

BUSY DAY FOR THE KNIGHTS

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FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMANDERY

The sessions of the grand commandery were opened yesterday afternoon by Grand Commander Thomas F. Penman with five hundred grand commandery representatives present.

E. Sir W. L. Connell, recorder of the city of Scranton, made an address of welcome, which was responded to on behalf of the visitors by R. E. Sir Irving E. Wanger, congressman from Montgomery county.

Grand Commander Erastus C. Delevan, of New York state, and V. E. Sir Arthur MacArthur, of Troy, grand standard-bearer of the grand encampment and representative of the grand master to the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, were presented by Grand Commander Penman. Each made an address of greeting.

The reports of officers were read and referred to committees, which will report on them at the next meeting. Grand Commander Penman made a felicitous address in connection with his report, treating of the fact that according to the report of Grand Recorder W. W. Allen, of Philadelphia, the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, with a membership of 13,950, is the largest grand commandery in the world.

Philadelphia extended an invitation to the grand commandery to hold the fiftieth annual convocation in Philadelphia. No other city has as yet asked for it. It is very likely Philadelphia's invitation will be accepted.

At this morning's session of the grand commandery the committee reports will be heard; proposed amendments to the constitution discussed, officers elected, and the place for the next convocation chosen.

This afternoon the new officers will be publicly installed, with elaborate ceremonies. The programme for the installation is as follows:

Overture.....Bauer's Orchestra Gloria, (Twelfth Mass).....Young People's Choral Union, Hickory Street Presbyterian church.

Presentation of Grand Officers. "Ow of Office....."These Are They".....Hornby Solo.....Miss Lydia Saller.

Presentation of Grand Commander. Prayer.....Grand Prelate "Gloria in Excelsis".....Furner Ladies' Choral Union.

Installation of Grand Commander. "Onward, Christian Soldiers".....Sullivan Address.....Grand Commander Overture.....Bauer's Orchestra Ladies' Choral Union.

Installation of Deputy Grand Commander. Installation of Grand Generalissimo. Installation of Grand Captain General. "Awake".....Porter Ladies' Choral Union.

Installation of Remaining Grand Officers. Proclamation of Grand Marshal. "Te Deum Laudamus".....Kotschmar Ladies' Choral Union.

Charge by the Grand Prelate. "The Heavens Are Telling".....Haydn Ladies' Choral Union. Benediction.

March.....Bauer's Orchestra With these ceremonies Grand Commander Penman will join the ranks of past grand commanders, and his place at the head of the Pennsylvania Templars will be taken by V. E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, of Philadelphia, the present deputy grand commander. All the other elected officers will move one step towards the grand commandery, with the exception of the fiscal officers, who usually are re-elected for a number of years.

The close of this afternoon's session will mark the close of the convocation. All the visitors practically will have started for home before nightfall.

BALL AND RECEPTION.

Perhaps the chivalry of the Middle Ages is often regarded as an exaggerated dream by most of the people today, but yet, last night, the feeling was undeniably present that somehow through the vicissitudes of the years we have retained a little of the illusion, a little of something infinitely rich in associations, inately sweet in sentiment. Nowhere else do we hold it, save in this one order, the mystical link, between the material and the

Black and white, the Templar colors, predominated in the festooning, but there was a sufficiency of the intermediate colors to fully relieve any semblance of the funeral.

Greens were everywhere. Those surrounding the dance floor were of such height and so profuse they almost shut out a view of the dancers from the promenade along the sides and ends. In every recess of the great hall, in the corridors and on the staircases, palms and evergreens added their attractiveness.

As each succeeding large ball in the new armory it was thought the limit of possibility had been reached in the matter of reasonably expensive decoration. Last night's ball showed that in previous events the decorators had not commenced to exhaust the possibilities. Grand as were the decorations of the previous balls, last night's ball was far grander. When it grander is surpassed it will be time to talk of the limit of possibilities.

It was also the biggest ball ever held in the armory, which, of course, makes it the biggest ball ever held in North-eastern Pennsylvania. There were fully 5,000 knights and ladies present. They began arriving at 8.15 and kept coming in an almost constant stream until 11 o'clock. Between 8.30 and 9.30 o'clock the entrance to the dancing floor was filled every moment with the entering throng.

As the guests entered, they were ushered to cloak rooms on the second floor, and after depositing their wraps proceeded to get the first view of the grand spectacle which had been provided for their delectation.

