

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF STATE THROUGH CITY

## Every Train Arriving in the City During the Day Brought Large Delegations.

THREE thousand strangers are within the city's gates in attendance upon the forty-ninth annual convocation of the grand commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. They came yesterday and will remain with us until Wednesday evening.

They are from all parts of the state and among their numbers are many of the commonwealth's most representative citizens. With them are many ladies. A large number of the commanderies brought along bands of music.

They began arriving at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when the Mt. Olive commandery, of Erie, reached here in a special car over the Lackawanna. Every train from that time until late in the night brought its quota of visitors.

This afternoon the new officers will be publicly installed.

### MANY RECEPTIONS AND CONCERTS

Receptions were given last night by Mary commandery, of Philadelphia, at St. Luke's parish house; Kadash commandery, of Philadelphia, at the Westminister; St. Alban commandery, of Philadelphia, at Hotel Jermyn; and Dieu le Veut commandery, of Wilkes-Barre, at Guernsey hall. Each entertained in elaborate style and each had thousands of guests.

Mary commandery presented each guest with an eight-page paper, telling all about the commandery and containing pictures of its officers and the officers of the ladies' auxiliary. Three thousand of these were distributed.

The large assembly room of the parish house was fairly embowered with plants and flowers, and all about the walls were the twenty-four banners and flags carried by the commandery, some of which have been across the Atlantic and as far west as the Pacific coast.

St. Alban commandery received in the parlors on the second floor of the Jermyn. The rooms were tastefully embellished with flowers, plants and St. Alban banners.

The officers of the commandery were assisted in receiving by the members of the ladies' auxiliary. At the head of the line of ladies were Mrs. C. P. Allen, president, and Mrs. F. Munch and Mrs. H. Q. Hinckle, vice-presidents of the auxiliary.

### CANDIDATES FOR JUNIOR WARDEN

Practically the only elective office in this grand commandery is that of grand junior warden. As has been heretofore explained, the grand junior warden, by a custom which has come to be recognized almost as a law, progresses through the various superior elective offices until at the end of six commandery terms he is elected grand commander to grand commander, the highest office in the state.

In the Masonic circles of Wilkes-Barre, and vicinity, in whom are blended the finer and nobler sensibilities of a manly man, in whose everyday life the fact is exemplified that brotherhood is not to him a meaningless name.

He is assured of receiving the united support of the representatives of the commanderies of this portion of the state, while his candidacy has aroused marked interest throughout the jurisdiction.

Mr. McCollum comes of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having fought conspicuously under General Washington.



E. SIR EDWARD EVANS. Eminent Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery of This City.

cashier of the Erie bank, died in 1875. His mother, now in her eighty-ninth year, is still a vigorous woman, and is expected to pass the century mark by a good margin.

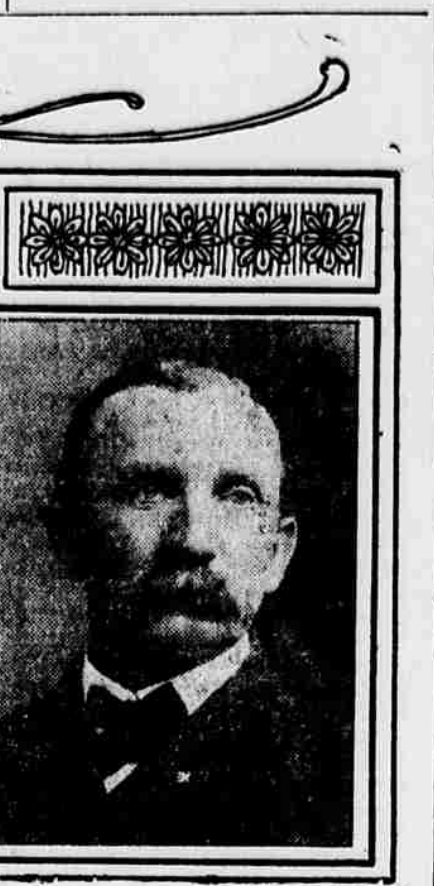
Mr. McCollum was for a number of years connected with the Sterns Manufacturing company as cashier and purchasing agent and was also with the Penn Manufacturing company, makers of the Quaker bicycle.



