmer Herbert Miller (August 3, 1963), Harry Bertram Shelton (May 18, 1964)<sup>351</sup>.

In the early 1960s, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was established in the United States to aid in the restoration of vision, including for Knights Templar members. In 1964, the foundation raised approximately \$2.5 million nationwide, with over \$86,000 contributed by Knights Templar of Illinois. That same year, the foundation approved two eye surgery applications for members of Quincy Commandery No. 77<sup>352</sup>.

The 1964 inspection awarded the commandery an average score of 82.6<sup>353</sup>.

In 1965, the commandery's membership decreased to 85 members<sup>354</sup>. During the year, 2 members Dimitted<sup>355</sup>.

Burl C. Moeller ..... Commander

George N. Powers ..... Generalissimo

Wilbur T. Hetzier ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>356</sup>.

Dimitted: Gifford Vannin Leece, George William Lantis, Jr. <sup>357</sup>.

On January 28, 1965, Quincy Commandery No. 77 held its regular inspection<sup>358</sup>. The results of this inspection were not published.

In 1966, the commandery's membership declined to 81 members. During the year, 1 Dimitted, 1 Suspended, 1 Deceased, and 1 Remitted<sup>359</sup>.

George N. Powers ..... Commander

Henry O. Wiegman ..... Generalissimo

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>360</sup>.

In 1966, personal data regarding membership changes were not published, and records of deceased members were absent.

<sup>348</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 176, 181, 188.

<sup>349</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 234.

<sup>350</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 176.

<sup>351</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 181, 188.

<sup>352</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 87-88.

<sup>353</sup> 108th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1964. P. 153.

<sup>354</sup> 110th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1966. P. 132.

<sup>355</sup> 109th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1965. P. 159.

<sup>356</sup> 109th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1965. P. 211-212.

<sup>357</sup> 109th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1965. P. 159.

<sup>358</sup> 109th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1965. P. 120.

<sup>359</sup> 110th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1966. P. 132.

<sup>360</sup> 110th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1966. P. 191-192.

According to the 1966 inspection, Quincy Commandery No. 77 received an average score of 81.8<sup>361</sup>.

In 1967, due to the merger of Quincy Commandery No. 77 with Delta Commandery No. 48, the membership of Quincy Commandery increased to 118 members. During the year, 12 were Created, 30 Admitted, and 5 Deceased<sup>362</sup>.

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Commander  
Henry O. Wiegman ..... Generalissimo  
Leroy Pickett ..... Captain General  
Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>363</sup>.

Past Commanders: Albert R. Wilson (1909), William G. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. Van Hoy (1932), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A. H. Kelle (1949), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951), Raymond R. Worman (1952), Albert L. Bowman (1953), Lewis P. Evans (1954), Galen M. Parrack (1955), Charles E. Sparks (1956), William J. B. Purdy (1957-1958), Richard M. Winters (1960-1961), Roy L. Wyckoff (1962-1963), O. Elliott Waddell (1964), Burl C. Moeller (1965), George N. Powers (1966).

Affiliated Past Commanders from Delta, Clayton: Orrin D. Sparks (1925-1927, 1942-1943), Ogle E. Love (1928-1929), Thomas E. Black (1936-1941), Leland S. Hickman (1944-1946), William J. Winget (1953-1955), Ralph E. Moelling (1956-1957), Edward Neikamp, Jr. (1958-1960), Ralph Rose (1963-1964), Frank Hedrick (1965-1966)<sup>364</sup>.

Personal data on membership changes were not published.

Dead: David Alexander Childers (December 19, 1966), Arthur John Liebmann (September 14, 1966), Walter August Heidbreder (March 19, 1967), Leonidas Dorn Mays (March 4, 1967), George Frederick Durst (April 8, 1967)<sup>365</sup>.

In 1967, a merger of two commanderies took place. At properly called meetings of Delta Commandery No. 48 (Clayton, Illinois) on February 27, 1967, and Quincy Commandery No. 77 (Quincy, Illinois) on March 9, 1967, both commanderies voted to merge under the name and number of Quincy Commandery No. 77. The merger became effective on March 31, 1967, and a final report for Delta was submitted to the Grand Recorder on April 15. The seal, charter, and all documents controlled by the Grand Commandery were transmitted to the Grand Recorder, and all paraphernalia and historical records were transferred to Quincy. All former Delta members were notified<sup>366</sup>.

According to the 1967 inspection, the commandery received an average score of 81.4<sup>367</sup>.

In 1968, the membership of the commandery decreased to 115 members. During the year: 3 Created, 4 Dimitted, 2 Deceased<sup>368</sup>.

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Commander  
Henry O. Wiegman ..... Generalissimo  
Leroy Pickett ..... Captain General  
Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>369</sup>.  
Personal lists, except for the lists of the deceased, were not published.

<sup>361</sup> 110th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1966. P. 131.

<sup>362</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 84.

<sup>363</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 143.

<sup>364</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 143.

<sup>365</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 87, 93.

<sup>366</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 20.

<sup>367</sup> 111th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1967. P. 83.

<sup>368</sup> 112th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1968. P. 105.

<sup>369</sup> 112th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1968. P. 168.

Dead: Harold Glenn McRae (August 31, 1967), Walter Henry Schuette (May 28, 1968)<sup>370</sup>.

According to the 1968 inspection, the commandery received an average score of 81.2<sup>371</sup>.

In 1969, the membership of the commandery decreased to 112 members. During the year: 2 Created, 1 Dimitted, and 4 Deceased<sup>372</sup>.

Leroy Pickett ..... Commander  
George N. Powers ..... Generalissimo  
Burl C. Moeller ..... Captain General  
Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>373</sup>.

Personal lists, except for the lists of the deceased, were not published.

Dead: P.C. William J. B. Purdy (April 6, 1969), Clarence Henry Lirkpatrick (October 4, 1968), Edwin Leon Knight (February 16, 1969), William Neil Silliman (February 1, 1969)<sup>374</sup>.

According to the 1969 inspection, the commandery received an average score of 81.1<sup>375</sup>. During the year, the commandery donated \$108 to the Eye Foundation<sup>376</sup>.

In 1969, Fifty-Year Jewels were awarded to Thomas Raymond Morford and P.C. Orrin Dillard Sparks<sup>377</sup>.

In 1970, no membership information was reported, but it is known that there were 4 Deceased<sup>378</sup>.

Burl C. Moeller ..... Commander  
George N. Powers ..... Generalissimo  
Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Captain General  
Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>379</sup>.

Dead: P.C. Thomas Earl Black (September 5, 1969), P.C. Ralph Monroe Rose (April 27, 1970), Forrest Sidney Buffington (January 5, 1970), Joseph Aschewan Lawrence (August 11, 1969)<sup>380</sup>.

According to the 1970 inspection, the commandery received an average score of 81.4<sup>381</sup>.

In 1971, the commandery's membership increased to 107. During the year, there were 4 Created and 3 Deceased<sup>382</sup>.

John Arthur Purdy ..... Commander  
O. Elliott Waddell ..... Generalissimo

<sup>370</sup> 112th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1968. P. 114.

<sup>371</sup> 112th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1968. P. 104.

<sup>372</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 96.

<sup>373</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 158.

<sup>374</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 107.

<sup>375</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 94.

<sup>376</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 96.

<sup>377</sup> 113th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1969. P. 99.

<sup>378</sup> 114th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1970. P. 88, 94.

<sup>379</sup> 114th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1970. P. 145.

<sup>380</sup> 114th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1970. P. 88, 94.

<sup>381</sup> 114th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1970. P. 86.

<sup>382</sup> 115th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1971. P. 67.



Donald W. Moores ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>383</sup>.

The lists of Created members were not published.

Dead: Curtis B. Pottle (October 7, 1970), Walter Lee Mayfield (February 12, 1971), Louis William Sturhan (October 19, 1970)<sup>384</sup>.

In 1971, the Fifty-Year Jewels were awarded to P.C. Ogle E. Love<sup>385</sup>.

The inspection results of the commandery for 1971 were not published.

In 1972, the commandery's membership decreased to 103. During the year, there were 2 Dimitted and 2 Deceased<sup>386</sup>.

There are again discrepancies between the summary table and the personal list, as the personal list indicates 4 Deceased and provides their names.

Thomas R. Morford ..... Commander

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Generalissimo

George N. Powers ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>387</sup>.

Past Commanders: Albert R. Wilson (1909), Orrin Sparks (1925-1927, 1942-1943), Ogie E. Love (1928-29), William G. Dayton (1929), Andrew K. Miller (1930), Aylette H. Buckner (1931), Donald C. Van Hoy (1932), William V. Appuhn, Jr. (1934), Herschel O. Kiest (1935), Alfred H. Adams (1936), Murice F. Langellier (1939), Everett L. Lawrence (1941), Donald A. Busbey (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Louis C. Huebner (1947), Earl A.H. Kelle (1949), Alvoid J. Edmonson (1951), Raymond R. Worman (1952), Albert L. Bowman (1953), Lewis P. Evans (1954), Galen M. Parrack (1955), Charles E. Sparks (1956), Ralph E. Moelling (1956-1957), Edward Neikamp, Jr. (1958-1959), K.A. Schelp (1959), Richard M. Winters (1960-1961), Roy L. Wyckoff (1962-1963), O. Elliott Waddell (1964), Burl C. Moeller (1965, 1970), Frank Hedrick (1965-1966), George N. Powers (1966), Wilbur T. Hetzler (1967), Leroy Pickett (1969), John A. Purdy (1971)<sup>388</sup>.

The lists of Dimitted members were not published.

Dead: P.C. Alvoid James Edmonson (May 22, 1971), James Guy Seely (1972), Robert Laverne Talbot (June 24, 1971), George Samuel Best (October 26, 1971)<sup>389</sup>.

In 1973, the commandery's membership decreased to 94. During the year, there were 2 Adjusted, 2 Dimitted, 3 Suspended, and 6 Deceased<sup>390</sup>.

Burl C. Moeller ..... Commander

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Generalissimo

George N. Powers ..... Captain General

Alfred H. Adams ..... Recorder<sup>391</sup>.

Personal lists, except for the list of deceased, were not published.

Dead: P.C. Louis Carl Huebner (February 22, 1973), P.C. Everett Leroy Lawrence (November 4, 1972), Russel Ray Seibel (December 14, 1972), John Robert Truss (December 1, 1972), Curtis Hugo Campbell (1973)<sup>392</sup>.

<sup>383</sup> 115th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1971. P. 174.

<sup>384</sup> 115th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1971. P. 120.

<sup>385</sup> 115th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1971. P. 83.

<sup>386</sup> 116th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1972. P. 55.

<sup>387</sup> 116th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1972. P. 158.

<sup>388</sup> 116th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1972. P. 158-159.

<sup>389</sup> 116th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1972. P. 97, 104.

<sup>390</sup> 117th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1973. P. 73.

<sup>391</sup> 117th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1973. P. 155.

Reports for the period from 1974 to 1979 were not found. However, it is known that in 1979 the commandery's membership was 66<sup>393</sup>.

In 1975, the office of Eminent Commander was held by Walter Wickliffe; in 1977 by John L. Thomas; and in 1978 and 1979 by Ernest Juett<sup>394</sup>.

In 1980, the commandery's membership was 64. During the year, there were 3 Created, 1 Reinstated, 1 Dimitted, and 5 Deceased<sup>395</sup>.

Ernest Juett ..... Commander

Kenneth Stonebraker ..... Generalissimo

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Captain General

Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>396</sup>.

Personal information, including the lists of deceased, was not published.

In 1980, the evaluation system during inspections was changed, and the commandery received 59 points. It was placed in the bottom 25% of commanderies in terms of results<sup>397</sup>.

In 1980, the Fifty-Year Jewels were awarded to H. Orville Keist and Walter H. Wickliffe<sup>398</sup>.

In 1981, personal data and membership movement records were not published. It is only known that the commandery's membership was 67<sup>399</sup>, and during the year there was 1 Deceased<sup>400</sup>.

Russell Wignall, Sr. .... Commander

Ernest Juett ..... Generalissimo

Earl Wieprecht ..... Captain General

Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>401</sup>.

Dead: Donald Corbin VanHoy (September 6, 1980)<sup>402</sup>.

In 1980, the Fifty-Year Jewel was awarded to Maurice F. Langellier<sup>403</sup>.

In the 1981 Conclave records, there are details regarding changes in the inspection evaluation system. Seven criteria were used: Dues Collection (maximum 10 points), Records and Reports (maximum 10 points), Commandery Activities (maximum 20 points), Full Form Opening (maximum 20 points), Commandery Orders (maximum 5 points), Order of the Temple (maximum 20 points), and Open Inspection (maximum 15 points), for a total of 100 points<sup>404</sup>.

According to the 1981 inspection, the commandery received 47.1 points. The lowest score was in Commandery Activities – 3.6 out of 20, and the highest was in Dues Collection – 9.5 out of 10<sup>405</sup>.

<sup>392</sup> 117th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1973. P. 47, 54.

<sup>393</sup> 124th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1980. P. 62.

<sup>394</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 140.

<sup>395</sup> 124th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1980. P. 62.

<sup>396</sup> 124th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1980. P. 159.

<sup>397</sup> 124th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1980. P. 106-107.

<sup>398</sup> 124th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1980. P. 76.

<sup>399</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 114.

<sup>400</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 41.

<sup>401</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 139.

<sup>402</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 41.

<sup>403</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 67.

<sup>404</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 70.

<sup>405</sup> 125th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1981. P. 70.

In 1982, the commandery's membership decreased to 63 members<sup>406</sup>. During the year, there were 1 Created, 2 Dimitted, and 3 Deceased<sup>407</sup>.

Russell Wignall, Sr. .... Commander  
 Ernest Juett ..... Generalissimo  
 Earl Wieprecht ..... Captain General  
 Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>408</sup>.

Past Commanders: Orin D. Sparks (1925), W. Kley Miller (1930), William V. Appuhn (1934), H. Orville Kiest (1935), Maurice F. Langellier (1939), Donald A. Busby (1943), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Earl A. Kelle (1949), William J. Wingett (1953), Charles E. Sparks (1956), Richard M. Winters (1961), Roy L. Wyckoff (1962), Burl C. Moeller (1965), George N. Powers (1966), Wilbur Hetzler (1967), LeRoy Pickett (1969), Walter Wickliffe (1975), John L. Thomas (1977), Ernest Juett (1978-1980).

Created: Quentin C. Miller. Dimitted: Merle S. Hertzler, Thomas R. Lasswell<sup>409</sup>.

Dead: Richard McCullough Winters (1981)<sup>410</sup>.

According to the 1982 inspection, the commandery received 60.3 points<sup>411</sup>.

In 1983, the commandery's membership decreased to 62 members. During the year, there were 1 Created, 1 Admitted, 1 Dimitted, and 2 Deceased<sup>412</sup>.

Jerry Wells ..... Commander  
 Richard Albertson ..... Generalissimo  
 Earl Wieprecht ..... Captain General  
 Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>413</sup>.  
 Personal records were not published.

According to the 1983 inspection, the commandery sharply improved its performance, receiving 58.4 points<sup>414</sup>.

