

THOUSANDS OF VISITORS FLOCKED TO THE CITY TO WITNESS THE GREAT PARADE.

SESSION OF GRAND COMMANDERY

Business Transacted was Largely of a Routine Nature—Election of Officers Today—Receptions During the Evening—Ball at the Frothingham Theatre Last Night—Was Attended by Over One Thousand Persons. Business and Pleasure Provided for Today.

of formation on Franklin, Spruce and Linden streets and in twenty-five minutes, which twice represents the delay, everything was in readiness to start. There were twenty-five commanders, and in the morning, under their own banners and about fifteen more had delegations as guests of one or the other of the commanders. There were fifty-nine Sir Knights who with the musicians in the twenty bands made the procession comprise over 2,000 men.

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At the sound of the bugle the procession moved out Franklin to Lackawanna, to Pine, to Washington, to Linden, to Adams, to Spruce, to Washington, to Linden, to Wyoming, to Lackawanna, to Pine, to Washington, and it was dismissed. The column was reviewed by the grand officers from a platform erected at the east entrance to the Wyoming building. The grand officers, grand commander of the state, R. E. Sir Warren Larue Thomas, grand master of the United States and R. E. Sir James H. Hopkins, past grand commander of the United States, were the principal reviewing officers.

At the head and in charge of the whole procession was Grand Captain General Henry H. Kuhn, who rode his chief of staff, Eminent Sir Ezra H. Rippe, and his aides, Eminent Sir A. B. Stevens, Sir Joseph Jermyn, Eminent Sir F. H. Platt and Eminent Sir L. Buck.

Then came the mounted escort to the Grand commandery, the Corinthian Chasseur commandery, No. 53, of Philadelphia, fifty strong, on horse well mounted and riding in true knightly fashion. No commandery in the line received more applause than did this. In a carriage following the mounted escort rode the three most prominent knights in attendance, Right Eminent Sir Edward B. Spencer, grand commander of the state; Right Eminent Sir Warren Larue Thomas, grand master of the United States, and Right Eminent Sir James H. Hopkins, past grand commander of the state and past grand master of the United States.

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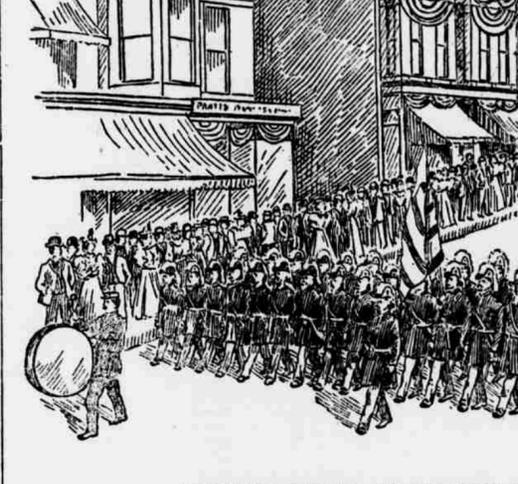
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Lock Haven, marched with 35 swords. Their eminent commander, Eminent Sir Philip S. Kift, captain general Sir K. D. Batcher, and generalissimo Sir William F. Elliot, were in command. Lock Haven band of 25 members preceded the Hospitaliers, and the music of the band and marching of the Templars of this commandery, were of a high order.

St. Albans' commandery, No. 47, of Philadelphia, had 70 swords. They were led by the Ringgold band of the South Side, 25 members. In the first line were Eminent Sir John D. Carlisle, eminent commander; Sir Frank H. Hemperley, generalissimo; and Sir A. G. Criswell, captain general.

Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 47, of Pittston, had 50 swords in charge of Eminent Sir L. D. Bennett, eminent commander. They were led by Liberty Cornet band of that city.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARADE PASSING THE TRIBUNE BUILDING.

of march brought forth continuous applause. It was the first time in ten years that L. Sir George Dickson participated in the annual parade. The other past commanders present were E. Sir Thomas Barrowman, E. Sir F. Amsden, E. Sir W. L. Connel, E. Sir C. B. Derman, E. Sir F. S. Barker, E. Sir John S. Ferguson, E. Sir G. D. Sanderson, E. Sir Edward L. Buck, E. Sir