E. SIR C. D. SANDERSON. Chairman of Executive Committee.

ery at St. Luke's parish house last night was a feature that tended immeasurably to augment the success of the convocation.

Mary commandery was constituted at a special convocation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, held in the old Masonic Temple, on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, October 19, 1853, by the R. Eminent Sir James H. Hopkins, grand commander.



E. SIR CHARLES R. ACKFER. Eminent Commander of Melita Commandery of This City.

21, 1848, and in his early youth attended the public schools, after which he gave his attention to clerking. He was a natural accountant and likewise an artistic penman, and it was only natural that he should take up this line of work.

He became a Mason in Perry lodge, No. 292, in 1875, and after passing through the various chairs was elected master in 1883. He was elected a trustee in 1884 and held the office of secretary of the board up to 1899, since which time he has been president.

He is a member of Temple chapter, 215, R. A. M.; Jerusalem council, 23, and a member of the Scottish Rite of the Valleys of Erie and Pittsburg. He is also a past third degree grand master of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, a member of the Pennsylvania Grand Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburg chapter of Rose Croix; a 32 degree member of the Pennsylvania-Sovereign Consistory; a charter member of Zeta Zeta Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he has been chief rabbi and treasurer at different times.

In 1889 he became a Knight Templar, in Mt. Olivet commandery, No. 30, and was elected eminent commander in 1888. He was appointed grand sword bearer in 1890, and division commander in 1891, on the resignation of R. E. Sir John J. Wadsworth. He is now in charge of the Fifth division.

He was appointed to a similar position for Wisconsin. At the twenty-sixth triennial convocation in Boston in 1895 he was an aide in the eighth division, and in the Pittsburg triennial was in charge of the Fifth division.

Dr. A. S. Stayer, Dr. Andrew S. Stayer, of Altoona, a thirty-second degree Mason, is another of the candidates for junior warden. He has been a Mason since 1875, and is past master of Hiram lodge, No. 616, as well as past commander of Mountain commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar. He represented Blair county in the legislature from 1891 to 1893, and has always taken an active interest in school work.

of being the largest commandery in the jurisdiction. Today, Mary commandery has nearly one thousand Sir Knights enrolled, every one of whom is proud of the fair name of their commandery, and its brilliant record.

Among the many pilgrimages made by the members of Mary commandery with the banners, two of them are frequently recalled to memory on such occasions as this present annual convocation. These were the pilgrimages made to Great Britain, Ireland and the Continent in 1878, and that on the occasion of the triennial convocation held at Denver, Colorado, in 1892, when the banners were carried as far as the Golden Gate.

As has always been the custom of Mary commandery, the wives and daughters of the Sir Knights accompany them on their pilgrimages. The following Sir Knights and their ladies compose the Scranton pilgrimage of 1902:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Q. Hinckle, Mr. Harry H. Heist, Miss Ada Heist, Mr. Mrs. Thomas Holt, Mr. Edward H. Burkhardt, Howard March, Miss Katie March, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. William McCooch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Kressler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munch, Mr. and Mrs. George Eiler, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ambler, Miss Lottie Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, William Patterson, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. William I. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Herst, Samuel Herst, Mrs. Thomas Holt, Mrs. Emma J. Bahr, Charles C. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eberhart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Drake, Mr. and Mrs. P. Allen, Mrs. W. S. Allen, Mrs. C. Price, Miss Nannie Price, Alfred K. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Benckert, Mr. and Mrs. William McCooch, Jr., Mrs. Mary O'Brien, Mrs. Lewis M. Herd, Mrs. Emma Campbell, William A. Hamilton, Frank A. Dingee, William W. Matos, William B. Brehm, Harry H. S. Oden, William B. Moyer, Harry Green, Henry C. Harvey, Walter D. Green, John H. Walter, Ervin J. Hope.