In 1984, the commandery's membership increased by 50%. Quincy Commandery No. 77 was among the commanderies in Illinois showing significant growth. At the subsequent annual conclave, the commandery was awarded a commemorative plaque for this achievement<sup>415</sup>. It was also among nine commanderies that year that were able to initiate more than 6% of their total membership as knights<sup>416</sup>.

Jerry Wells ..... Commander  
 Richard Albertson ..... Generalissimo  
 Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Captain General  
 Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>417</sup>.

<sup>406</sup> 127th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1983. P. 65.

<sup>407</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 114.

<sup>408</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 235.

<sup>409</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 235.

<sup>410</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 102.

<sup>411</sup> 126th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1982. P. 105.

<sup>412</sup> 127th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1983. P. 65.

<sup>413</sup> 127th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1983. P. 143.

<sup>414</sup> 127th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1983. P. 37.

<sup>415</sup> 128th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1984. P. 61.

<sup>416</sup> 128th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1984. P. 62.

<sup>417</sup> 128th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1984. P. 169.

Personal records, except for the deceased, were not published.

Dead: Orrin Dillard Sparks<sup>418</sup>.

In 1985, the following officers were elected:

Russell Wayne Wignalls ..... Commander  
 Richard Albertson ..... Generalissimo  
 Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Captain General  
 Walter Wickliffe ..... Recorder<sup>419</sup>.

Based on the inspection results of 1985, the commandery sharply improved its performance, receiving 70.2 points<sup>420</sup>. This improvement could also be related to changes in the scoring system used during inspections.

In 1986, information on membership numbers and personnel changes was not published.

The following officers were elected:

Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Commander  
 Arthur Conner, Sr. ..... Generalissimo  
 Steven Schott ..... Captain General  
 Jerry L. Wells ..... Recorder<sup>421</sup>.

According to the 1986 inspection, the commandery received 67.5 points<sup>422</sup>. In that year, a new commandery was added to the Grand Commandery of Illinois – Camelot Commandery No. 90 (Chaokia, Illinois)<sup>423</sup>.

In 1987, the commandery's membership increased by 4 members. At the conclave, the commandery received a commemorative plaque in recognition of this growth<sup>424</sup>.

Earl E. Wieprecht ..... Commander  
 Jerry L. Wells ..... Recorder<sup>425</sup>.

According to the 1987 inspection, the commandery received 47.1 points<sup>426</sup>.

Reports for 1988 and 1989 were not found. However, it is known that in 1988 the Eminent Commander was Earl E. Wieprecht<sup>427</sup>, and in 1989 the Eminent Commander was Phillip E. Lambert<sup>428</sup>.

In 1990, the officers elected were:

Phillip E. Lambert ..... Commander

<sup>418</sup> 128th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1984. P. 54.

<sup>419</sup> 129th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1985. P. 150.

<sup>420</sup> 129th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1985. P. 62.

<sup>421</sup> 130th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1986. P. 162.

<sup>422</sup> 130th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1986. P. 54.

<sup>423</sup> 134th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1990. P. 182.

<sup>424</sup> 131st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1987. P. 84.

<sup>425</sup> 131st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1987. P. 177.

<sup>426</sup> 131st annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1987. P. 60.

<sup>427</sup> 134th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1990. P. 178.

<sup>428</sup> 135th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1991. P. 202.

James F. Albsmeyer ..... Generalissimo  
Don Lair, Sr. .... Captain General  
Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Recorder<sup>429</sup>.

According to the 1990 inspection, the commandery received 64.9 points<sup>430</sup>.

In 1991, the officers elected were:

Phillip E. Lambert ..... Commander  
James F. Albsmeyer ..... Generalissimo  
Don Lair, Sr. .... Captain General  
Wilbur T. Hetzler ..... Recorder<sup>431</sup>.

Past Commanders: Kley A. Miller (1930), William Appuhn (1934), Orville H. Kiest (1935), Donald A. Busbey (1936), Floyd M. Seaton (1944), Earl A. Kelle (1949), William J. Winget (1953), Roy L. Wychoff (1964-1965), George N. Powers (1966), Wilbur T. Hetzler (1967-1968, 1985-1986), LeRoy Pickett (1969), Walter H. Wickliffe (1975), John L. Thomas (1977), Earnest O. Juett (1978), Russell W. Wignall (1981, 1984), Jerry L. Wells (1982-1983), Earl E. Wieprecht (1987-1988), Phillip E. Lambert (1989)<sup>432</sup>.

According to the 1991 inspection, Quincy Commandery No. 77 received 53.5 points<sup>433</sup>.

Reports for the period from 1992 to 2018 have not been found. However, it is known that the G. Wilbur Bell Excalibur Award was given to Wilbur T. Hetzler in 2006, and in 2007 another member of the commandery, Randy M. Zaerr, received the award<sup>434</sup>.

In 1995, Ascalon Commandery No. 49 from Pittsfield merged with Quincy Commandery No. 77<sup>435</sup>.

В 2000 Past Commander Pressly Alvin Laird был избран на должность Grand Junior Warden в Grand Commandery of Illinois<sup>436</sup>. В 2001 он был избран на должность Grand Senior Warden<sup>437</sup>. В 2002 он был избран на должность Grand Captain General<sup>438</sup>. В 2003 он был избран на должность Grand Generalissimo<sup>439</sup>. В 2004 он был избран на должность Deputy Grand Commander<sup>440</sup>. In 2005, the first member of Quincy Commandery No. 77, Pressly Alvin Laird, was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois<sup>441</sup>.

In 2007, two new commanderies were established in Chicago: Albertus Magnus Commandery No. 92 and Silangan Commandery No. 93<sup>442</sup>.

On September 18, 2012, Quincy Commandery No. 77 celebrated its 100th anniversary.

<sup>429</sup> 134th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1990. P. 178.

<sup>430</sup> 134th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1990. P. 20.

<sup>431</sup> 135th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1991. P. 202.

<sup>432</sup> 135th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1991. P. 202.

<sup>433</sup> 135th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 1991. P. 24.

<sup>434</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 79.

<sup>435</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 124.

<sup>436</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 133.

<sup>437</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 133.

<sup>438</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 129.

<sup>439</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 129.

<sup>440</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 129.

<sup>441</sup> 164th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2020. P. 5.

<sup>442</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 124.

During these years, the following were elected as Commander of Quincy Commandery No. 77: David G. Lewis (1995-1996, 2009-2010, 2013-2017), Robert C. Bedell (1997-1998), Pressly Laird (1999-2000, 2008), Randy Zaerr (2001-2004), H. Ray Sade (2005), James D. Williams (2006-2007) and Thomas T. Johnson (2011-2012)<sup>443</sup>.

By 2019, the commandery's membership had decreased to 43 members<sup>444</sup>.

David G. Lewis ..... Commander  
Don M. Sloan ..... Generalissimo  
Thomas T. Johnson ..... Captain General  
Randy M. Zaerr ..... Recorder<sup>445</sup>.

Past Commanders: Ronald H. Fuller (1961), Roger E. Yaeger (1980), Charles A. Barber III (1982), Harry S. Wright, Jr. (1983), Walter L. Lamb (1984), James F. Albsmeyer (1991), Robert R. Gleckler (1992), Don F. Lair, Sr., (1993), David G. Lewis (1995-1996, 2009-2010, 2013-2017), Robert C. Bedell (1997-1998), Pressly Laird (1999-2000, 2008), Randy Zaerr (2001-2004), H. Ray Sade (2005), James D. Williams (2006-2007), Thomas T. Johnson (2011-2012)<sup>446</sup>.

In 2019, at the annual conclave, Quincy Commandery received a commemorative plaque for collecting 100% of membership dues from all its members<sup>447</sup>.

In 2019, all commanderies in Illinois were organized into five Divisions, and Quincy Commandery No. 77 was part of the 3rd Division<sup>448</sup>.

According to the 2019 inspection, the commandery received 59 points<sup>449</sup>.

In 2019, one of the members, Pressly A. Laird, was part of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund<sup>450</sup>.

In 2020, the membership of Quincy Commandery No. 77 was 37 members<sup>451</sup>.

David G. Lewis ..... Commander  
Don M. Sloan ..... Generalissimo  
Ronald K. Myers ..... Captain General  
Randy M. Zaerr ..... Recorder<sup>452</sup>.

In 2023, the officers of Quincy Commandery No. 77 were elected as follows:

David G. Lewis ..... Commander  
Don M. Sloan ..... Generalissimo  
Robert G. Gleckler ..... Captain General  
Randy M. Zaerr ..... Recorder<sup>453</sup>.  
Dead: Don Franklin Lair Sr. (January 14, 2023)<sup>454</sup>.

<sup>443</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 177.

<sup>444</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 177.

<sup>445</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 177.

<sup>446</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 177.

<sup>447</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 20.

<sup>448</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 81.

<sup>449</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 81.

<sup>450</sup> 163rd annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2019. P. 89.

<sup>451</sup> 164th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2020. P. 139.

<sup>452</sup> 164th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2020. P. 139.

<sup>453</sup> 167th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2023. P. 165.

<sup>454</sup> 167th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2023. P. 20.

In 2023, Randy M. Zaerr was also elected to the position of Grand Sentinel<sup>455</sup>.

As of 2025, Quincy Commandery No. 77 continues to operate in the city of Quincy, Illinois. Over its 113-year history since its founding in 1912, at least 461 knights have been members of the commandery. This membership data is summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Personal Composition of Quincy Commandery No. 77 (1912 – Present)

No.	Name	Year joined/ status changed
1.	Achelpohl, Charles H.	1912- Suspended 1938
2.	Adams, Alfred H.	1926-
3.	Adams, Clat L.	1912- Dead 1949
4.	Ahern, John Stephen	1926- Dimitted 1939 – ? - Demitted 1947
5.	Albertson, Richard	? –
6.	Albsmeyer, James F.	? –
7.	Alexander, William Bryan	1950- Dead 1956
8.	Allen, Edward Parker	? – Reinstated 1947 – Dead 1949
9.	Anderson, James O.	1912- Dimitted 1915
10.	Anderson, Oga Emil	1922- Suspended 1930
11.	Andrew, John E.	1914-
12.	Apperton, William Victor	1928-
13.	Arends, Gerhard G.	1912- Dead 1941
14.	Austin, Thomas	1912- Dead 1929
15.	Baldwin, Thomas Scott	1912- Dead 1923
16.	Barber, Charles A., III	? –
17.	Barnes, Stephen P.	1912- Dead 1917
18.	Barth, Julius Carl	1922-
19.	Bartlett, Chas. L.	1913- Dimitted 1935
20.	Bastert, John H.	1912- Dead 1920
21.	Batschy, John	1912- Dead 1922
22.	Battreal, Raymond R.	1962-
23.	Baum, Frank Calvin	1942- Dead 1962
24.	Bauman, Gustav Adolph	1912- Dead 1922
25.	Beatty, Henry C.	1913- Dimitted 1916
26.	Bedell, Robert C.	? –
27.	Behrensmeyer, Geo. P.	1912- Dimitted 1942
28.	Behrensmeyer, Henry Phillip	1912- Dead 1948
29.	Beil, George Luke	1921- Dimitted 1956
30.	Benton, Joel	1912- Dimitted 1913
31.	Bergmann, August Henry	1946- Dead 1952
32.	Bergmann, Russell Henry	1948-
33.	Best, Ezra	1912- Dead 1930
34.	Best, George Samuel	? – Dead 1971
35.	Best, Seward	1915- Suspended 1938
36.	Best, William David	1912- Dead 1933
37.	Bird, Frank E.	1912- Suspended 1937
38.	Birkeymaier, John Dale	1963-
39.	Bishop, Charles Frederick	1917- Dead 1928
40.	Black, Thomas Earl	1967- Dead 1969
41.	Blair, George Montgomery	1921-
42.	Boswell, Louis B.	1912- Dimitted 1913
43.	Bowman, Albert Louis	1948-
44.	Bradley, William Collins	1919- Dead 1961
45.	Bradford, James A.	? - Dead 1956
46.	Bradford, James Harrison	1946-
47.	Bragg, Sylvanus I.	1913- Dimitted 1927
48.	Breitstadt, John Henry	1913- Dead 1955
49.	Breuer, Erick T. F.	? – Dead 1954

<sup>455</sup> 167th annual conclave the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. Bloomington, Illinois: Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, 2023. P. 38.



50.	Brinkoetter, Frank Frederick	1920- Dimitted 1937
51.	Brinkoetter, Fred. W.	1912- Dead 1947
52.	Brockman, Cressie Terrill	1959-
53.	Brown, Edwin Percy	1918- Dead 1925
54.	Brown, Herman Hoffman	1930- Suspended 1938
55.	Brown, John W.	1912- Dead 1916
56.	Brown, Thomas Anthony	1918- Suspended 1931
57.	Brown, William Garfield	1928- Dead 1946
58.	Bruer, Erick John Frank	1942-
59.	Bryant, Wayne J.	1950- Dead 1953
60.	Bubb, Edward J.	1949- Suspended 1958
61.	Buch, Carl	1919- Dimitted 1926
62.	Buckner, Aylette Hawes	1926-
63.	Buerkin, Edwin George Charles	1919- Dead 1927
64.	Buerkin, Julius Amar	1924-
65.	Buffington, Forrest Sidney	? – Dead 1970
66.	Butler, Oliver Roscoe	1919- Dead 1953
67.	Bunting, John Antrim	1912- Dimitted 1927 – Admitted 1930 – Dead 1932
68.	Burrows, Thomas	1912-
69.	Busby, Eben Robert	1926- Dead 1961
70.	Caddick, Earl Lockhart	1924-
71.	Caldwell, Lee Elisha	1916- Suspended 1931
72.	Caldwell, John E.	1912- Suspended 1931
73.	Caines, Michael	1912- Dimitted 1914
74.	Calkins, Addison Niles	1916- Dead 1946
75.	Campbell, Curtis Hugo	? – Dead 1973
76.	Carles, Charles E.	1912- Dimitted 1918
77.	Carter, Joseph N.	1912- Dead 1913
78.	Cassidy, John W.	1912- Suspended 1928
79.	Castle, Frederick Boyd	1919- Dimitted 1936
80.	Castle, Timothy P.	1912-
81.	Chapman, John Willard	1959-
82.	Charles, Harry H.	1912- Dead 1937
83.	Chatten, Walter Clark	1945-
84.	Childers, David Alexander	1948- Dead 1966
85.	Christie, Robert J.	1912- Dead 1917
86.	Cobb, Alexander Watt	1950- Suspended 1956
87.	Cobbey, Paul Schell	1920- Suspended 1925
88.	Conner, Arthur, Sr.	? –
89.	Cottrell, Charles H.	1912- Dimitted 1915
90.	Coulter, William T.	1912- Dead 1919
91.	Crooks, Charles Camden	1919- Dimitted 1928
92.	Crooks, Robert Edward	1919- Dimitted 1928
93.	Crooks, Thomas Alexander	1916- Dimitted 1933
94.	Crum, Charles Bansom	1920- Dimitted 1926
95.	Cruttenden, John W.	1912- Suspended 1945
96.	Culp, Harold Eldon	1947-
97.	Dayton, James Richards	1924-
98.	Dayton, William Benton	1924-
99.	Dean, Paul James	1921- Dead 1934
100.	Dick, Frank Joseph	1942-
101.	Drury, Luther Amos	1920-
102.	Duncan, Paul Garfield	1916- Dead 1926
103.	Durant, Karl M.	1912- Dead 1931
104.	Durst, George Fredrick	1942- Dead 1967
105.	Duvall, William H.	1912- Dimitted 1929
106.	Eads, Oliver Thomas	1922- Dead 1931
107.	Earhart, George Herschel	1916- Dead 1934
108.	Earl, Benjamin Trumbull	1930- Dead 1939
109.	Edgar, Charles Henry	1921- Dimitted 1928