E. T. Wheaton and the following eminent commanders as guests: E. Sir J. L. Weber, of Nativity commandery, No. 71, of Pittston; E. Sir George W. Davy, of Centennial commandery, Contesville, Pa.; E. Sir George D. Peters, E. Sir George Diemer and E. Sir Samuel Diemer, of Jerusalem commandery, No. 15, of Phoenixville, Pa.; E. Sir Amariah E. Kiffin, of Cyrene commandery, No. 34, of Columbia, Pa.; and Sir Knights W. J. Dobson, William Rice, Jr., and W. B. Garber, of Jerusalem commandery, Phoenixville. Bauer's band of thirty-two pieces led Coeur de Lion Templars, Hugh de Paynes commandery, No. 19, of Easton, marched next, led by the Courtier band of that city. There were forty swords in line, commanded by E. Sir Howard A. Hartzell, with E. Sir William H. King as captain general. This is one of the best drilled commanderies in the state and they did some fancy drill work on parade. It was the first public appearance of the Courtier band, called after the leader of it, who was a member of Sousa's band. All its members are trained musicians.

CAME FROM WILLIAMSPORT.

Baldwin II commandery, No. 22, of Williamsport, had forty swords, followed in charge of Eminent Commander Thomas Millsbaugh. There were six past commanders with them, as follows: E. Sir William R. Prior, E. Sir John F. Laedlin, E. Sir Alex. Beebe, E. Sir T. S. Clarke, E. Sir D. B. Elze, and E. Sir F. H. Keller. They were led by the Fisk Military band of that city, an organization of twenty-six members and much merit.

Packer commandery, No. 23, of Mauch Chunk, with thirty-five swords, was next in line. Eminent Commander A. R. Beer and Captain General William L. Yeager. The Albion band, of Avoca, led them.

Kadosh commandery, No. 29, of Philadelphia, with sixty swords, had the next position. They were led by the Forty Fort band. Eminent Commander Charles J. Cooke, Generalissimo Walter R. Lundy, Captain General Joseph L. R. Whetstone and eight past commanders led the commandery.

Great Bend commandery, No. 27, with twenty-five swords, followed after the Forty Fort band. They were led by Bogert band of twenty-five members, of Halstead.

Hutchinson commandery, No. 32, of Norristown, with forty swords, was in charge of Eminent Commander Oliver P. Lenhardt, and was led by Plymouth band of twenty-six pieces. This was the last organization of the second division.

E. Sir Reuben A. Zimmerman, of Mehta commandery, was marshal of the third division; his aides were E. Sir Elliot R. Morgan, E. Sir L. C. Hessler and E. Sir J. L. Chapman.

MARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Mary commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, with twenty swords, had the right of line in the division. They were led by the Sunbury Military band of twenty-seven members. E. Sir William McCoch, eminent commander; E. Sir George Eiler, generalissimo; and E. Sir Alfred Gregory, captain general, had charge of the commandery. They had as their guests the following past commanders: E. Sir Samuel M. Hamilton and E. Sir E. M. Tanted, of No. 48; Sir Joseph G. Marsh, of No. 1; E. Sir D. M. Kinzer, of No. 1; E. Sir W. J. Dohi, of No. 72; E. Sir R. M. Holland, of No. 48; and Sir Herman Junker, all of Pittsburg; and the following eminent commanders: E. Sir W. K. T. Salm, of No. 72; Du Quenois, of No. 48; E. Sir G. D. Sanderson, of No. 35, of Pittsburg; R. E. Sir Mont H. Smith, grand recorder and an honorary member of Mary commandery, was their guest of honor.

Calvary Commandery, No. 37, of Danville, was second, with 35 swords under the direct of Captain John W. Farnsworth. Eminent Sir W. J. Rogers is eminent commander. Eminent Sir William P. Seay is generalissimo, and Sir Charles Pusey is captain general. They were led by Stoc's band, of Danville, 27 members.

Delin le commandery, No. 45, of Wilkes-Barre, was third with 70 swords. The eminent commander, Eminent Sir G. D. Kingsbury, the generalissimo, Sir E. L. Brown, and the captain general, Sir Frank Delrick were present. The Wilkes-Barre Templars won many plaudits for their excellent showing. They were led by the famous Ninth Regiment band.