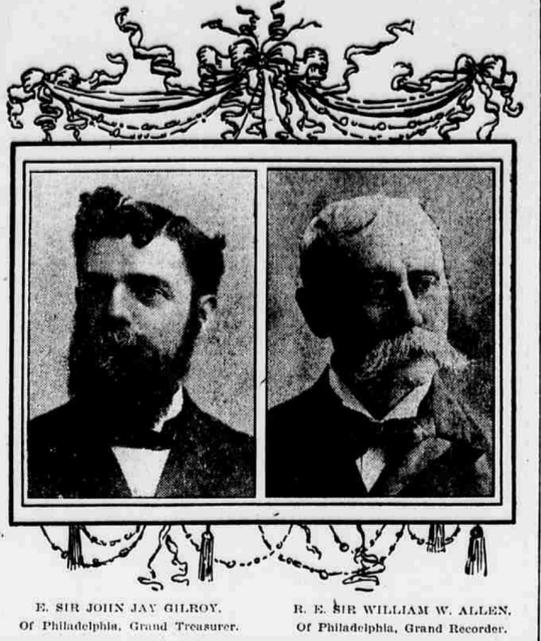
No one was admitted except Knights Templar and ladies accompanying them. The knights were identified by their full dress uniforms, without swords. Chapeaus were worn until late in the night, when by a sort of common consent the knights, especially those frequenting the dance floor, laid them aside.

At 8.30 began a promenade concert. Bauer's and Lawrence's bands alternating in the following selections: Overture, "Romantic".....Keler Bela Selection, "Stefanie".....Faherbach Bauer's Band

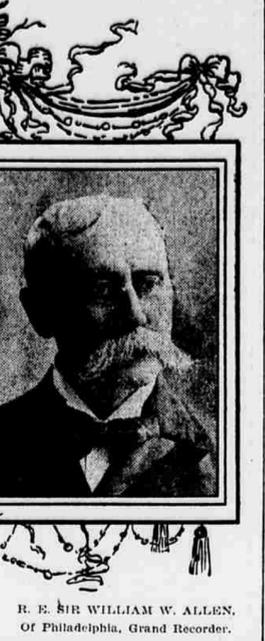
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Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe Fantasia, "My Old Kentucky Home".....Dalbey Lawrence's Band. To this music the guests promenade about the hall, following a path of crash, laid on the asphalt to protect the trains of the ladies' Gowns. As they promenade they gazed and marvelled at the beauty of the scene. On every side were heard ejaculations of surprise and unequalled admiration. Summed up it was, to all who enjoyed it, stupendous and magnificent.



E. SIR JOHN JAY GILROY, Of Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer.



R. E. SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN, Of Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

ed by a capital upon which rested the insignia of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. Drooping to these and depending from far above were ropes and ropes of electrical lights, and swinging at intervals were white doves—perhaps emblems of the peace the Templars enjoy now long since the stormy cruel days of the early fourteenth century. The whole effect was of a lovely out-of-door fête amid the trees and the verdure of summer.

In the northwest corner of the armory a castle rose in stately majesty, the lights gleaming through narrow windows and grim portals. Opposite was a Templar camp, the small pointed tents, the trees and the general surroundings making a unique point of interest.

Over all and above all, making a splendid glimmer of colors through the air, hung fold upon fold of gay bunting, the bold black and white of the Knights Templar, then the brilliant contrast of red, white and blue. Directly over the centre was suspended a cross and crown that sparkled like rubies in the gleaming radiance of electric lights.

Far in the balcony at the Jefferson avenue end was a gaily decorated stand where Bauer and his large band was stationed. The side balcony was occupied by the Lawrence band.

What constituted the most artistic feature of the decorative work was the significance of the decorations. This was particularly true of the electrical pieces. Each piece was emblematic of Masonry. There were triangles, circles framing representations of the Masonic sign, Maltese and Passion crosses, squares, crossed swords and banners, all designed with incandescent bulbs, and over the front entrance were large electrical frames illuminating scenes typical of the Crusades.

At the height of the head above the balcony and kept on the move. Neither could the thousand and more persons who watched the evolutions from the floor level fully appreciate the wonderful beauty of the scene. The other thousand in the balconies could, however, and applauded more than once at the compelling fascination of the spectacle.

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beautiful spectacle of its kind ever seen in this city and it will live long in the memory of those who were privileged to view it from the balconies, which were thronged to such an extent that the crowds overflowed into the long corridors running behind them.

The march was participated in by nearly 1000 couples to music furnished by Bauer's and Lawrence's bands. The leading couples took places near the main entrance and were guided through the various evolutions by Prof. J. Frank Seigel.

Grand Commander T. F. Penman with his wife on his arm led the march. The latter wore a beautiful gown of pink chiffon over pink satin with white lace trimmings. The most distinguished Knight Templar in line was Very Eminent Grand Standard Bearer Arthur MacArthur, of the grand encampment of the United States. He is the official visitor from the grand encampment to this convocation and was the only knight present at last night's function entitled to wear the purple, the color of the grand encampment. On his arm was Mrs. C. B. Penman attired in cream lace net over satin.