110.	Edmonson, Alvoid James	1947- Dead 1971
111.	Ehart, Joseph Addison Smith	1916- Dimitted 1927 – Reinstated 1927
112.	Eichenauer, Charles Frederick	1919- Dead 1945
113.	Eldred, Samuel Wilson	1912- Dimitted 1917 – Admitted 1919 – Dead 1927
114.	Elmore, Kenneth Arthur	1928- Demitted 1947
115.	Elston, William Blake	1925- Dimitted 1933
116.	Engelhardt, Frederick Anton	1947- Dead 1950
117.	Ertel, Charles M.	1912- Dead 1952
118.	Evans, John Norton	1912- Dead 1922
119.	Evans, Lewis Pierce	1948-
120.	Evans, Thomas R.	1914- Dimitted 1932
121.	Eversmeyer, Herbert Edwin	1928- Suspended 1936
122.	Farrar, Charles R.	1912- Dimitted 1916
123.	Fick, William C.	1912- Dead 1914
124.	Fifer, William A.	? – Suspended 1933
125.	Finlay, Gerald M.	1912- Dead 1914
126.	Fisher, Anthony J.	? – Dead 1959
127.	Fisher, Charles Jacob	1922-
128.	Fleer, Willard Franklin	1964-
129.	Fortune, Hannibal Claude	1926- Suspended 1931
130.	Foster, George S., Jr.	? – Dead 1950
131.	Fruehe, George William	1946- Suspended 1949
132.	Fuller, Ronald H.	? –
133.	Gardner, Thomas D.	1912- Dimitted 1917
134.	Garnett, Orville Benjamin	? – Dead 1948
135.	Garner, Thomas Franklin	1915-
136.	Garner, John Franklyn	? – Dead 1960
137.	Garoutte, George Oliver	1945- Suspended 1949
138.	Garoutte, Wesley Melville	1933- Dead 1947
139.	Garrelts, Herman Henry	1930- Dead 1959
140.	Gaushell, Charles Harper	1914- Dimitted 1938
141.	Genteman, Herman August	1928- Dead 1928
142.	Getty, Norman Brown	1942- Dead 1950
143.	Gibbs, Allison Holmes	1922- Dead 1926
144.	Gifford, Vannin Leece	? – Reinstated 1939
145.	Gillhouse, Loren Ernest	1920- Dimitted 1925
146.	Gleckler, Robert R.	? –
147.	Glick, Rush Benjamin	1953- Demitted 1955
148.	Govert, George Wood	1912- Dead 1932
149.	Govert, William Henry	1912- Dead 1921
150.	Greeman, Clarence Henry	1948-
151.	Greeman, Herbert	1931- Dimitted 1932
152.	Greenman, Lyman Manchester	1919- Dimitted 1936
153.	Grieser, Grandison Lloyd	1920- Dimitted 1930
154.	Grieser, Leroy Oliver	1920- Suspended 1928
155.	Grieser, William Albert	1918- Dead 1924
156.	Groves, Chester Aubrey	1955-
157.	Groves, Joseph Gerald	1948- Suspended 1958
158.	Gunterman, Francis Dale	1964-
159.	Hart, John Walter	1921- Dead 1941
160.	Harvey, George	1926- Dead 1928
161.	Hazen, Almon Laymon	1919- Dead 1930
162.	Hedrick, Frank	1967-
163.	Heidbreder, Charles August	1923- Suspended 1931
164.	Heidbreder, Harry J.	1912- Dead 1937
165.	Heidbreder, Herbert Henry	1924- Dead 1943
166.	Heidbreder, Walter August	1912- Dead 1967
167.	Heidemann, Arthur Herman	1920- Dead 1931
168.	Held, Grover Carl	1923- Dimitted 1929
169.	Henderson, Charles R.	1912- Dimitted 1944

170.	Hendley, William A.	1913- Dimitted 1924 - Admitted 1924 - Dimitted 1927
171.	Hertsler, Merle Soller	1948- Dimitted 1982
172.	Hetzler, Wilbur T.	? –
173.	Hess, Philip Evehart	1921- Suspended 1928
174.	Hetherington, LeRoy	1920- Dead 1920
175.	Hetjler, Wilbur T.	1963-
176.	Hickman, Corydon S.	1912- Dead 1914
177.	Hickman, Leland S.	1967-
178.	Hill, Kirby Llewellyn	1928- Dead 1936
179.	Hoeffler, John Peter	1916- Dimitted 1942
180.	Hoeffler, John Perry	1946- Suspended 1958
181.	Hoffman, Carl LeRoy	1949-
182.	Hollister, Edward E.	1912- Dimitted 1917
183.	Holmes, Albert Allen	1952- Dimitted 1961
184.	Holtmann, Herman H.	1912- Dead 1937
185.	Horner, Ernest Graham	1912- Dead 1954
186.	Horstmeyer, Omara Wellington	1942-
187.	Howard, Emmett	1912- Dead 1927
188.	Howard, John Jay	1912- Dead 1926
189.	Howd, Albert Otis	1947- Dimitted 1956
190.	Huebner, Louis Carl	? – Dead 1973
191.	Huenefeld, Emil Herman	1920- Dimitted 1923
192.	Humphreys, Evans Arthur	1948- Suspended 1954
193.	Hutchison, Hugh H.	1912- Dimitted 1921
194.	Hutter, Wallace Leo	1963-
195.	Ingram, John Thomas	1915- Dead 1936
196.	Ingram, John Thomas	1942-
197.	Irwin, Charles Sylvester	1916- Dead 1923
198.	Irwin, James M.	1912-
199.	Johns, William C.	1912- Dead 1916
200.	Johnson, Clarence Elmo	1921- Suspended 1932
201.	Johnson, Ray Knisely	1936-
202.	Johnson, Thomas C.	1912- Suspended 1930
203.	Johnson, Thomas T.	? –
204.	Johnston, Charles William	1926- Dimitted 1939
205.	Juckinsen, John Peter	1949- Dimitted 1956
206.	Juett, Ernest	? –
207.	Kaempfen, Emil Evert	1919- Dimitted 1932
208.	Kelle, Earl August Henry	1946-
209.	Kersting, Frank Leo	1942- Demitted 1950
210.	Kespohl, Julius	1912- Dead 1953
211.	Kiefer, Robert A.	1912- Dead 1946
212.	Kiest, Herschel Orville	1929-
213.	King, Warren Leroy	1920- Dead 1956
214.	Kirk, David Dolah	1924- Suspended 1931
215.	Klemme, Julius L.	1912- Dimitted 1920 – Admitted 1921 – Dead 1925
216.	Knapp, David M.	1912-
217.	Knight, Edwin Leon	? – Dead 1969
218.	Knollenberg, Frederick William	1912- Dead 1928
219.	Koch, Noble Adam	1947-
220.	Konantz, William H.	1912-
221.	Kramer, James W.	1912- Dead 1946
222.	Kreich, Charles A.	1912- Dead 1938
223.	Kuapheide, Henry E.	1912- Dimitted 1913
224.	Krietemeyer, Henry William Emil	1912- Suspended 1918 – Reinstated 1923 – Dimitted 1926
225.	Kuhlo, Ernest H.	1912- Dimitted 1918
226.	Lair, Don Franklin, Sr.	? - Dead 2023
227.	Laird, Pressly Alvin	? –
228.	Lamb, Walter L.	? –
229.	Lambert, Phillip E.	? –

230.	Langellier, Maurice Fielding	1937-
231.	Lantis, George William, Jr.	1948- Dimitted 1965
232.	Lasswell, Thomas R.	? – Dimitted 1982
233.	Lawrence, Edwin Joseph	1928- Dead 1954
234.	Lawrence, Everett Leroy	1927- Dead 1972
235.	Lawrence, Joseph Aschewan	1963- Dead 1969
236.	Lee, Charles N.	1912- Dead 1915
237.	Leece, Gifford Vannin	1926- ? – Admitted 1948 – Dimitted 1965
238.	Leeper, Albert B.	1912-
239.	Leffingwell, Charles William	1915- Dimitted 1939
240.	Leon, Charles Samuel	1919- Suspended 1926
241.	Lewis, David G.	? –
242.	Lewis, John M.	1912- Dead 1915
243.	Liebmann, Arthur John	1928- Dead 1966
244.	Lirkpatrick, Clarence Henry	? – Dead 1968
245.	Lloyd, Joseph Caldwell	1928- Dimitted 1930 - Admitted 1930 – Dead 1957
246.	Long, George	1922- Dimitted 1926
247.	Lott, Peter Belce	1912- Dead 1933
248.	Love, Ogle E.	1967-
249.	Lusk, John Jay	1918- Suspended 1932
250.	Mackoy, Thomas J.	1912- Dimitted 1917
251.	Macris, Nicholas	1947-
252.	Marsh, Harry Boltwood	1948- Dead 1953
253.	Martin, William A.	1912- Suspended 1916
254.	Mathis, Elmer Henry Russell	1922- Dimitted 1930
255.	Mayfield, Walter Lee	1947- Dead 1971
256.	Mays, Leonidas Doran	1924- Dead 1967
257.	McCalley, Ralph Allen	1950- Suspended 1958
258.	McCarty, Francis Asbury	1918- Dimitted 1922
259.	McClure, Edward W.	1912- Dimitted 1915
260.	McConnell, Donald Charles	1933-
261.	McIntosh, Roswell James	1951-
262.	McLaughlin, John Robert	1919- Dead 1929
263.	McMein, George J.	1912-
264.	McMein, Harry Moran	1912- Dead 1918
265.	McMein, William Hubert	1912- Dead 1927
266.	McNeall, Derrick Leroy, Jr.	1959-
267.	McNutly, Orval James	1949- Dimitted 1961
268.	McRae, Harold Glenn	? – Dead 1967
269.	Mead, Henry Warren	1912- Dead 1920
270.	Meek, Dudley Otis	? – Dead 1961
271.	Menre, Joseph Carl	1947- Suspended 1961
272.	Meyer, Harry L.	1926- Dimitted 1931
273.	Michelmann, Henry Louis	1912- Dead 1938
274.	Miller, Andrew Kley	1924-
275.	Miller, Bernard H.	1912- Dead 1930
276.	Miller, Elmer Herbert	1912- Dead 1963
277.	Miller, Frank C.	1912- Dead 1930
278.	Miller, John E.	? - Dead 1955
279.	Miller, Quentin C.	1982-
280.	Mitchell, Edward Henry	1927- Suspended 1937
281.	Moeller, Burl Clinton	1962-
282.	Moelling, Ralph E.	1967-
283.	Mohn, Arthur Henry	1948- Dead 1957
284.	Mohrenstecher, Otto A.	1912- Dimitted 1915
285.	Monroe, Neal Edward	1921- Suspended 1950
286.	Montgomery, S. B.	1912-
287.	Moores, Donald W.	
288.	Morford, Charles Henry	1919- Dimitted 1932
289.	Morford, Thomas Raymond	1919-

290.	Morton, Edward	1912- Dead 1952
291.	Moseman, William Budell	1917- Suspended 1937
292.	Mulliner, Edward Starr	1912- Dead 1921
293.	Musselman, D.	1912- Dimitted 1931
294.	Musselman, Virgil G.	1912- Dimitted 1931
295.	Myers, Ronald K.	? –
296.	Naumann, Henry F.	1912- Dimitted 1932
297.	Neal, James Harrison	1927-
298.	Neikamp, Edward, Jr.	1967-
299.	Nesta, Arthur Peter	1948- Dead 1957
300.	Newlan, Brintnell Robbins	1927-
301.	Newman, J. Ogden	1949- Dead 1956
302.	Nichols, Harold Francis	1924- Demitted 1945
303.	Nickerson, Levi H. A.	1912- Dimitted 1930
304.	Nielson, James Poling	1927-
305.	Nieman, Arthur W.	? – Dead 1958
306.	O'Bryen, Dimmitt Wesley	1956- Dead 1961
307.	Odell, Arthur Francis	1918-
308.	Oenning, Edgar Charles	1927- Dimitted 1928
309.	Orr, Edward Ellsworth	1925- Dead 1944
310.	Osborn, George C.	1912-
311.	Parrack, Galen Marion	1948-
312.	Pearce, Jackson Robert	1916- Dead 1927
313.	Pencil, William Laurens	1912- Dead 1920
314.	Pendleton, Frederic Milford	1920- Dimitted 1922
315.	Penick, Franklin J.	1912-
316.	Penick, Mark Albert	1924- Dead 1952
317.	Pepper, Lloyd Benton	1930- Dimitted 1937 – Admitted 1937 – Dimitted 1938
318.	Pfeiffer, William A.	1912-
319.	Phelps, Charles Selmer	1912- Dead 1928
320.	Pickett, LeRoy	1964-
321.	Pollard, John William Hobbs	1924- Dimitted 1937
322.	Potter, Samuel McClellan	1912- Dimitted 1913 – Admitted 1922
323.	Pottle, Curtis B.	? – Dead 1970
324.	Powers, George Norman	1962-
325.	Powers, William Charles	? – Dimitted 1948
326.	Preece, Harold Arthur	1923- Dead 1942
327.	Purdy, William Jennings Bryan	1947- Dead 1969
328.	Pyror, Virgil Adrain	1949-
329.	Quinn, Oliver Cromwell	1920- Dead 1937
330.	Randall, Roseberry	1912- Suspended 1938
331.	Read, James Monroe	1932- ? – Reinstated 1946 – Suspended 1951
332.	Reeves, George Milton	1912- Dead 1937
333.	Rhoads, Robert	1912- Suspended 1918
334.	Rice, John Hume	1912- Dead 1923
335.	Richards, Albert L.	1912-
336.	Richards, Walter F.	1912- Dimitted 1917
337.	Riggs, Harvey Gilbert	1912- Suspended 1930
338.	Riutjel, Marion Clifford	1958-
339.	Rogers, Archer Billings	1918- Dead 1918
340.	Rose, Ralph Monroe	1967- Dead 1970
341.	Rosendale, Robert George	1949- Suspended 1962
342.	Ross, Charles S.	1912- Dimitted 1914
343.	Roth, George D.	1912- Dead 1918
344.	Rothgeb, Frank	1912- Dimitted 1916
345.	Ruff, William John	1913- Dead 1925
346.	Sade, H. Ray	? –
347.	Schelp, Kenneth Arthur	1956- Dimitted 1961 – Reinstated 1964
348.	Schmidt, Albert H.	1912- Dead 1914
349.	Schott, Steven	? –