The officers of Mary commandery are: Eminent commander, E. Sir Henry Q. Hinckle; generalissimo, Sir Henry H. Heist; captain general, Sir David W. Stewart; treasurer, E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett; recorder, E. Sir Alexander McClintock; trustee, Sir Charles W. Miller; Sir Samuel Campbell, Sir Harmon Johnson; trustees of permanent charity fund, E. Sir Alfred K. Gregory, Sir George Kressler, Sir Howard B. Nicholson.

Baldwin, No. 22, of Williamsport. Baldwin II commandery, No. 22, of Williamsport, is stationed at the Scranton hotel, and is a regular attendant upon the annual convocations of the grand commandery.

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Mary, No. 36, of Philadelphia. One of the biggest delegations arriving yesterday was that which followed the banner of Mary commandery, No. 36, of Philadelphia. Deputy Grand Commander Ezra S. Bartlett, who is to become tomorrow the grand commander, is a member of Mary commandery, and a most popular member at that.

## Last Night Devoted to Brilliant Receptions Given at Headquarters of the Visitors

Clellan Pearson, bass drum; Sir Edward E. Stacy, cymbals. The elective officers of the commandery are: Eminent commander, Sir C. La Rue Munson; generalissimo, Sir John Miller Hayes; captain general, Sir Albert Franklin Young; treasurer, E. Sir Joseph Wood Munsia; recorder, E. Sir William Randall Prior; trustee, E. Sir John Frederick Laedlein; E. Sir Hermon Hinckley, Sir N. Burrows, Bubbs representative on board of directors of Masonic Temple association, Sir David Abram Howe.

Its appointive officers are: Prelate, E. Sir Daniel Bailey Elise; assistant prelate, E. Sir John Frederick Laedlein; senior warden, Sir Robert Perry Blackburn; junior warden, Sir John Wesley Budd; standard-bearer, Sir James Walton Bowman; sword-bearer, Sir William Henry Painter; warder, Sir Newell Lowrie Johnson; first guard, Sir Harrison Tallman Crawford; second guard, Sir Albin Ranghast; third guard, Sir Howard H. Montellus; musical director, E. Sir Clarence E. Elise; organist, Sir Charles E. Browne; assistant organist, Sir Thomas M. Gohrig; chorister, Sir Edwin P. Watt, Sir Fred Schantz, Sir Robert H. Thorne, Sir George J. Koons; book-bearer, Sir T. Herbert Riley; cross-bearer, Sir George M. Robinson; escort, Sir Herbert P. Haskin, Sir Francis E. Eowman, Sir Frank B. Thrall, Sir Frederick E. Allen, Sir Frank M. Pearson, Sir Erv H. Harber; herald, Sir Lyman Jackson Fisk; sentinel, Sir John I. Sims; canons, Sir Hugh MacDonnell, Sir Augustus V. Laedlein; quartermaster, Sir Charles V. Kunkler; commissary, Sir John A. Gable; assistant quartermasters and commissaries, Sir Charles Harman, Sir Charles S. Baum, Sir Zane B. Gray, Sir Eldridge J. Gohl.

The Williamsport Templars who have come to the convocation are: E. Sir C. La Rue Munson, E. C. Sir Albert Franklin Young, C. G.; E. Sir William Lundy Parke, E. Sir James Nourse Kline, E. Sir John F. Laedlein, E. Sir William Henry Bloom, E. Sir Timothy S. Clark, E. Sir Clarence Elise, E. Sir John King Hays, E. Sir Herbert Russell Laird, E. Sir James B. Krause, E. Sir John Albert Shoemaker, E. Sir Dietrich Lamade, Sir Nathaniel Burrows, Sir Seth T. Foresman, Sir David Abram Howe, Sir Frank Pierce Sherwood, Sir William Clarence King, Sir Francis Carlton Bowman, Sir James Walton Bowman, Sir James Daly, Sir Harrison Tallman Crawford, Sir John Wesley Budd, Sir George M. Robinson, Sir John Franklin Tomlinson, Sir Frank McClellan Pearson, Sir Charles Harman, Sir John Atlee Gable, Sir Wm Mudge Page, Sir Thomas Herbert Riley, Sir Harry G. Phillips, Sir Henry Russell Karcher, Sir William V. Anspach, Sir Frederick William Vandersloot, Sir William Louis King, Sir George John Koons, Sir Wilfred M. Danley, Sir Fred R. Miller.