HOSPITALIERS OF LOCK HAVEN. Hospitalier commandery, No. 46, of

"It is unnecessary," he said, "to call your attention to our industries, and to the evidence of industrial qualities to be found upon every hand; you have but to pause every now and then to hear the pulsations of the mighty machinery, the hum of commercial activity, which is advancing us higher and higher into the space, and is destined to occupy as one of the great producing centers of the land." He also mentioned our magnificent educational facilities, as shown by our numerous modern school buildings second to none in the state. Continuing, he said: "When in 1865 our city was first honored by the meeting of the State convocation the occasion was the first upon which our order felt strong enough to make a public parade, which was of course a bit of history in which Scranton Knights Templar took an especial part. We were again favored by the presence of the state convocation in 1876 and in 1886." In conclusion he said: "In any speech of welcome which might be made to you there is one word which in significance has no other equal, and that is simply the word of welcome, that is extended to you. We have adorned our buildings in your honor and our hearts are to a great extent waiting for her lover. You are well-

come, yet with the welcome is always suggested the opposite, the farewell. We welcome you now; we shall regret the farewells; for we 'welcome ever smiles, no farewell goes out sighing.' Eminent Grand Commander Edward B. Spencer replied briefly to ex-Mayor Connell's address, saying that Scranton, being his former home, appealed especially to his interest. It was here, he said, that he was first initiated into the Masonic order in the old Union lodge, and it was here in this city that his aged mother still lived; hence his warm attachment towards Scranton could be readily understood. He said much as the mayor of Scranton had said to call upon an ex-mayor to welcome them to the city, it seemed to him, he said, that he should call upon a past grand commander to reply to that welcome. He thereupon asked Past Grand Commander Irving S. Wanger, of Norristown, to speak for him.

Commander Wanger spoke briefly, mentioning how when he first came to this city on Masonic business he found but a struggling collection of country villages, and now he was greeted by a metropolitan city. He also spoke flatteringly of the strength of the Templar order in Scranton.

The address of welcome and the replies of grand commander and past grand commander occupied about ten minutes each.

A petition was presented asking for the establishment of a commandery at Shamokin. The matter was referred to committee and will be definitely considered at this morning's session.

A petition was also presented to convene this morning at 9 o'clock. While the sessions are generally by courtesy open to Sir Knights, the annual election, which takes place at 10 o'clock is in the hands of the members of the Grand Commandery, that is, commanders or past commanders.

PENMAN A CANDIDATE.

In the election, which involves but six offices from the grand commander down to the only contest is for the junior wardenship, the lowest office. The higher positions are by custom attained through graduation. For junior warden there are four prominent candidates: Eminent Sir Thomas F. Penman, of Melita, No. 6, of Scranton; Eminent Sir Robert E. Ingham, of Philadelphia, No. 2; Eminent Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, of Mary, No. 26, of Philadelphia; and Eminent Sir William L. Fleming, of Constance, No. 33, of Bellefonte.

In the afternoon occurs the installation, to which admission will be by ticket.

PROMINENT SIR KNIGHTS.

Men Attending Conclave Who Were Honored in Templar Circles.—Joseph Alexander, Jr., and John T. Dusenbury are the only two living Scrantonians who ever filled an elective office in the grand commandery, and neither of them were residents of this city at the time of their election, though both reside here now. Mr. Alexander became a Mason in 1869 and Knight Templar in 1870 in Palestine, No. 14, at Carlisle. He was elected its commander in 1876 and became grand commander of the state in May, 1885. He was one of the charter members and four members of the commandery of this city. Mr. Dusenbury was grand commander for the year beginning in May, 1874, and presided at the 75 convocation in Pittsburg. He has since been one of the most prominent figures in state Templar circles, and is today one of the most esteemed.

J. B. Van Bergen, of Carbondale, was made a Mason in March, 1873. He is past master of Carbondale lodge, No. 249; past high priest of Eureka chapter, No. 179, and past eminent commander of Palatine commandery, No. 14. He is the head of the firm of Van Bergen & Co., iron founders.

Hon. James H. Coddington, of Towanda, who was grand commander for the year ending in May, 1882, is congressman from the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Congressional district. His Templar membership began in 1872. In 1874 he was eminent commander of Northern, No. 16, at Towanda, and has been its recorder ever since. His career as an office holder in the grand commandery began in May, 1874, when he resided in the convocation at Wilkes-Barre.