350.	Schnepp, Carroll Diebald	1930-
351.	Schuette, Walter Henry	1948- Dead 1968
352.	Schulte, Edward Frank	1927- Dimitted 1938
353.	Schwartz, Clyde	1927- Dimitted 1933
354.	Schwindeler, William August	1919- Dimitted 1924
355.	Seely, James Guy	? – Dead 1972
356.	Sehelp, Arthur Peter Simon	1947-
357.	Seibel, Russel Ray	? – Dead 1972
358.	Sharp, Harold Raymond	1928- Dimitted 1936
359.	Shawgo, Kirk	1912- Dimitted 1932
360.	Shelton, Harry Bertram	1950- Dead 1964
361.	Shinn, William H.	1912- Dead 1919
362.	Shwego, J. B.	1912- Dead 1913
363.	Silliman, William Neil	1948- Dead 1969
364.	Simms, Kenneth Aubrey	1932- Dead 1952
365.	Singleton, William J.	1913- Dead 1942
366.	Slaney, Bert Colledge	1949-
367.	Sloan, Don M.	? –
368.	Smarr, John Samuel Milton	1919- Dimitted 1931
369.	Smith, James Robert	? – Dead 1947
370.	Smith, Wayne George	1942-
371.	Smith, William John	1919- Dimitted 1937
372.	Smyth, Albert Frederick	1918- Dimitted 1920
373.	Snow, John Lathrop	1947- Suspended 1963
374.	Snowhill, Kyle Alexander	1923- Dimitted 1939
375.	Sparks, Charles Edward	1947-
376.	Sparks, Orrin Dillard	1967- Dead 1984
377.	Sprague, William Facer	1920-
378.	Stahl, George H.	1912- Suspended 1925
379.	Stahl, Louis M.	1912- Suspended 1932
380.	Stanbury, William Richard	1917- Dead 1923
381.	Stebbins, Theodore Leslie	1960-
382.	Steinwedell, Carl	1913- Dead 1954
383.	Stevenson, Walter Davis	1918- Dimitted 1933
384.	Stewart, William Vincil	1948- Demitted 1955
385.	Stonebraker, Kenneth	? –
386.	Stormer, Aaron Cole	1963-
387.	Stormer, Herman Heinrich	1927- Dead 1950
388.	Sturhan, Louis William	1948- Dead 1970
389.	Sueltman, Fred W.	1946- Suspended 1956
390.	Suhler, Albert M.	1912 – Suspended 1913
391.	Swansen, Ralph Charles	1924- Dead 1949
392.	Swope, Homer Joseph	1929- Suspended 1937
393.	Swope, Homer Milton	1912- Dead 1920
394.	Talbot, Robert Laverne	? – Dead 1971
395.	Tapp, Walter Allen	1924- Dead 1942
396.	Taylor, Gilbert K.	1913- Dimitted 1937
397.	Taylor, John Allan	1920- Dimitted 1946
398.	Taylor, Walter W.	? – Dimitted 1958
399.	Thomas, John L.	? –
400.	Thomas, Walter Earl	1926- Dead 1959
401.	Thomas, Walter Henry Lee	1922- Dead 1924
402.	Thompson, Edwin G.	1912- Dimitted 1927 – Admitted 1928 – Dimitted 1933
403.	Truss, John Robert	1928- Dead 1972
404.	Tuffli, Christian Steven	1918- Dead 1947
405.	Turner, Herbert M.	1912- Dimitted 1938
406.	Uebner, Arthur Scheley	1947- Dead 1952
407.	Unglaub, Frank Henry	1925- Dead 1960
408.	Van Hoy, Donald Corbin	1926- Dead 1980
409.	Volk, William Cornelius	1912- Dead 1935

410.	Vollmer, Milton William Herman	1947-
411.	Vollmer, Truman William	1933-
412.	Waddell, Oliver Elliott	1957-
413.	Wall, George Albert	1919- Dead 1925
414.	Walton, Henry P.	1912- Dead 1915
415.	Ward, Eugene Blessing	1926-
416.	Ware, Oscar Elliott	1928- Dimitted 1932
417.	Wayland, James W.	1912- Dimitted 1915
418.	Webber, James Harry	? – Reinstated 1925 – Dimitted 1925
419.	Wehmeyer, William Frederick	1912- Dead 1928
420.	Weisenburler, Paul	1962-
421.	Wellman, James N.	1912- Dimitted 1918
422.	Wells, Charles Lawrence	1917- Dimitted 1937
423.	Wells, George	1917- Dimitted 1932
424.	Wells, Jerry	? –
425.	Wheeler, Delbert Allison	1926- Dead 1931
426.	Wheeler, Virgil Richard	1961-
427.	Whipple, Alfred Augustus	1912- Dead 1928
428.	Whipple, Henry L.	1912- Dimitted 1922
429.	White, Everett Carl	1924- Dimitted 1926
430.	White, Raymond H.	1922- Dimitted 1926
431.	White, Robert B.	1912- Dimitted 1922
432.	White, Thompson S.	1912- Suspended 1918 – Reinstated 1920 – Suspended 1945
433.	White, Wilton E.	1912- Dead 1935
434.	Wickliffe, Walter	? –
435.	Wiegman, Henry Otto	1963-
436.	Wieprecht, Earl	? –
437.	Wignall, Russell, Sr.	? –
438.	Wilcox, David F.	1912- Dimitted 1919
439.	Wilson, Albert Rush	1912-
440.	Wilson, Henry	1912- Dead 1932
441.	Williams, James D.	? –
442.	Williams, James Russell	1921- Dimitted 1936
443.	Williams, Pliny Bliss	1912- Dead 1919
444.	Williamson, Charles H.	1912- Dead 1916
445.	Wilms, Frederick	1912- Dead 1921
446.	Winget, William H.	1912- Suspended 1933
447.	Winget, William J.	1967-
448.	Winner, Clyde William	1953- Dead 1962
449.	Winters, John M.	1912- Dimitted 1922
450.	Winters, John McCullough	1962-
451.	Winters, Richard McCullough	1956- Dead 1981
452.	Wisher, Henry Edgar	1914- Dead 1961
453.	Wodell, William Wendell	1945-
454.	Wolfe, Leroy Horace	1918- Suspended 1931
455.	Wood, Chauncey H.	1912- Dead 1954
456.	Worman, Raymond Ray	1948-
457.	Wright, Harry S., Jr.	? –
458.	Wyckoff, Roy Lee	1957-
459.	Yaeger, Roger E.	? –
460.	Zaerr, Randy M.	? –
461.	Zoller, George	1919- Dead 1931

Analyzing Table 2, we can see that from 1912 to the present, at least 461 individuals have been members of Quincy Commandery No. 77. In reality, this number likely exceeds 500, due to incomplete records. The gaps in our data are primarily due to two factors: first, not all volumes of the Grand Commandery of Illinois Annual Conclaves are currently available at the George Washington Masonic Memorial Center; and second, even in the volumes that are available, personal membership information is often missing, particularly from 1966 onward.

While compiling Table 2, we identified several errors in the historical membership records. For example, Gerald M. Finlay is listed in 1915 as both Dimitted and Deceased. Another knight, Carl Buch, appears as Dimitted in both 1926 and 1927. Similarly, Sylvanus I. Bragg is recorded as Created in both 1913 and 1914.

In several entries, we have placed a question mark in the “Year joined / Status changed” column, indicating that the exact year of joining the commandery is unknown. Nevertheless, it is very likely that most of these individuals belonged to Ascalon Commandery No. 49, which was merged into Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1995.

Among family names, the Miller family is the most represented with 6 members, followed by the White and Brown families with 5 members each, and then the Best, Heidbreder, and Johnson families with 4 members each.

Knights who served for more than 50 years in the commandery include: Walter August Heidbreher – 55 years; Donald Corbin Van Hoy – 54 years; Elmer Herbert Miller – 51 years.

Statistical data on membership changes over the 111-year period are presented in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Quincy Commandery No. 77 membership statistics, 1912 to 2023

Years	Members	Created	Admitted	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended and Expelled	Deceased
1912	135	-	-	-	-	-	-
1913	135	7	-	-	4	1	2
1914	136	3	2	-	2	-	2
1915	132	4	1	-	6	-	4
1916	135	9	-	-	3	1	2
1917	132	4	1	-	5	-	3
1918	136	10	1	-	3	3	1
1919	151	18	3	-	1	-	5
1920	164	14	1	1	2	-	1
1921	167	8	3	-	1	-	6
1922	169	7	2	-	5	-	2
1923	167	4	-	1	1	-	6
1924	179	13	2	-	2	-	1
1925	175	1	2	1	2	2	4
1926	178	10	3	-	6	1	3
1927	175	8	1	1	6	2	5
1928	177	10	3	-	4	3	5
1929	172	1	1	-	2	-	5
1930	170	3	4	-	4	3	2
1931	154	1	-	-	4	7	6
1932	142	1	1	-	8	3	3
1933	134	3	-	-	5	2	4
1934	123	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1935	118	-	-	-	1	1	3
1936	111	1	-	-	4	2	2
1937	96	-	2	-	7	5	5
1938	85	-	-	-	4	5	2
1939	83	- +4 <sup>456</sup>	-	1	4	1	2
1940	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1941	88	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1942	89	8	1	-	2	1	5
1943	85	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	83	-	-	-	1	-	1
1945	82	3	-	-	1	2	1
1946	87	6	-	1	1	-	1
1947	99	13	1	1	2	-	6

<sup>456</sup> In the Adjustments section, +4 members were recorded.



1948	113	15	1	-	1	-	4
1949	117	7	1	-	2	-	2
1950	118	5	-	-	1	1	2
1951	115	1	-	-	-	1	3
1952	113	-	1	-	-	-	3
1953	110	2	-	-	-	-	5
1954	105	-	-	-	-	1	4
1955	100	1	-	-	2	-	4
1956	94	3	-	-	3	2	4
1957	92	2	-	-	-	-	4
1958	87	1	-	-	1	4	1
1959	89	3	-	-	-	-	1
1960	87	1	-	-	-	-	3
1961	79	1	-	-	3	1	5
1962	80	4	1	-	-	1	3
1963	84	6	-	-	-	1	1
1964	86	3	-	1	-	-	2
1965	85	-	-	-	2	-	-
1966	81	-	-	-	1	1+1 <sup>457</sup>	1
1967	118	12	30	-	-	-	5
1968	115	3	-	-	4	-	2
1969	112	2	-	-	1	-	4
1970	106	-	-	-	2	-	4
1971	107	4	-	-	-	-	3
1972	103	-	-	-	2	-	2
1973	94	- +2 <sup>458</sup>	-	-	2	3	6
1974	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1975	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1976	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1977	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1978	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1979	66	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1980	64	3	-	1	1	-	5
1981	67	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	1
1982	63	1	-	-	2	-	3
1983	62	1	1	-	1	-	2
1984	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1985	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1986	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1987	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1988	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1989	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1990	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1991	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1992	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1993	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1994	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1995	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1996	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1997	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1998	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
1999	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
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2002	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2003	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
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2005	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.

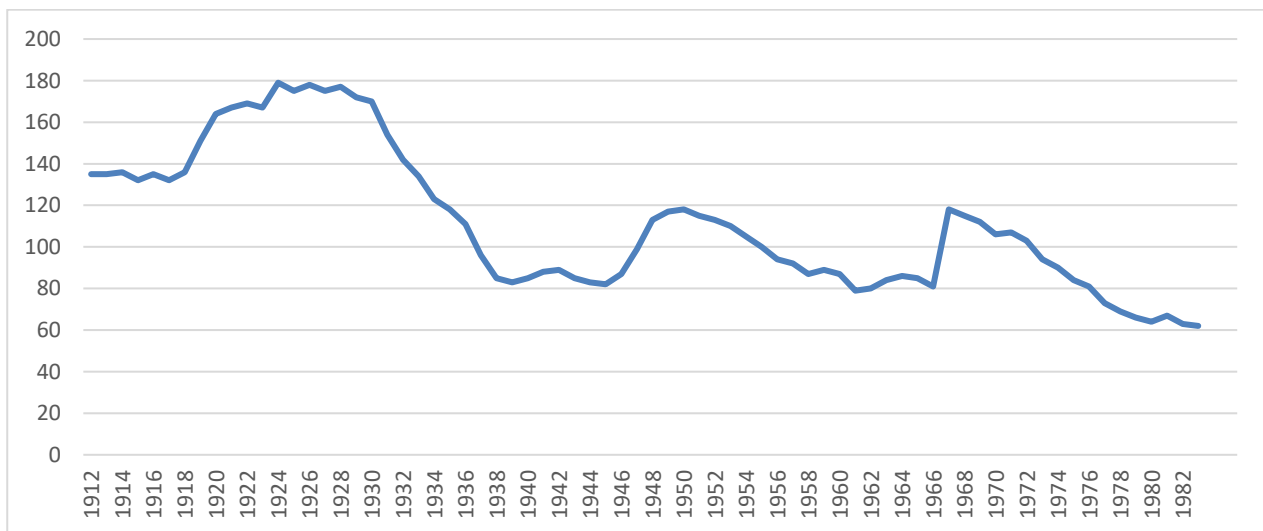
<sup>457</sup> 1 Remitted.<sup>458</sup> 2 Adjusted.

2006	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2007	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2008	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2009	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2010	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2011	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2012	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2013	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2014	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2015	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2016	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
2017	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
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2020	37	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.	unknow.
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Total		258	70	9	134	62	190

Analyzing Table 3, we can see that according to the presented data: in 1912, the commandery had 135 knights; from 1913 onward, 259 knights were Created and another 70 were Admitted. This gives a total of 463, whereas Table 2 lists 461 names. This small discrepancy between Tables 2 and 3 appears acceptable. In addition, at least 134 knights left the commandery, 62 suspended their membership, and no fewer than 190 knights passed away.

Table 3 enabled the compilation of data suitable for visualizing the membership of Quincy Commandery No. 77 over the period from 1912 to 1983. Since membership data from 1984 to 2019 are unavailable, we were unable to include this information in Chart 1. For convenience, these data have been represented in Chart 1.

**Chart 1.** Membership of Quincy Commandery No. 77, 1912–1983



In Chart 1, we included membership data for Quincy Commandery No. 77 for the period 1912–1983. Here we can observe three peak periods: the first occurred between 1924 and 1926, when membership reached a maximum of 179 knights; the second in 1950, the post-war period, with 118 knights; and the third in 1967, when Delta Commandery No. 48 merged with Quincy Commandery, again reaching 118 knights. Most likely, there was a fourth peak in 1995, when Ascalon Commandery No. 49 from Pittfield joined the commandery.

We also present brief biographical data for members of Quincy Commandery No. 77 who remained affiliated with the organization at the time of their deaths. This list is arranged alphabetically. The biographies include dates of birth and death, place of birth, the name of the spouse (if the knight was married twice, only the first spouse is listed), date of joining the commandery, and positions held. Birth and death dates are given as recorded in official documents or memorials.

Adams, Clat L. (Jul. 19, 1874 – May 10, 1949)

Clat L. Adams was born on July 19, 1874, in Illinois.  
He was married to Nellie Adams.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on May 10, 1949.

Alexander, William Bryan (1901 – Mar. 7, 1956)

William Bryan Alexander was born in 1901.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1950. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 7, 1956.

Arends, Gerhard G. (1854 – Oct. 21, 1941)

Gerhard G. Arends was born in 1854, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Hannah F. Caroline Arends.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 21, 1941.