Many of Williamsport's most prominent men are affiliated with Baldwin commandery. In addition to Eminent Commander C. La Rue Munson, the following are to be found in Baldwin II's rank today: Dietrich Lamade, president and general manager of the Grit Publishing company, who is responsible for the great success of that widely circulated illustrated journal, Pennsylvania Grit, and an energetic member of the executive committee of the board of trade.

James N. Kline, one of Williamsport's most progressive business men, president of the Merchants' association and second vice president of the Williamsport board of trade.

N. E. Burrows, Esq., vice president of the Lyeocming National bank, a director of the board of trade, and the managing director of a number of large manufacturing interests.

T. C. Clark, a member of the lumber firm of Brown, Clarke & Howe, and a director of the West Branch National bank and of the board of trade. He is regarded as one of the solid men of the city.

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D. A. Howe, a member of the same firm, is a director of the First National bank. He is an up-to-date aggressive business man and believes Williamsport destined to be the greatest city in the state.

H. R. Laird, general manager of Williamsport's famous board of trade, and representative of the Grand Commandery of Vermont near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

G. B. Farr is president and general manager of the Mazonia railroad, and vice president of the Barclay railroad.

also general manager of the Keystone Wood company. He is devoted to Williamsport and its interests, and is one of those courteous gentlemen one is the better through knowing.

W. H. Bloom is the treasurer of the Williamsport Water company. Captain William C. King, deputy registrar and recorder, of Lycoming county, was senior major of the Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., during the Spanish-American war, and served in the Philippines as captain of Company M, Twenty-seventh United States volunteers.

J. F. Laedlein, mayor of Williamsport, is a division commander of the Williamsport, Lock Haven and Shamokin commanderies. John K. Hays, attorney-at-law and general manager of the Longtime Gas Engine company. For many years he has been district deputy grand master of the Williamsport district.

Frank P. Sherwood, traveling representative of the American Wood Working Machine company, and well known in Scranton and every other nook and corner of Pennsylvania.

James B. Krause is an attorney-at-law, director of the board of trade and the head of Williamsport's phenomenally successful Scottish Rite bodies. He writes the mystic figures 33 after his Masonic signature.

Albert F. Young is a member of Williamsport's council and a resident partner and head of the big department store of the Bush & Bull company. J. W. Bowman is vice president of the Bowman Lumber company, and a director of the Susquehanna Trust & Safe Deposit company.

John N. Stearns & Co., and treasurer of the big Susquehanna Dye works, now in course of reorganization at Williamsport. Clarence E. Elise is superintendent of the large plant of the Williamsport Furniture company.

H. T. Crawford is a member of the firm of J. K. Crawford & Sons, tanners and curriers, and largely interested in Williamsport realty. John W. Budd is advertising manager of Pennsylvania Grit and even though handicapped by being identified with newspaperdom, has lots of friends.

H. M. Page and Charles Harman lay them all out. They're both undertaking it with cheerful resolve at that. F. C. Bowman is a capitalist interested in various mercantile and manufacturing interests in the Queen City and a member of councils.

And so on through the list. Every one is a good fellow and Baldwin has the reputation of being composed of broad gauged, enterprising citizens, who are devoted not only to the interests of their commandery but who are at the front in every progressive move that will tend to advance the interest of Williamsport which they claim enthusiastically is "The Ideal City for Home or Business."

The commandery will be led in today's parade by the Fisk Military band of Williamsport, which gave such a delightful concert at the Scranton house last night.

St. Alban, No. 47, of Philadelphia. St. Alban commandery, No. 47, Knights Templar, E. Sir McCluney Radcliffe, M. D., eminent commander, was organized in Philadelphia in 1871, and numbers four hundred and ninety-two members. It has sent to the grand commandery two grand eminent commanders, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, the present grand recorder, and R. E. Sir Joseph S. Wright, deceased.