THE GRAND PRELATE.

Rev. Charles M. Stock, grand prelate of the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, was knighted in Constance commandery, No. 23, located at Belle-

fonte, Pa., Jan. 23, 1885. At this time Rev. Mr. Stock was pastor of the Lutheran church at Bedford, Pa., where he was the secretary of the local Masonic lodge and chapter. He was also, and is yet, chaplain of the Fifth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and his particular friend, Governor Daniel H. Hastings, being at that time colonel of the Fifth regiment and eminent commander of Constance commandery will explain why Mr. Stock went the long distance to Bellefonte for Templar knighthood. In 1887 Rev. Mr. Stock accepted a call to become pastor of the St. Mark's church, Hanover, York county, Pennsylvania. He at once transferred his Templar membership from Bellefonte to York commandery. No. 12, immediately upon affiliation with York commandery Mr. Stock was appointed prelate of the same, and has served in that capacity to the present, except during the year 1891, when he was elected eminent commander of the above commandery. Although living seventeen miles from his commandery it is Mr. Stock's Templar story that he has never failed to be present at a single meeting when there was work to be done. When, early in 1893, Grand Prelate Morgan resigned from the state, the grand officers with great unanimity requested Grand Commander

Sir Charles C. Baer, and was elected grand commander the latter part of May, 1894.

General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., is a state senator. He is a past grand commander and a past grand master of the United States encampment. General Gobin became a Free Mason at Sunbury in 1859 as a member of Sunbury lodge, No. 22, and was made a Royal Arch Mason at the same place while home on a furlough in 1865. He joined the Knights Templar in 1868 with Crusade commandery, No. 12, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county. After taking up his residence in Lebanon he helped institute Hermit commandery, No. 24, of that place, as a charter member. Subsequently he passed the chairs of the various Masonic bodies to which he belongs, and in 1874 he was elected junior warden of the grand commandery of this state at the Bellefonte convocation. He has served in all the various grades of Knights Templar, and in 1879 he was chosen grand commander of Pennsylvania. In 1889 he was elected grand captain general of the United States at the Chicago convocation; then grand generalissimo at San Francisco in 1893; deputy grand commander at St. Louis in 1894; grand master of the United States at the Washington convocation in 1888, which very exalted position he held for three years, becoming a past grand master at the convocation at Denver, Colo., in 1892.

MR. KNAPP OF BLOOMSBURG.

One of the oldest of Pennsylvania's Sir Knights is Christian Frederick Knapp, of Bloomsburg. He was born Oct. 12, 1822, in the city of Beisheim, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany. Emigrated to America and landed in Philadelphia at the age of 8 years. On Sept. 23, 1831, he was approved and received the first degree in Masonry, in Danville lodge, No. 224, Free and Accepted Masons. In December, 1834, he was elected as secretary of Washington lodge, No. 256, and served as such to date 1860. Appointed by the E. W. G. M. as D. G. M. for the counties of Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Wyoming and served as such for the county of Snyder, resigned the office. He was in 1860 elected grand right eminent grand commander of the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, and in May, 1864, was elected grand right eminent commander of the state of Pennsylvania and served as such in 1864 and 1865. In the council of R. and S. masters in Nov. 21, 1865, he was elected grand master of the Palatine council, No. 9, at Pottstown, Pa., and was in May, 1868, elected as M. P. G. Master of Pennsylvania and continued in office until 1870, when he retired from office in 1870. In the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine on Dec. 7, 1870, he received the Order of Knights of the Red Cross and Constantine. He was knighted by King Eusebius, Prince Mason and Holy Sepulchre at the hands of Sid Alfred Creigh, L. L. D., in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1870, a grand commander of Grand Cross, he was elected as grand master of the United States, in 1880 he retired from the office.

James H. Hopkins, of Pittsburg and Washington, D. C., was grand commander of Pittsburg commandery, April 21, 1862. He was elected eminent commander of Pittsburg commandery in 1866; grand commander of the state of Pennsylvania, grand master of United States 1874-75. Mr. Hopkins organized Tancred commandery at Pittsburg and was its eminent commander from 1871-72. He was a charter member of the foreign correspondence of Pennsylvania for ten years, and chairman of committee on jurisprudence of the grand encampment of the United States for twenty years.

BALL WAS A GALA AFFAIR.