Austin, Thomas (Mar. 23, 1842 – Dec. 31, 1929)  
(Past Commander)

Thomas Austin was born on March 23, 1842, in St. Louis County, Missouri.  
He was married to Helen Hayes Austin.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55.  
He dead on Dec. 31, 1929.

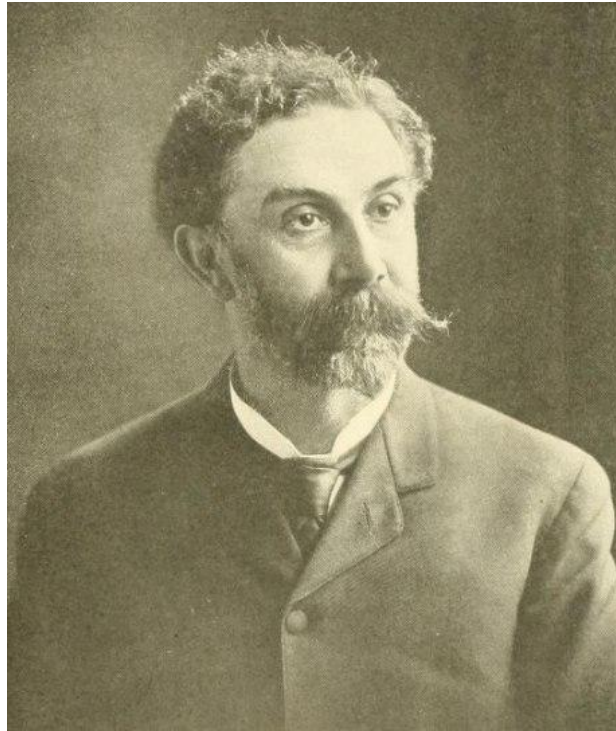
Baldwin, Thomas Scott (Jun. 30, 1854 – May 17, 1923)

Thomas Scott Baldwin was born on June 30, 1854, in Decatur, Macon, Illinois.  
He was married to Caroline Cassie Pool.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on May 17, 1923.

Bastert, John Henry (Apr. 5, 1865 – Nov. 8, 1920)

John Henry Bastert was born on April 5, 1865, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Flora Amanda Durrstein.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on November 8, 1920.

Batschy, John (Mar. 8, 1855 – Aug. 27, 1922)  
(Past Commander)



John Batschy was born on March 8, 1855, in Switzerland.  
He was married to Louise Batschy.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55.  
He died on August 27, 1922.

Baum, Frank Calvin (Feb. 3, 1896 – Mar. 11, 1962)

Frank Calvin Baum was born on February 3, 1896, in Sycamore, Wyandot, Ohio.  
He was married to Lorain Elizabeth Kasparine.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1942. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on March 11, 1962.

Bauman, Gustav Adolph (Dec. 14, 1857 – Sep. 29, 1922)

Gustav Adolph Bauman was born on December 14, 1857, in Hermann, Gasconade County, Missouri.  
He was married to Augusta Bauman.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on September 29, 1922.

Behrensmeyer, Henry Phillip (Feb. 18, 1868 – Apr. 24, 1948)

Henry Phillip Behrensmeyer was born on February 18, 1868, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Wilhelmina Bitter.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on April 24, 1948.

Bergmann, August Henry (Dec. 8, 1885 – May 27, 1952)  
(Past Commander)

August Henry Bergmann was born on December 8, 1885, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Sadie C. Bergmann.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1946. In 1947, he was elected Generalissimo. In 1948, he was elected Commander, and from 1949 onward, he held the title of Past Commander.  
He dead on May 27, 1952.

Best, Ezra (Nov. 27, 1854 – Feb. 5, 1930)

Ezra Best was born on November 27, 1854, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Mary Jane Wessels.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on February 5, 1930.

Best, William David (Jul. 25, 1867 – Jan. 8, 1933)

William David Best was born on July 25, 1867, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Myrtle Grace Gerry.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 8, 1933.

Bishop, Charles Frederick (Sep. 8, 1876 – Feb. 12, 1928)

Charles Frederick Bishop was born on September 8, 1876, in Missouri.  
He was married to Mable Marie Smith.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1917. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on February 12, 1928.

Black, Thomas Earl (Jul. 13, 1890 – Sep. 5, 1969)  
(Past Commander)

Thomas Earl Black was born on July 13, 1890, in Adams County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1967. Past Commander of Delta Commandery No. 48.  
He dead on September 5, 1969.

Bradley, William Collins (Apr. 9, 1881 – Dec. 28, 1961)  
(Past Commander)

William Collins Bradley was born on April 9, 1881, in Belleville, Republic, Kansas.  
He was married to Nonae Ruth Frank.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. In 1927, he was elected Commander. Since 1928, he held the title of Past Commander.  
He dead on December 28, 1961.

Breitstadt, John Henry (Feb. 9, 1881 – Sep. 11, 1955)  
(Past Commander)

John Henry Breitstadt was born on February 9, 1881, in St. Louis, Missouri.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1913. In 1917, he was elected Commander, and he was re-elected to the same office in 1918 and 1919. Since 1920, he held the title of Past Commander.

He died on September 11, 1955.

Brinkoetter, Frederick W. (Feb. 16, 1875 – Jan. 24, 1947)

Frederick W. Brinkoetter was born on February 16, 1875, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Margaret Ellen Smith.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1916, he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1919, he was elected Generalissimo.

He died on January 24, 1947.

Brown, Edwin Percy (Jul. 5, 1869 – Aug. 13, 1925)

Edwin Percy Brown was born on July 5, 1869, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Sarah Jenetta Baker.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1918. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on August 13, 1925.

Brown, William Garfield (Aug. 8, 1882 – Sep. 18, 1946)

William Garfield Brown was born on August 8, 1882, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Dora Hazel Howard.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1928. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on September 18, 1946.

Bryant, Wayne J. (Dec. 19, 1908 – May, 6, 1953)

Wayne J. Bryant was born on December 19, 1908, in Wayne, Iowa.

He was married to Helen F. Boner.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1950. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on May 6, 1953.

Buerkin, Edwin George Charles (May 13, 1885 – Oct. 13, 1927)

Edwin George Charles Buerkin was born on May 13, 1885, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on October 13, 1927.

Bunting, John Antrim (Aug. 16, 1851 – Oct. 11, 1932)  
(Past Commander)

John Antrim Bunting was born on August 16, 1851, in Burlington, Burlington, New Jersey.

He was married to Anna Mary Cooper.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.

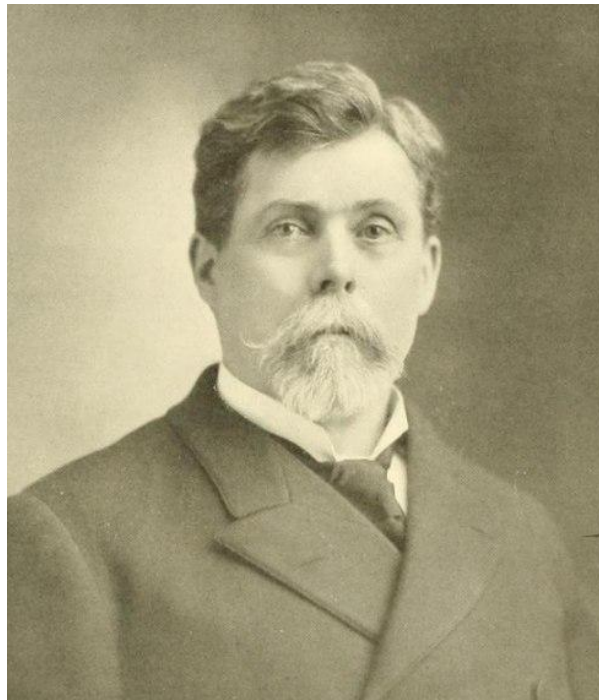
He died on October 11, 1932.

Busby, Eben Robert (Aug. 7, 1874 – May 14, 1961)



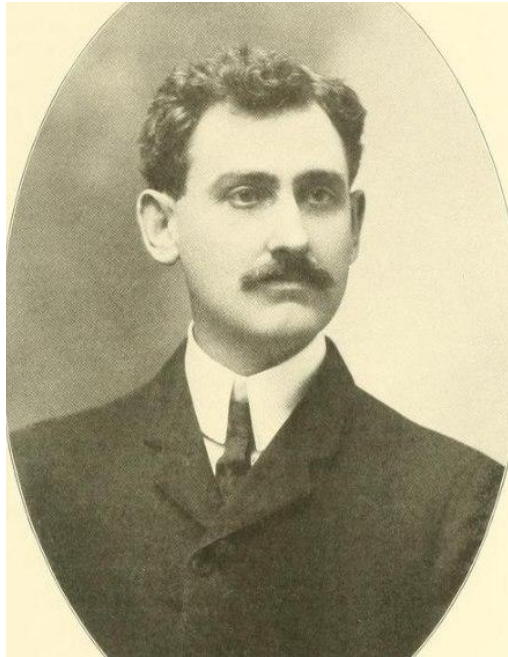
Eben Robert Busby was born on August 7, 1874, in Waverly, Bremer, Iowa. He was married to Gertrude B. Thompson. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1926. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on May 14, 1961.

Carter, Joseph Newton (Mar. 12, 1843 – Feb. 6, 1913)



Joseph Newton Carter was born on March 12, 1843, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was married to Ellen Douglas Carter. He was a Civil War veteran, serving in the 70th Illinois Infantry with the rank of Private. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on February 6, 1913.

Dr. Christie, Robert J. (1880 – Sep. 8, 1917)



Robert J. Christie was born in 1880, in Sullivan, Hancock, Maine.  
He was married to Mary E. Turner.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on September 8, 1917.

Coulter, William Thornton (1859 – Apr. 18, 1919)

William Thornton Coulter was born in 1859, in USA.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on April 18, 1919.

Duncan, Paul Garfield (Feb. 10, 1880 – May 10, 1926)  
(Past Commander)

Paul Garfield Duncan was born on February 10, 1880, in Abbottstown, PA.  
He was married to Annie Miller.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1916. In 1919, he was elected Senior Warden. In 1921, he was elected Commander, and from 1922 onward, he held the title of Past Commander.  
He died on May 10, 1926.

Durant, Karl Maertz (Apr. 29, 1878 – Mar. 9, 1931)

Karl Maertz Durant was born on April 29, 1878, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Alice L. Akers.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on March 9, 1931.



Durst, George Fredrick (Nov. 23, 1889 – Apr. 8, 1967)

George Fredrick Durst was born on April 29, 1878, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Florence Edna Martin.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1942. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on April 8, 1967.

Eads, Oliver Thomas (Jun. 14, 1870 – Jan. 11, 1931)

Oliver Thomas Eads was born on June 14, 1870, in Iowa.  
He was married to Cora B. Morrison.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1922. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 11, 1931.

Earhart, George Herschel (Feb. 24, 1874 – Jun. 5, 1934)  
(Past Commander)

George Herschel Earhart was born on February 24, 1874, in Lima, Adams, Illinois.  
He was married to Anna Louise Govert.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1916. In 1920, he was elected Commander. From 1921 onward, he held the title of Past Commander.  
He dead on June 11, 1931.

Earl, Benjamin Trumbull (Oct. 20, 1869 – Jan. 27, 1939)

Benjamin Trumbull Earl was born on October 20, 1869, in Camp Point, Illinois.  
He was married to Ida May Livingston.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1930. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 27, 1939.

Edmonson, Alvoid James (Sep. 9, 1894 – May 22, 1971)  
(Past Commander)

Alvoid James Edmonson was born on September 9, 1894, in Clayton, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Lillian Grace Edmonson.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1947. In 1949, he was elected Captain General, in 1950 – Generalissimo, and in 1951 – Commander. From 1952 onward, he held the title of Past Commander.  
He dead on May 22, 1971.

Eichenauer, Charles Frederick (Oct. 9, 1881 – Sep. 26, 1945)

Charles Frederick Eichenauer was born on October 9, 1881, in Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 26, 1945.

Eldred, Samuel Wilson (Sep. 26, 1860 – Apr. 18, 1927)

Samuel Wilson Eldred was born on September 26, 1860, Carlinville, Macoupin County, Illinois.  
He was married to Annie Margaret Eldler.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1917. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on April 18, 1927.

Engelhardt, Frederick Anton (Jul. 4, 1895 – Dec. 23, 1950)

Frederick Anton Engelhardt was born on July 4, 1895, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Edith Anna Engelhardt.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1947. In 1950, he was elected to the officer position of Captain General.

He dead on December 23, 1950.

Evans, John Norton (Mar. 8, 1855 – Sep. 17, 1922)

John Norton Evans was born on March 8, 1855, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

He was married to Margaret Jane Evans.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on September 17, 1922.

Fick, William C. (Mar. 6, 1866 – Oct. 5, 1914)

William C. Fick was born on March 6, 1866, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Lizzette Louise Fick.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on October 5, 1914.

Finlay, Gerald Mantray (Dec. 29, 1836 – Sep. 29, 1914)

Gerald Mantray Finlay was born on December 29, 1836, in Ireland.

He was married to Martha Jane Finlay.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on September 29, 1914.

Garoutte, Wesley Melville (Dec. 25, 1893 – Jul. 23, 1947)  
(Past Commander)

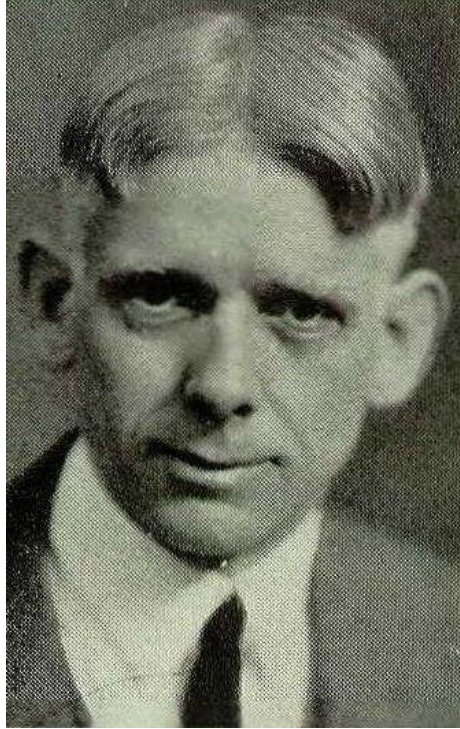
Wesley Melville Garoutte was born on December 25, 1893, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Almeda E. Garoutte.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1933. In 1935, he was elected to the officer position of Captain General; in 1936 – Generalissimo; in 1937 – Commander; and from 1938 – Past Commander.

He dead on July 23, 1947.

Garrelts, Herman Henry (1880 – Jun. 21, 1959)



Herman Henry Garrelts was born in 1880.  
He was married to Martha Garrelts.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1930. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on June 21, 1959.

Genteman, Herman August (Jul. 10, 1876 – Sep. 19, 1928)

Herman August Genteman was born on July 10, 1876, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Anna M. Genteman.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1928. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on Sep. 19, 1928.

Getty, Norman Brown (Aug. 24, 1885 – Sep. 24, 1950)

Norman Brown Getty was born on August 24, 1885, Colfax, McLean County, Illinois.  
He was married to Grace M. Getty.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1942. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on September 24, 1950.