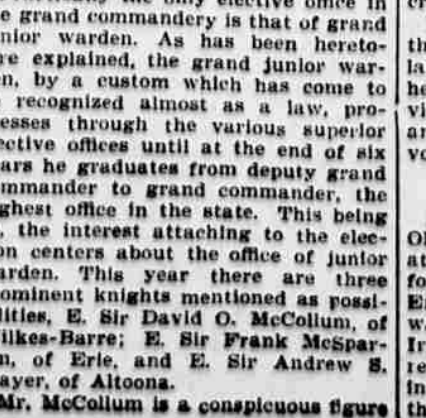
It expects to have in line in today's parade not less than fifty Sir Knights, prominent among whom are E. Sir Richard G. Oellers, managing editor of the Philadelphia Record, former treasurer of Philadelphia; E. Sir Hibbert P. John, past grand high priest of the Grand Holy Arch chapter of Pennsylvania; E. Sir Edw'n H. Coane, well known in the lumber camps of the state as one of the largest operators; E. Sir John Reed McGarr, treasurer of the commandery; E. Sir Isaac A. Cleaver, an authority on trade statistics; E. Sir Henry W. Smith, deputy grand recorder; E. Sir Robert F. Muein, Jr., financial manager of the Call; E. Sir John D. Carlisle, an historian of Gettysburg; E. Sir Francis H. Hemperley, a brilliant writer and speaker on Masonic subjects and past potentate of Lu Lu temple, A. O. N. M. E. S. E. Sir Alfred J. Wilkinson, a prominent Philadelphia lawyer; E. Sir Joseph C. Egbert, M. D., who has just retired from the eminent commandership; E. Sir McCluney Radcliffe, M. D., an authority on ophthalmology and medical director of the Wilis Eye hospital; Sir Martin V. B. Davis, sociologist and humanitarian; Sir J. Thomas Moorehead of the insurance department of the Provident Life, Trust and Insurance company; Sir John L. Kinsley, city solicitor; Sir John M. Walton, city controller; Sir Charles Sturges Wood, assistant city solicitor; Sir Howard M. Brown, noted for modesty as well as wit; Sir Lyman M. Hatton, one of the important officials of the Pennsylvania railroad company; Sir George S.

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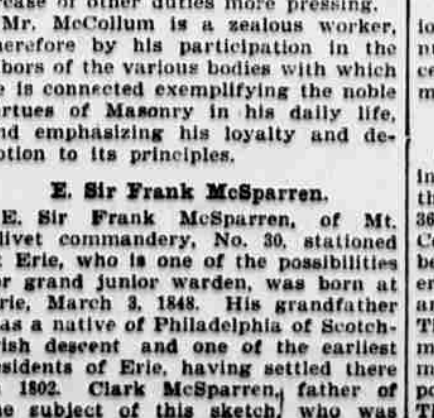
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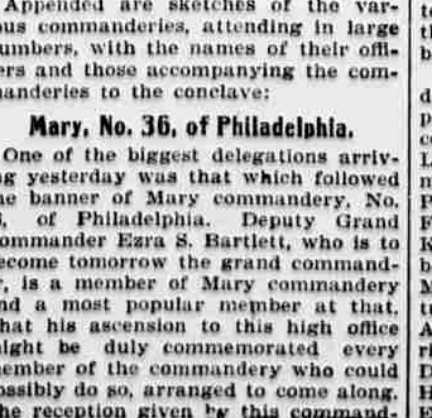
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### TEMPLAR PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

10 O'Clock A. M.—Parade and Review.  
2.30 P. M.—Carriage Rides About Lake Scranton for Visiting Ladies and Other Sight-Seeing Tours.  
3 P. M.—First Session of Grand Commandery in Lyceum.  
4 P. M.—Trip for Visitors Through Bellevue Mines.  
9 P. M.—Reception and Ball at New Armory.