Attended by Hundreds of Fair Women and Gallant Sir Knights.—The ball and reception tendered to the visiting Sir Knights by the local Templars, which has been for a long time past a source of much speculation and conjecture to the society-going element of Scranton, and especially the lady contingent, was held in the Frothingham theatre last evening. The entire event, in convention and execution, displayed a rare good taste, and resulted in a degree of enjoyment to the guests which has been seldom equaled and never surpassed in the social history of the city. It seems to be a peculiar circumstance that great social functions possessing the pomp and glamour characteristic of things military, hold a greater charm for the participants than when the ordinary commandery convocations are held in the city. This idea was especially suggested by the eagerness with which scores of Scranton's society women eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity to attend this brilliant, rathering though it would be discourteous to our visitors and our own knights to intimate that their rich uniforms and martial equipment was the principal attraction to the attending ladies. Brothers, fathers, husbands and intimate friends, expostulated with and induced to assume the role of gal-

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CAME FROM WILLIAMSPORT. Baldwin II commandery, No. 22, of Williamsport, had forty swords, followed in charge of Eminent Commander Thomas Millsbaugh. There were six past commanders with them, as follows: E. Sir William R. Prior, E. Sir John F. Laedlin, E. Sir Alex. Beebe, E. Sir T. S. Clarke, E. Sir D. B. Elze, and E. Sir F. H. Keller. They were led by the Fisk Military band of that city, an organization of twenty-six members and much merit. Packer commandery, No. 23, of Mauch Chunk, with thirty-five swords, was next in line. Eminent Commander A. R. Beer and Captain General William L. Yeager. The Albion band, of Avoca, led them. Kadosh commandery, No. 29, of Philadelphia, with sixty swords, had the next position. They were led by the Forty Fort band. Eminent Commander Charles J. Cooke, Generalissimo Walter R. Lundy, Captain General Joseph L. R. Whetstone and eight past commanders led the commandery. Great Bend commandery, No. 27, with twenty-five swords, followed after the Forty Fort band. They were led by Bogert band of twenty-five members, of Halstead. Hutchinson commandery, No. 32, of Norristown, with forty swords, was in charge of Eminent Commander Oliver P. Lenhardt, and was led by Plymouth band of twenty-six pieces. This was the last organization of the second division. E. Sir Reuben A. Zimmerman, of Mehta commandery, was marshal of the third division; his aides were E. Sir Elliot R. Morgan, E. Sir L. C. Hessler and E. Sir J. L. Chapman. MARY OF PHILADELPHIA. Mary commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia, with twenty swords, had the right of line in the division. They were led by the Sunbury Military band of twenty-seven members. E. Sir William McCoch, eminent commander; E. Sir George Eiler, generalissimo; and E. Sir Alfred Gregory, captain general, had charge of the commandery. They had as their guests the following past commanders: E. Sir Samuel M. Hamilton and E. Sir E. M. Tanted, of No. 48; Sir Joseph G. Marsh, of No. 1; E. Sir D. M. Kinzer, of No. 1; E. Sir W. J. Dohi, of No. 72; E. Sir R. M. Holland, of No. 48; and Sir Herman Junker, all of Pittsburg; and the following eminent commanders: E. Sir W. K. T. Salm, of No. 72; Du Quenois, of No. 48; E. Sir G. D. Sanderson, of No. 35, of Pittsburg; R. E. Sir Mont H. Smith, grand recorder and an honorary member of Mary commandery, was their guest of honor. Calvary Commandery, No. 37, of Danville, was second, with 35 swords under the direct of Captain John W. Farnsworth. Eminent Sir W. J. Rogers is eminent commander. Eminent Sir William P. Seay is generalissimo, and Sir Charles Pusey is captain general. They were led by Stoc's band, of Danville, 27 members. Delin le commandery, No. 45, of Wilkes-Barre, was third with 70 swords. The eminent commander, Eminent Sir G. D. Kingsbury, the generalissimo, Sir E. L. Brown, and the captain general, Sir Frank Delrick were present. The Wilkes-Barre Templars won many plaudits for their excellent showing. They were led by the famous Ninth Regiment band. HOSPITALIERS OF LOCK HAVEN. Hospitalier commandery, No. 46, of