Gibbs, Allison Holmes (Jul., 1872 – Jun. 28, 1926)

Allison Holmes Gibbs was born in 1872, in Lima, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.  
He was married to Kate Rush Gibbs.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1922. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on June 28, 1926.

Govert, George Wood (Jun. 24, 1874 – Apr. 3, 1932)  
(Past Commander)

George Wood Govert was born on June 24, 1874, Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1911, he had served as the last Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55. From 1912 onward – Past Commander.  
He dead on April 3, 1932.

Govert, William Henry (Sep. 10, 1844 – Dec. 7, 1921)



William Henry Govert was born on September 10, 1844, in Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.  
He was married to Rosa Frances Govert.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 7, 1921.

Grieser, William Albert (May 26, 1881 – Dec. 15, 1924)

William Albert Grieser was born on May 26, 1881, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1918. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 15, 1924.

Hart, John Walter (Dec. 24, 1874 – Sep. 25, 1941)

John Walter Hart was born on December 24, 1874, in Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio.  
He was married to Maude Bell Hart.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1921. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 25, 1941.

## Harvey, George (Aug. 24, 1847 – May 20, 1928)

George Harvey was born on August 24, 1847, in Canada.  
He was married to Hannah Elizabeth Harvey.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1926. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on May 20, 1928.

## Hazen, Almon Laymon (Aug. 13, 1867 – Jun. 5, 1930)

Almon Laymon Hazen was born on August 13, 1876, in Hancock County, Illinois.  
He was married to Luella Hazen Hogan.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on June 5, 1930.

## Heidbreder, Harry John (Aug. 26, 1881 – Jan. 22, 1937)

Harry John Heidbreder was born on August 26, 1881, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Ada Heidbreder.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 22, 1937.

## Heidbreder, Herbert Henry (Mar. 17, 1890 – Sep. 6, 1943)

Herbert Henry Heidbreder was born on March 17, 1890, in Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1924. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 6, 1943.

## Heidbreder, Walter August (Jul. 22, 1879 – Mar. 19, 1967)

Walter August Heidbreder was born on July 22, 1879, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 19, 1967.

Heidemann, Arthur Herman (Jul. 4, 1879 – Aug. 14, 1931)  
(Past Commander)

Arthur Herman Heidemann was born on July 4, 1879, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Amelia Heidemann.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1920. In 1924, he was elected Commander; from 1925 onward  
– Past Commander.  
He dead on August 14, 1931.

## Hetherington, LeRoy (May 11, 1884 – Sep. 17, 1920)

LeRoy Hetherington was born on May 11, 1884, in Kankakee Township, Kankakee County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1920. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 17, 1920.

Col. Hickman, Corydon S. (Dec. 22, 1844 – Nov. 21, 1913)



Corydon S. Hickman was born on December 22, 1844, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He was married to Gertrude Hickman. A Civil War veteran, he served in the 67th Illinois Infantry with the rank of Private. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on November 21, 1913.

Hill, Kirby Llewellyn (Jun. 23, 1897 – Nov. 21, 1936)

Kirby Llewellyn Hill was born on June 23, 1897, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Cecil Hill. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1928. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on November 21, 1936.

Holtmann, Herman H. (1865 – Nov. 7, 1937)

Herman H. Holtmann was born in 1865, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Louise S. Holtmann. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on November 7, 1937.

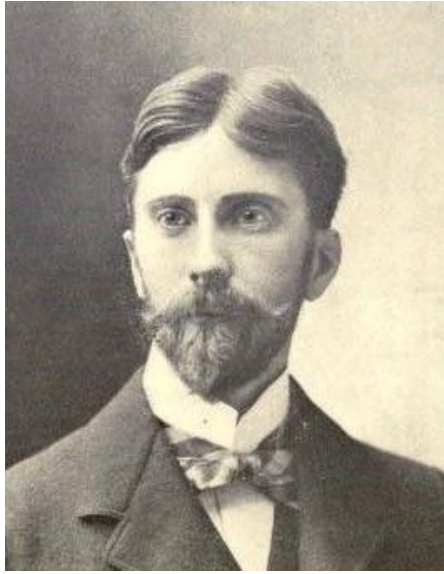
Horner, Ernest Graham (May 30, 1863 – Sep. 19, 1954)

Ernest Graham Horner was born on May 30, 1863, in Kansas. He was married to Clara A. Horman. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1916 he was elected to the office of Sentinel, and he held the same position in 1919. He died on September 19, 1954.

Howard, Emmett (Aug. 12, 1867 – Jul. 4, 1927)  
(Past Commander)

Emmett Howard was born on August 12, 1867, Rathbone, Steuben County, New York. He was married to Julia Howard. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11. He died on July 4, 1927.

Ingram, John Thomas (Jul. 11, 1870 – Feb. 21, 1936)  
(Past Commander)



John Thomas Ingram was born on July 11, 1870, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Lillian Brown Ingram.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1915. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.  
He dead on February 21, 1936.

Dr. Irwin, Charles Sylvester (Feb. 24, 1859 – Jun. 11, 1923)

Charles Sylvester Irwin was born on February 24, 1859, in Hancock County, Illinois.  
He was married to Katherine Irwin.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1916. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on June 11, 1923.

Johns, William C. (Oct. 10, 1847 – Dec. 12, 1916)

William C. Johns was born on October 10, 1847, in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.  
He was married to Margaret L. Johns.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 12, 1916.

Kespohl, Julius (Aug. 4, 1871 – Oct. 27, 1953)

Julius Kespohl was born on August 4, 1871,  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 27, 1953.

Kiefer, Robert A. (Nov. 15, 1864 – Sep. 15, 1946)  
(Past Commander)

Robert A. Kiefer was born on November 15, 1864, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Lulu Kiefer.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55.  
He dead on September 15, 1946.

Dr. King, Warren Leroy (Jul. 11, 1880 – May 11, 1956)

Warren Leroy King was born on July 11, 1880, in Ohio.

He was married to Alice Madel King.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1920. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on May 11, 1956.

Klemme, Julius Louis (Jul. 6, 1867 – May 7, 1925)



Julius Louis Klemme was born on July 6, 1867, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Ida G. Klemme.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1913 he was elected to the office of Senior Warden, and in 1916 – Generalissimo.

He dead on May 7, 1925.

Knollenberg, Frederick William (Dec. 2, 1849 – Jul. 23, 1928)

Frederick William Knollenberg was born on December 2, 1849, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Elizabeth J. Petrie.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on July 23, 1928.

Kreich, Charles A. (Aug. 30, 1850 – Feb. 14, 1938)

Charles A. Kreich was born on August 30, 1850, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Hermine Kreich.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on February 14, 1938.



Lawrence, Everett Leroy (Feb. 7, 1888 – Nov. 4, 1972)  
(Past Commander)

Everett Leroy Lawrence was born on February 7, 1888, in Hull, Pike County, Illinois.

He was married to Alma Lawrence.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1927. In 1941 he was elected to the office of Commander. Since 1942 – Past Commander.

He died on November 4, 1972.

Lee, Charles N. (1832 – Jan. 30, 1915)

Charles N. Lee was born in 1832, in New York County, New York.

He was married to Georgiana M. Lee.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on January 1915.

Lewis, John Mooney (Sep. 14, 1856 – Mar. 27, 1915)



John Mooney Lewis was born on September 14, 1856, in Edinburgh, Johnson County, Indiana.

He was married to Julia Augusta Lewis.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on March 27, 1915.

Liebmann, Arthur John (Nov. 11, 1885 – Sep. 14, 1966)

Arthur John Liebmann was born on Nov. 11, 1885, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Ethel Liebmann.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1928. He did not hold any officer positions.

He died on September 14, 1966.

Marsh, Harry Boltwood (1875 – Aug. 3, 1953)  
(Past Commander)

Harry Boltwood Marsh was born in 1875, in Illinois.  
He was married to Nellie M. Marsh.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. Past Commander of Almoner Commandery No. 32.  
He dead on August 3, 1953.

Mayfield, Walter Lee (Sep. 27, 1913 – Feb. 12, 1971)

Walter Lee Mayfield was born on September 27, 1913, in Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1947. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on February 12, 1971.

Mays, Leonidas Doran (Oct. 21, 1887 – Mar. 4, 1967)

Leonidas Doran Mays was born on October 21, 1887, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Edna Mays.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1924. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 4, 1967.

McMein, Harry Moran (Sep. 7, 1863 – Oct. 17, 1918)

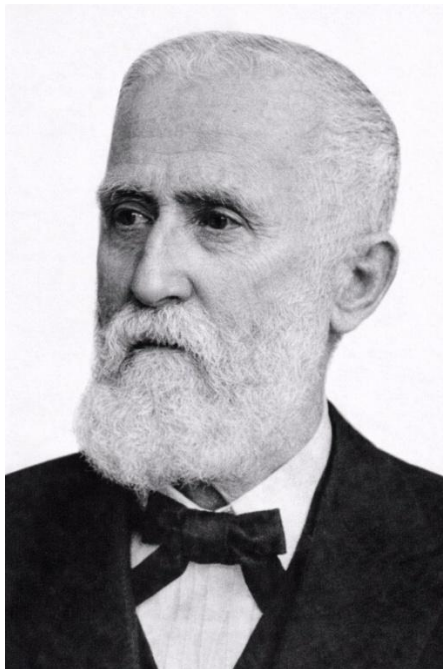
Harry Moran McMein was born on September 7, 1863, in New York, New York County, New York.  
He was married to Isabella McMein.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 17, 1918.

McMein, William Hubert (Feb. 9, 1860 – Feb. 21, 1927)  
(Past Commander)



William Hubert McMein was born on February 9, 1860, in New York, New York County, New York. He was married to Lydia McMein. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55. He died on February 21, 1927.

Mead, Henry Warren (Apr. 9, 1830 – Jul. 16, 1920)  
(Past Commander)



Henry Warren Mead was born on April 9, 1830, in Smyrna, Chenango County, New York. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11. He died on July 16, 1920.

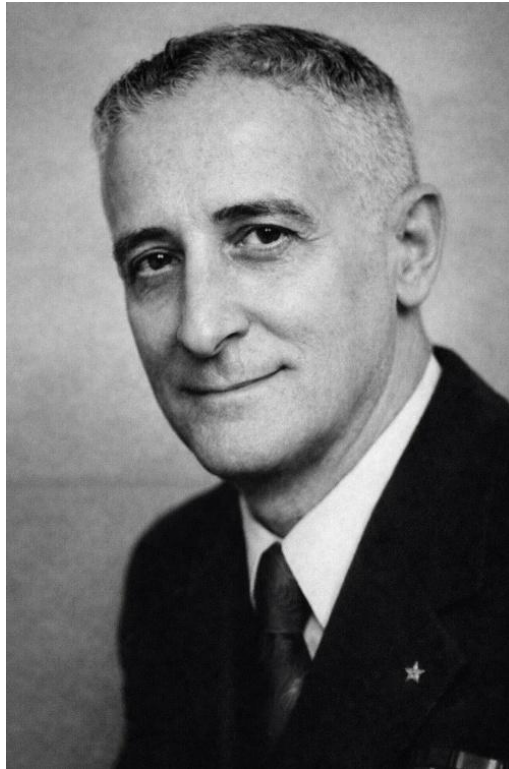
Michelmann, Henry Louis (Feb. 13, 1865 – Aug. 10. 1938)  
(Past Commander)

Henry Louis Michelmann was born on February 13, 1865, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Ida Sophia Michelmann.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.  
He dead on August 10, 1938.

Miller, Bernard H. (Jan. 4, 1848 – Sep. 23. 1930)

Bernard H. Miller was born on January 4, 1848, in Germany.  
He was married to Frances H. Miller.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 23, 1930.

Miller, Elmer Herbert (Dec. 31, 1884 – Aug. 13, 1964)  
(Past Commander)



Elmer Herbert Miller was born on December 31, 1884, in Illinois.  
He was married to Josephine Miller.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1925 he was elected to the office of Commander. Since 1926 – Past Commander.  
He dead on August 13, 1964.

Miller, Frank C. (Jul. 19, 1869 – Jun. 11, 1930)

Frank C. Miller was born on July 19, 1869, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Lydia Miller.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on June 11, 1930.

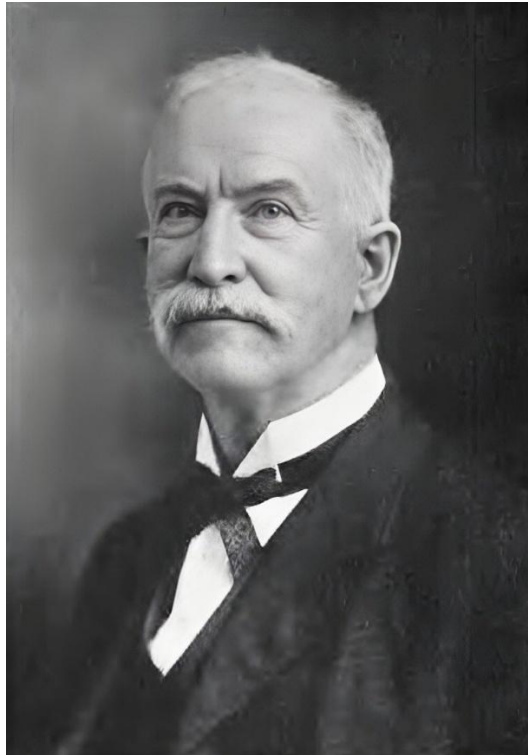
Mohn, Arthur Henry (Jan. 24, 1886 – May 13, 1957)

Arthur Henry Mohn was born on January 24, 1886, in Payson, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Elizabeth Mohn.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on May 13, 1957.

Morton, Edward (Sep. 8, 1869 – Sep. 11, 1952)

Edward Morton was born on September 8, 1869, in Missouri.  
He was married to Josie B. Morton.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on September 11, 1952.

Mulliner, Edward Starr (Jun. 26, 1839 – Jan. 20, 1921)  
(Past Commander)



Edward Starr Mulliner was born on June 26, 1839, in Michigan.  
He was married to Sylvia Jane Mulliner.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.  
He dead on January 20, 1921.

Nesta, Arthur Peter (Sep. 17, 1890 – Jan. 9, 1957)

Arthur Peter Nesta was born on September 17, 1890, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Jennie Mary Nesta.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 9, 1957.

Newman, Jay Ogden (Feb. 12, 1898 – Apr. 1, 1956)

Jay Ogden Newman was born on February 12, 1898, in Illinois.  
He was married to Mary Anne Pendleton.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1949. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on April 1, 1956.

O'Bryen, Dimmitt Wesley (Aug. 26, 1899 – Oct. 28, 1961)

Dimmitt Wesley O'Bryen was born on August 26, 1899, in Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri.  
He was married to Melvina F. O'Bryen.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1956. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 28, 1961.

Orr, Edward Ellsworth (Mar. 2, 1863 – Oct. 21, 1944)

Edward Ellsworth Orr was born on March 2, 1863, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Annetta Orr.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1925. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 21, 1944.

Pearce, Jackson Robert (Oct. 28, 1862 – Apr. 21, 1927)

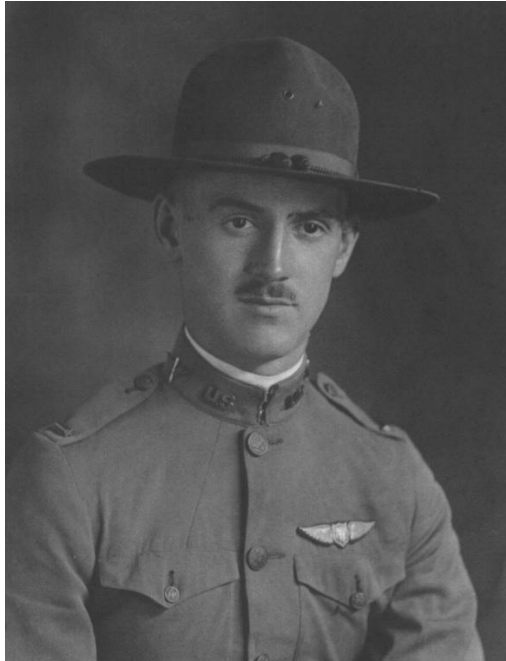


Jackson Robert Pearce was born on October 28, 1862, in Illinois.  
He was married to Ella J. Pearce.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1916. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on April 21, 1927.

Pencil, William Laurens (1835 – Oct. 9, 1920)

William Laurens Pencil was born in 1835, in Pennsylvania.  
He was a Civil War veteran, serving in the 92nd Illinois Infantry with the rank of Private.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 9, 1920.

Penick, Mark Albert (Jul. 17, 1895 – Sep. 13, 1952)  
(Past Commander)



Mark Albert Penick was born on July 17, 1895, in Plainville, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Gertrude Edith Penick.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1924. In 1933, he was elected Commander. Since 1934 – Past Commander.  
He dead on September 13, 1952.

Phelps, Charles Selmer (Apr. 26, 1880 – Nov. 24, 1928)

Charles Selmer Phelps was born on April 26, 1880, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Louise Selma Phelps.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on November 24, 1928.

Preece, Harold Arthur (Nov. 27, 1893 – Jan. 11, 1942)

Harold Arthur Preece was born on November 27, 1893, in Timewell, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1923. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 11, 1942.

Purdy, William Jennings Bryan (Dec. 6, 1896 – Apr. 6, 1969)  
(Past Commander)



William Jennings Bryan Purdy was born on December 6, 1896, in Gilead, Lewis County, Missouri.  
He was married to Violet Purdy.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1947. In 1957–1958, he was elected Commander. Since 1959 –  
Past Commander.  
He dead on April 6, 1969.

Quinn, Oliver Cromwel (Dec. 5, 1871 – Jul. 17, 1936)

Oliver Cromwel Quinn was born on December 5, 1871, in Mendon, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Vera M. Quinn.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1920. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on July 17, 1936.



Reeves, George Milton (Nov. 9, 1869 – Jan. 26, 1937)  
(Past Commander)



George Milton Reeves was born on November 9, 1869, in Montrose, Lee County, Iowa.  
He was married to Florence Myrtle Reeves.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. In 1912, he was elected the first Commander, and in 1913 re-elected to the same position. Since 1914 – Past Commander.  
He dead on January 26, 1937.

Dr. Rice, John Hume (Apr. 13, 1854 – Jan. 31, 1923)  
(Past Commander)



John Hume Rice was born on April 13, 1854, Richfield, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Mary Agnes Rice.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55.  
He dead on January, 31, 1923.

Rogers, Archer Billings (Oct. 25, 1885 – Oct. 10, 1918)

Archer Billings Rogers was born on October 25, 1885, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1918. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on October 10, 1918.

Rose, Ralph Monroe (Dec. 19, 1899 – Apr. 27, 1970)  
(Past Commander)

Ralph Monroe Rose was born on December 19, 1899, in La Prairie, Illinois. He was married to Nelia Rose. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1967. Past Commander of Delta Commandery No. 48. He died on April 27, 1970.

Roth, George Daniel (Mar. 9, 1870 – Oct. 27, 1918)

George Daniel Roth was born on March 9, 1870, in Warsaw, Hancock County, Illinois. He was married to Clara Katherine Roth. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on October 27, 1918.

Ruff, William John (Jan. 28, 1865 – Nov. 3, 1925)

William John Ruff was born on January 28, 1865, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Bertha A. Ruff. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1913. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on November 3, 1925.

Dr. Schmidt, Albert H. (Feb. 18, 1858 – Feb. 14, 1914)



Albert H. Schmidt was born on February 18, 1858, in Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. He was married to Julia Schmid. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on February 14, 1914.

Schuette, Walter Henry (Apr. 22, 1897 – May 28, 1968)

Walter Henry Schuette was born on April 22, 1897, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Edna Alberta Schuette. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on May 28, 1968.

Shelton, Harry Berttram (Jun. 12, 1891 – May 18, 1964)

Harry Berttram Shelton was born on June 12, 1891, in Illinois. He was a veteran of World War I. He served in the 44th Artillery, CAC. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1950. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on May 18, 1964.

Shinn, William H. (May 30, 1844 – Jan. 24, 1919)

William H. Shinn was born on May 30, 1844, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was married to Harriett Elizabeth Shinn. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on January 24, 1919.

Dr. Shawgo, Joseph B. (May 7, 1843 – Feb. 19, 1913)



Joseph B. Shawgo was born on May 7, 1843, Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio. He was married to Ada Shawgo. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on February 19, 1913.

Silliman, William Neil (Jun. 3, 1894 – Feb. 1, 1969)

William Neil Silliman was born on June 3, 1894, in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. He was married to Ann Silliman. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on February 1, 1969.

Simms, Kenneth Aubrey (Dec. 14, 1885 - May 6, 1952)

Kenneth Aubrey Simms was born on December 14, 1885, in England.  
He was married to Mary S. Simms.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1932. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on May 6, 1952.

Singleton, William James (Jan. 5, 1865 – Feb. 22, 1942)

William James Singleton was born on January 5, 1865, in Adrian, Hancock County, Illinois.  
He was married to Ester L. Singleton.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1913. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on February 22, 1942.

Sparks, Orrin Dillard (Oct. 9, 1897 – Aug. 12, 1983)  
(Past Commander)

Orrin Dillard Sparks was born on October 9, 1897, Camp Point Township, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Angeline Sparks.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1967. Past Commander of Delta Commandery No. 48.  
He dead on August 12, 1983.

Stanbury, William Richard (Oct. 24, 1867 – Jan. 29, 1923)

William Richard Stanbury was born on October 24, 1867, in Wales.  
He was married to Belle Jane Stanbury.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1917. In 1919, he was elected to the officer position of Warder.  
He dead on January 29, 1923.

Steinwedell, Carl (Apr. 13, 1882 – Feb. 21, 1954)

Carl Steinwedell was born on April 13, 1882, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1913. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on February 21, 1954.

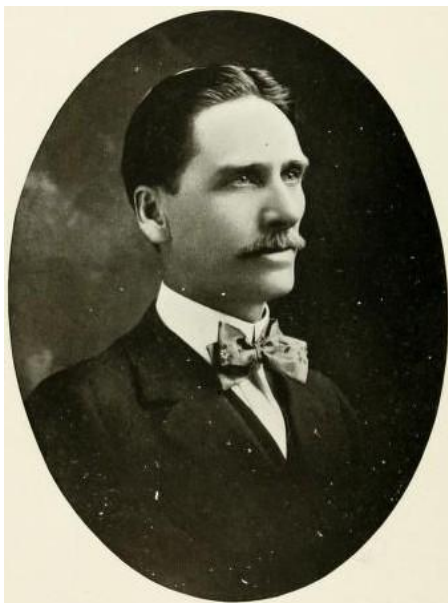
Sturhan, Louis William (Sep. 9, 1898 – Oct. 19, 1970)

Louis William Sturhan was born on September 9, 1898, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Ruth Sturhan.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1948. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 19, 1970.

Swansen, Ralph Charles (May 28, 1892 – May 2, 1949)  
(Past Commander)

Ralph Charles Swansen was born on May 28, 1892, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Emma K. Swansen.  
He was a veteran of World War I.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1924. In 1928, he was elected Commander. Since 1929 – Past Commander.  
He dead on May 2, 1949.

Stormer, Herman Heinrich (1870 – Oct. 9, 1950)



Herman Heinrich Stormer was born in 1870, in Illinois.  
He was married to Ida Stormer.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1927. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on October 9, 1950.

Swope, Homer Milton (May 15, 1857 – Oct. 8, 1920)



Homer Milton Swope was born on May 15, 1857, in Vienna, Scott County, Indiana.  
He was married to Hallie A. Swope.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He died on October 8, 1920.

Tapp, Walter Allen (Jul. 28, 1882 – Mar. 21, 1942)

Walter Allen Tapp was born on July 28, 1882, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1924. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 21, 1942.

Thomas, Walter Earl (May 4, 1882 – Jul. 21, 1959)  
(Past Commander)

Walter Earl Thomas was born on May 4, 1882, in Missouri.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1926. In 1939, he was elected Generalissimo. In 1940 –  
Commander, since 1941 – Past Commander. In 1946, he was again elected Generalissimo.  
He dead on July 21, 1959.

Thomas, Walter Henry Lee (Jun. 23, 1879 – Oct. 29, 1924)

Walter Henry Lee Thomas was born on June 23, 1879, Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Nina May Thomas.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1922. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on October 29, 1924.

Truss, John Robert (Apr. 27, 1901 – Dec. 1, 1972)

John Robert Truss was born on April 27, 1901, in Oklahoma.  
He was married to Ruth Elizabeth Truss.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1928. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 1, 1972.

Tuffli, Christian Steven (Mar. 31, 1871 – Apr. 7, 1947)

Christian Steven Tuffli was born on March 31, 1871, in Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri.  
He was married to Annie Tuffli.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1918. In 1937, he was elected Captain General.  
He dead on April 7, 1947.

Uebner, Arthur Scheley (Jul. 7, 1898 – Jan. 5, 1952)

Arthur Scheley Uebner was born on July 7, 1898, in Illinois.  
He was married to Naomi E. Uebner.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1947. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on January 5, 1952.

Unglaub, Frank Henry (1869 – 1960)

Frank Henry Unglaub was born in 1869, in Illinois.  
He was married to Lana D. McPhail.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1925. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead in 1960.

Van Hoy, Donald Corbin (Aug. 6, 1901 – Sep. 6, 1980)  
(Past Commander)

Donald Corbin Van Hoy was born on August 6, 1901, in Indiana.  
He was married to Helen B. Van Hoy.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1926. In 1932, he was elected Commander. Since 1933 – Past Commander.  
He dead on September 6, 1980.

Volk, William Cornelius (Aug. 14, 1883 – Mar. 25, 1935)

William Cornelius Volk was born on August 14, 1883, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Daisy Dean Yeast.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 25, 1935.

Wall, George Albert (Nov. 10, 1875 – Mar. 3, 1925)

George Albert Wall was born on November 10, 1875, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.  
He was married to Essie Arnold.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 3, 1925.

Walton, Henry Prentiss (Apr. 25, 1832 – Dec. 27, 1915)



Henry Prentiss Walton was born on April 25, 1832, in Fitzwilliam, Cheshire County, New Hampshire.  
He was married to Mary J. Walton.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 27, 1915.

Wehmeyer, William Frederick (1851 – Mar. 19, 1928)

William Frederick Wehmeyer was born in 1851, in Missouri.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on March 19, 1928.

Wheeler, Delbert Allison (1860 – Apr. 22, 1931)

Delbert Allison Wheeler was born in 1860, in Pennsylvania.  
He was married to Carrie L. Wheeler.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1926. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on April 22, 1931.

Dr. Whipple, Alfred Augustus (Oct. 31, 1845 – Nov. 14, 1928)  
(Past Commander)



Alfred Augustus Whipple was born on October 31, 1845, in Mansfield, Cattaraugus County, New York.  
He was married to Lydia Elizabeth Whipple.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of El-Aksa Commandery No. 55.  
He dead on November 14, 1928.

Wilson, Henry (Dec. 22, 1852 – Dec. 24, 1932)  
(Past Commander)

Henry Wilson was born on December 22, 1852, in Mount Sterling, Brown County, Illinois.  
He was married to Mary Bowman White.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery No. 11.  
He dead on December 24, 1932.

Williams, Pliny Bliss (Jul. 7, 1845 – Dec. 18, 1919)

Pliny Bliss Williams was born on July 7, 1845, in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.  
He was married to Elizabeth L. Rice.  
He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.  
He dead on December 18, 1919.



Williamson, Charles Henry (Sep. 1, 1862 – Jul. 18, 1916)



Charles Henry Williamson was born on September 1, 1862, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Emily M. Williamson. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on July 18, 1916.

Wilms, Frederick (1843 – June 25, 1921)

Frederick Wilms was born in 1843, in Illinois. He was married to Anna F. Wilms. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on June 25, 1921.

Winner, Clyde William (Apr. 9, 1892 – Jun. 26, 1962)

Clyde William Winner was born on Apr. 9, 1892, in Carthage, Hancock County, Illinois. He was married to Annabelle June Winner. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1953. He did not hold any officer positions. He died on June 26, 1962.

Winters, Richard McCullough (Jan. 14, 1922 – Oct. 16, 1981)  
(Past Commander)

Richard McCullough Winters was born on January 14, 1922, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. He was married to Virginia Dorothy Young. He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1956. In 1960–1961, he was elected Commander. Since 1962 – Past Commander. He died on October 16, 1981.

Wisherd, Henry Edgar (Oct. 17, 1880 – Jan. 19, 1961)  
(Past Commander)

Henry Edgar Wisherd was born on October 17, 1880, in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

He was married to Grace Emirinthiam Biddle.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1914. In 1923, he was elected Commander. Since 1924 – Past Commander.

He dead on January 19, 1961.

Wood, Chauncey Higdee (May 9, 1876 – Jun. 9, 1954)

Chauncey Higdee Wood was born on May 9, 1876, in Illinois.

He was married to Lillian Mae Wood.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1912. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on June 9, 1954.

Zoller, George (Oct. 27, 1867 – Dec. 16, 1931)

George Zoller was born on October 27, 1867, in Germany.

He was married to Martha Wilhelmina Behrensmeyer.

He joined Quincy Commandery No. 77 in 1919. He did not hold any officer positions.

He dead on December 16, 1931.

A total of 142 biographies of the Knights Templar were compiled, of which 36 were Past Commanders, three were Civil War veterans, and two were World War I veterans. The oldest member of the Commandery was Past Commander Henry Warren Mead, who was born in 1830.

Information regarding the officer corps of Quincy Commandery No. 77 is of particular importance for this study. These data have been compiled and are presented in Tables 4–7.