"It is unnecessary," he said, "to call your attention to our industries, and to the evidence of industrial qualities to be found upon every hand; you have but to pause every now and then to hear the pulsations of the mighty machinery, the hum of commercial activity, which is advancing us higher and higher into the space, and is destined to occupy as one of the great producing centers of the land." He also mentioned our magnificent educational facilities, as shown by our numerous modern school buildings second to none in the state. Continuing, he said: "When in 1865 our city was first honored by the meeting of the State convocation the occasion was the first upon which our order felt strong enough to make a public parade, which was of course a bit of history in which Scranton Knights Templar took an especial part. We were again favored by the presence of the state convocation in 1876 and in 1886." In conclusion he said: "In any speech of welcome which might be made to you there is one word which in significance has no other equal, and that is simply the word of welcome, that is extended to you. We have adorned our buildings in your honor and our hearts are to a great extent waiting for her lover. You are well-



E. SIR J. B. VAN BERGEN, Of Carbondale.

Sir Charles C. Baer, and was elected grand commander the latter part of May, 1894.

General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, Pa., is a state senator. He is a past grand commander and a past grand master of the United States encampment. General Gobin became a Free Mason at Sunbury in 1859 as a member of Sunbury lodge, No. 22, and was made a Royal Arch Mason at the same place while home on a furlough in 1865. He joined the Knights Templar in 1868 with Crusade commandery, No. 12, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county. After taking up his residence in Lebanon he helped institute Hermit commandery, No. 24, of that place, as a charter member. Subsequently he passed the chairs of the various Masonic bodies to which he belongs, and in 1874 he was elected junior warden of the grand commandery of this state at the Bellefonte convocation. He has served in all the various grades of Knights Templar, and in 1879 he was chosen grand commander of Pennsylvania. In 1889 he was elected grand captain general of the United States at the Chicago convocation; then grand generalissimo at San Francisco in 1893; deputy grand commander at St. Louis in 1894; grand master of the United States at the Washington convocation in 1888, which very exalted position he held for three years, becoming a past grand master at the convocation at Denver, Colo., in 1892.

MR. KNAPP OF BLOOMSBURG.

One of the oldest of Pennsylvania's Sir Knights is Christian Frederick Knapp, of Bloomsburg. He was born Oct. 12, 1822, in the city of Beisheim, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany. Emigrated to America and landed in Philadelphia at the age of 8 years. On Sept. 23, 1831, he was approved and received the first degree in Masonry, in Danville lodge, No. 224, Free and Accepted Masons. In December, 1834, he was elected as secretary of Washington lodge, No. 256, and served as such to date 1860. Appointed by the E. W. G. M. as D. G. M. for the counties of Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Wyoming and served as such for the county of Snyder, resigned the office. He was in 1860 elected grand right eminent grand commander of the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, and in May, 1864, was elected grand right eminent commander of the state of Pennsylvania and served as such in 1864 and 1865. In the council of R. and S. masters in Nov. 21, 1865, he was elected grand master of the Palatine council, No. 9, at Pottstown, Pa., and was in May, 1868, elected as M. P. G. Master of Pennsylvania and continued in office until 1870, when he retired from office in 1870. In the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine on Dec. 7, 1870, he received the Order of Knights of the Red Cross and Constantine. He was knighted by King Eusebius, Prince Mason and Holy Sepulchre at the hands of Sid Alfred Creigh, L. L. D., in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1870, a grand commander of Grand Cross, he was elected as grand master of the United States, in 1880 he retired from the office.

James H. Hopkins, of Pittsburg and Washington, D. C., was grand commander of Pittsburg commandery, April 21, 1862. He was elected eminent commander of Pittsburg commandery in 1866; grand commander of the state of Pennsylvania, grand master of United States 1874-75. Mr. Hopkins organized Tancred commandery at Pittsburg and was its eminent commander from 1871-72. He was a charter member of the foreign correspondence of Pennsylvania for ten years, and chairman of committee on jurisprudence of the grand encampment of the United States for twenty years.

BALL WAS A GALA AFFAIR.

Attended by Hundreds of Fair Women and Gallant Sir Knights.—The ball and reception tendered to the visiting Sir Knights by the local Templars, which has been for a long time past a source of much speculation and conjecture to the society-going element of Scranton, and especially the lady contingent, was held in the Frothingham theatre last evening