**Table 4.** List of Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (1912–1919)

Years	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Prelate
1912	George Milton Reeves	-	-	-
1913	George Milton Reeves	William Andrew Pfeiffer	James McClelland Irwin	Edward W. McClure
1914	James M. Irwin	-	-	-
1915	John E. Caldwell	-	-	-
1916	John Erie Caldwell	Julius Louis Klemme	John Henry Breitstadt	John Thomas Inghram
1917	John Henry Breitstadt	F. W. Brinkoeller	John Erie Caldwell	-
1918	John Henry Breitstadt	-	-	-
1919	John Henry Breitstadt	Frederick W. Brinkoetter	George Hershel Earhart	John Thomas Inghram

**Table 5.** List of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder (1912–1919)

Years	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Treasurer	Recorder
1912	-	-	-	Thomas Jefferson Mackoy
1913	Julius Louis Klemme	Elmer Herbert Miller	John McAfee Winters	Thomas Jefferson Mackoy
1914	-	-	-	Thomas Jefferson Mackoy

1915	-	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1916	Frederick W. Brinkoetter	Edwin Grant Thompson	John McAfee Winters	Charles Harper Gaushell
1917	-	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1918	-	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1919	Paul Garfield Duncan	Charles Lawrence	John McAfee Winters	Charles Harper Gaushell

**Table 6.** List of Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warden, Captain of the Guards (1912–1919)

Years	Standard Bearer	Sword Bearer	Warden	Sentinel
1912	-	-	-	-
1913	Thomas Carroll Johnson	John Henry Breitstadt	John Erle Caldwell	Ernest Graham Horner
1914	-	-	-	-
1915	-	-	-	-
1916	Thomas Carrott Johnson	Lee Elisha Caldwell	Joseph Addison Ehart	Ernest Graham Horner
1917	-	-	-	-
1918	-	-	-	-
1919	Thomas C. Johnson	Virgil G. Musselman	William Richard Stanbury	Ernest Graham Horner

Starting in 1920, the reporting documents ceased to publish personal data for a number of officer positions, which included Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warden, and Sentinel. As a result, we created a new table that records only the information that continued to be published, namely the positions of Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, and Recorder.

**Table 7.** List of Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Recorder (1920–2023)

Years	Commander	Generalissimo	Captain General	Recorder
1920	G. H. Earhart	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1921	Paul G. Duncan	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1922	Charles L. Wells	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1923	Henry Edgar Wisherd	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1924	Arthur H. Heidemann	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1925	Elmer Herbert Miller	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1926	Francis Edward Bird	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1927	William Collins Bradley	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1928	Ralph C. Swansen	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1929	William B. Dayton	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1930	Andrew Kley Miller	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1931	Aylette H. Buckner	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1932	Donald C. Van Hoy	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell
1933	Mark A. Penick	William V. Appuhn	Herschel O. Kiest	Charles Harper Gaushell
1934	William V. Appuhn	-	-	Charles Harper Gaushell

1935	Herschel Orville Kiest	Alfred Haerle Adams	Wesley Melville Garoutte	Charles Harper Gaushell
1936	Alfred Haerle Adams	Wesley Melville Garoutte	James M. Read	Charles Harper Gaushell
1937	Wesley Melville Garoutte	James M. Read	Christian S. Tuffli	Alfred Haerle Adams
1938	John Albert Pallo	Steger Nicholas Johnson	Harold Abraham Finkel	W. J. Wilmot-Gilbert
1939	Maurice Fielding Langellier	Walter Earl Thomas	William Victor Appuhn	Alfred Haerle Adams
1940	Walter E. Thomas	-	-	Alfred Haerle Adams
1941	Everett L. Lawrence	-	-	Alfred Haerle Adams
1942	Dudley Otis Meek	Donald Allen Busbey	Floyd Melville Seaton	Alfred Haerle Adams
1943	Donald A. Busbey	-	-	Alfred Haerle Adams
1944	Floyd M. Seaton	Walter W. Taylor	Anthony J. Fisher	Alfred Haerle Adams
1945	Walter William Taylor	Anthony John Fisher	William Charles Powers	Alfred Haerle Adams
1946	Anthony John Fisher	Walter Earl Thomas	Wesley M. Garoutte	Alfred Haerle Adams
1947	Louis Carl Huebner	August Henry Bergmann	Earl A. H. Kelle	Alfred Haerle Adams
1948	August Henry Bergmann	Earl A. H. Kelle	John L. Snow	Alfred Haerle Adams
1949	Earl A. H. Kelle	John L. Snow	Alvoid J. Edmonson	Alfred Haerle Adams
1950	John Lathrop Snow	Alvoid James Edmonson	Fred Anton Engelhardt	Alfred Haerle Adams
1951	Alvoid James Edmonson	Raymond Ray Worman	Albert Louis Bowman	Alfred Haerle Adams
1952	Raymond Ray Worman	Albert Louis Bowman	Lewis P. Evans	Alfred Haerle Adams
1953	Albert Louis Bowman	Lewis P. Evans	Earl A. Kelle	Alfred Haerle Adams
1954	Louis Crockett Mohler	Paul Edward Mitchell	Everett Junior Watson	Jess Earl Ferree
1955	Paul Edward Mitchell	Everett Junior Watson	George Frederick Hughes	Jess Earl Ferree
1956	Charles Edward Sparks	Raymond Ray Worman	Alvoid James Edmonson	Alfred Haerle Adams
1957	William Jennings Bryan Purdy	Kenneth A. Schelp	Richard McCullough Winters	Alfred Haerle Adams
1958	William Jennings Bryan Purdy	Kenneth A. Schelp	Richard McCullough Winters	Alfred Haerle Adams
1959	Kenneth A. Schelp	Richard McCullough Winters	Roy L. Wyckoff	Alfred Haerle Adams
1960	Richard McCullough Winters	Roy L. Wyckoff	Elliott Waddell	Alfred Haerle Adams
1961	Richard McCullough Winters	Roy L. Wyckoff	O. Elliott Waddell	Alfred Haerle Adams
1962	Roy L. Wyckoff	O. Elliott Waddell	W. J. Bryan Purdy	Alfred Haerle Adams
1963	Roy L. Wyckoff	O. Elliott Waddell	W. J. Bryan Purdy	Alfred Haerle Adams
1964	Roy L. Wyckoff	O. Elliott Waddell	W. J. Bryan Purdy	Alfred Haerle Adams
1965	Burl C. Moeller	George N. Powers	Wilbur T. Hetzier	Alfred Haerle Adams

1966	George N. Powers	Henry O. Wiegman	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Alfred Haerle Adams
1967	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Henry O. Wiegman	Leroy Pickett	Alfred Haerle Adams
1968	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Henry O. Wiegman	Leroy Pickett	Alfred Haerle Adams
1969	Leroy Pickett	George N. Powers	Burl C. Moeller	Alfred Haerle Adams
1970	Burl C. Moeller	George N. Powers	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Alfred Haerle Adams
1971	John Arthur Purdy	O. Elliott Waddell	Donald W. Moores	Alfred Haerle Adams
1972	Thomas R. Morford	Wilbur T. Hetzler	George N. Powers	Alfred Haerle Adams
1973	Burl C. Moeller	Wilbur T. Hetzler	George N. Powers	Alfred Haerle Adams
1974	-	-	-	-
1975	Walter Wickliffe	-	-	-
1976	-	-	-	-
1977	John L. Thomas	-	-	-
1978	Ernest Juett	-	-	-
1979	Ernest Juett	-	-	-
1980	Ernest Juett	Kenneth Stonebraker	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Walter Wickliffe
1981	Russell Wignall, Sr.	Ernest Juett	Earl Wieprecht	Walter Wickliffe
1982	Russell Wignall, Sr.	Ernest Juett	Earl Wieprecht	Walter Wickliffe
1983	Jerry Wells	Richard Albertson	Earl Wieprecht	Walter Wickliffe
1984	Jerry Wells	Richard Albertson	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Walter Wickliffe
1985	Russell Wayne Wignalls	Richard Albertson	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Walter Wickliffe
1986	Wilbur T. Hetzler	Arthur Conner, Sr.	Steven Schott	Jerry L. Wells
1987	Earl E. Wieprecht	-	-	Jerry L. Wells
1988	Earl E. Wieprecht	-	-	-
1989	Phillip E. Lambert	-	-	-
1990	Phillip E. Lambert	James F. Albsmeyer	Don Lair, Sr.	Wilbur T. Hetzler
1991	Phillip E. Lambert	James F. Albsmeyer	Don Lair, Sr.	Wilbur T. Hetzler
1992	-	-	-	-
1993	-	-	-	-
1994	-	-	-	-
1995	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
1996	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
1997	Robert C. Bedell	-	-	-
1998	Robert C. Bedell	-	-	-
1999	Pressly Laird	-	-	-
2000	Pressly Laird	-	-	-
2001	Randy Zaerr	-	-	-
2002	Randy Zaerr	-	-	-
2003	Randy Zaerr	-	-	-
2004	Randy Zaerr	-	-	-
2005	H. Ray Sade	-	-	-
2006	James D. Williams	-	-	-
2007	James D. Williams	-	-	-
2008	Pressly Laird	-	-	-
2009	David G. Lewis	-	-	-

2010	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2011	Thomas T. Johnson	-	-	-
2012	Thomas T. Johnson	-	-	-
2013	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2014	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2015	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2016	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2017	David G. Lewis	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-
2019	David G. Lewis	Don M. Sloan	Thomas T. Johnson	Randy M. Zaerr
2020	David G. Lewis	Don M. Sloan	Ronald K. Myers	Randy M. Zaerr
2021	-	-	-	-
2022	-	-	-	-
2023	David G. Lewis	Don M. Sloan	Robert G. Gleckler	Randy M. Zaerr

Among the officer positions of Quincy Commandery No. 77, the Recorder had the lowest turnover. We identified a total of 9 officers who served as Recorder. The longest-serving was P.C. Alfred Haerle Adams, who held the position for over 30 years.

For convenience in working with the history of Quincy Commandery No. 77, this study also includes a list of all Eminent Commanders, arranged in chronological order.

George Milton Reeves (1912-1913)  
 James M. Irwin (1914)  
 John E. Caldwell (1915-1916)  
 John Henry Breitstadt (1917-1919)  
 G. H. Earhart (1920)  
 Paul G. Duncan (1921)  
 Charles L. Wells (1922)  
 Henry Edgar Wisherd (1923)  
 Arthur H. Heidemann (1924)  
 Elmer Herbert Miller (1925)  
 Francis Edward Bird (1926)  
 William Collins Bradley (1927)  
 Ralph C. Swansen (1928)  
 William B. Dayton (1929)  
 Andrew Kley Miller (1930)  
 Aylette H. Buckner (1931)  
 Donald C. Van Hoy (1932)  
 Mark A. Penick (1933)  
 William V. Appuhn (1934)  
 Herschel Orville Kiest (1935)  
 Alfred Haerle Adams (1936)  
 Wesley Melville Garoutte (1937)  
 John Albert Pallo (1938)  
 Maurice Fielding Langellier (1939)  
 Walter E. Thomas (1940)  
 Everett L. Lawrence (1941)  
 Dudley Otis Meek (1942)  
 Donald A. Busbey (1943)  
 Floyd M. Seaton (1944)  
 Walter William Taylor (1945)  
 Anthony John Fisher (1946)  
 Louis Carl Huebner (1947)  
 August Henry Bergmann (1948)  
 Earl A. H. Kelle (1949)  
 John Lathrop Snow (1950)  
 Alvoid James Edmonson (1951)  
 Raymond Ray Worman (1952)  
 Albert Louis Bowman (1953)

Louis Crockett Mohler (1954)  
 Paul Edward Mitchell (1955)  
 Charles Edward Sparks (1956)  
 William Jennings Bryan Purdy (1957-1958)  
 Kenneth A. Schelp (1959)  
 Richard McCullough Winters (1960-1961)  
 Roy L. Wyckoff (1962-1964)  
 Burl C. Moeller (1965)  
 George N. Powers (1966)  
 Wilbur T. Hetzler (1967-1968, 1986)  
 Leroy Pickett (1969)  
 Burl C. Moeller (1970)  
 John Arthur Purdy (1971)  
 Thomas R. Morford (1972)  
 Burl C. Moeller (1973)  
 Walter Wickliffe (1975)  
 John L. Thomas (1977)  
 Ernest Juett (1978-1980)  
 Russell Wignall, Sr. (1981-1982)  
 Jerry Wells (1983-1984)  
 Russell Wayne Wignalls (1985)  
 Earl E. Wieprecht (1987-1988)  
 Phillip E. Lambert (1989-1991)  
 David G. Lewis (1995-1996, 2009-2010, 2013-2017, 2019-2020, 2023)  
 Robert C. Bedell (1997-1998)  
 Pressly Laird (1999-2000, 2008)  
 Randy Zaerr (2001-2004)  
 H. Ray Sade (2005)  
 James D. Williams (2006-2007)  
 Thomas T. Johnson (2011-2012)

Between 1912 and 2023, based on incomplete data, Quincy Commandery No. 77 had 68 Commanders, of whom 50 held the office for one year, while the others served for two or more years. The record for the longest tenure was held by Sir David G. Lewis, who served as Commander for at least 11 years.

During the study of the history of Quincy Commandery No. 77, only a few individual photographs of Knights in uniform from Quincy were discovered. All of them date back to the time when the Knights served either in Beauseant Commandery No. 11 or El-Aksa Commandery No. 55. No photographs were found for any of the nine officers who served as Recorder of Quincy Commandery No. 77 from 1912 to 2023. Among group photographs, only one image was found, which relates to a parade in 1930 (Fig. 7).

Using historical reconstruction methods, the Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar at Cherkas Global University has recreated the uniform of a Knight-Standard Bearer from Quincy Commandery No. 77, wearing a mid-season cloak (Figs. 9–12).



**Fig. 9.** General view



**Fig. 10.** Top view



**Fig. 11.** Bottom view



**Fig. 12.** Side view



Figures 9–12 show the official white uniform of the Knights Templar as adopted in the state of Illinois. We can observe the standard Sash, Sword, Badge, Belt, as well as the cloak and the special belt of the standard-bearer. Next to the knight's uniform is the Templar military flag – the Beauseant.

In conclusion, we would like to summarize the results of this study:

Quincy Commandery No. 77 of Quincy, Illinois was founded in 1912 through the merger of two city commanderies, namely Beauseant Commandery No. 11 and El-Aksa Commandery No. 55. As a result, at the time of its founding, the commandery had 135 knights, and at its peak in 1924, it numbered 179 members.

Over its history—and it continues to operate to this day—we can identify four periods when membership reached peak levels: 1924, when the commandery reached its historical maximum; 1950, the post-war peak; and two other peaks associated with the incorporation of other commanderies, namely in 1967 – Delta Commandery No. 48, and in 1995 – Ascalon Commandery No. 49.

Throughout its existence, Quincy Commandery No. 77 had at least 461 members based on incomplete data, 190 of whom remained lifelong members. Among its members were three veterans of the Civil War and at least seven veterans of World War I. The eldest knight was Past Commander Henry Warren Mead, born in 1830. Among other notable members was Past Commander Pressly Alvin Laird, who in 2005 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

In its social life, the commandery participated in annual conclaves in Illinois and beyond, took part in parades and escorts at official events, engaged in drill, patriotic, and youth work, and supported charitable activities initiated by the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The commandery underwent annual inspections and addressed any deficiencies identified.

This work presents brief biographies of 142 knights whose terms of service in the commandery are known and who remained members at the time of their deaths. These biographies include full dates of birth and death, places of birth, names of spouses, dates of induction into the commandery, and records of officer positions if the knight was elected to a post. This material is invaluable for genealogical research.

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