Eminent Grand Captain General John Little, of the New York commandery followed escorting Miss Pennypacker of this city and then followed in close order the grand officers and past grand commanders of this state.

The marching couples were led on to the great place in the center of the drill hall by Prof. Seigel and were slowly formed into a huge, living, moving maltese cross. Knights who volunteered their services for the occasion stood at "attention" at certain given points where they had been placed by Prof. Seigel and served to divert the marchers this way or that as the formation of the figure demanded.

The marching couples had only dim and hazy ideas about what they were forming. They simply followed the couple ahead and kept on the move. Neither could the thousand and more persons who watched the evolutions from the floor level fully appreciate the wonderful beauty of the scene. The other thousand in the balconies could, however, and applauded more than once at the compelling fascination of the spectacle.

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A member of Masonic Veterans, Philadelphia. Mr. Bartlett is a ship chandler and is largely interested in coastwise trade, being a member of the firm of Bartlett & Shepherd. He was born Oct. 23, 1848, in Atlantic City, N. J., but went with his parents to Philadelphia, when a child, and has resided there ever since. He attended public schools and graduated in the fiftieth class from the central high school. He is a director of the Security Life Insurance company of Philadelphia, of which ex-Governor Robert E. Patterson is president. Mr. Bartlett and ex-Governor Patterson married daughters of the same family and are close personal and business friends.

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OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY

- V. E. Sir Ezra Bartlett, of Philadelphia, deputy grand commander, who is to succeed to the office of grand commander at this convocation, he can well be proud. It is here appended: P. M. William C. Hamilton lodge, No. 601, Free and Accepted Masons; treasurer since Dec. 17, 1884. Member of finance committee of Grand lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. P. H. P. of Tristram B. Freeman R. A. M. chapter, No. 26; treasurer since Dec. 3, 1885. G. H. P. of the Grand Holy Royal Arch chapter of Pennsylvania. Chairman of finance committee of Grand chapter since December, 1896. P. E. C. of Mary commandery, No. 26, Knights Templar; treasurer since November 14, 1893. New V. E. deputy grand commander of the Grand commandery, Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania, 1901-02. Representative of the Grand chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand chapter of Pennsylvania. Representative of the Grand commandery of Maine near the Grand commandery of Pennsylvania. A member of Philadelphia council R. and S. M.

Dr. Stoeck is just as prominent out of Masonic circles as he is in them. For fifteen years he has been pastor of the St. Mark's Lutheran church of Hanover, one of the wealthiest and most influential English Lutheran churches in the United States. During his incumbency as pastor this church has more than doubled its membership and has contributed toward benevolence more than \$100,000. For 18 years he has been a director of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and for a number of years a trustee of the Pennsylvania college, and for the last eight years secretary of its board. He is now serving his third year as president of his synod, which comprises the Lutheran churches in the counties of York, Adams, Cumberland and Franklin, over one hundred and fifty congregations and 28,000 communicants.

E. Sir W. I. Fleming, of Bellefonte, grand captain general of the grand commandery was made a mason

in Bellefonte, in 1882. He is a past master of Lodge 268, F. and A. M., past high priest of Chapter 241, R. A. M., past eminent commander of Constans Commandery, No. 33, stationed at Bellefonte and district deputy grand master of district 21. He was elected grand junior warden of the grand commandery at Altoona in 1889, and has been promoted each year since, until he is now grand captain general, the fourth highest office in the grand commandery. Mr. Fleming is a man of striking personal appearance and most pleasant demeanor. He is attached to the state department at Harrisburg.

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There is no better-known or more popular man in Pittsburgh than E. Sir William J. Diehl, the grand senior warden of the grand commandery. When he was elected mayor of Pittsburgh in 1899, his majority was 13,000, or more than the combined majorities of his three predecessors in his office. Mr. Diehl is a man of striking personal appearance and most pleasant demeanor. He is attached to the state department at Harrisburg.

He began his political career as a clerk in the sheriff's office in Allegheny county in 1867. In 1873-84 he was bond clerk and chief clerk in the city treasurer's office. He was on the Pittsburgh school board for six years, and is at present one of the five state inspectors of the Western penitentiary. On Saturday last, he was elected secretary of the committee of prominent citizens which is to arrange for the big Fourth of July celebration, at which President Roosevelt is to be the principal speaker. Mr. Diehl is secretary and treasurer of the Wheeling National Gas company and ten allied gas and oil companies. He was made a Mason in May, 1880, in Haultman lodge, No. 321, of Pittsburgh. He was knighted in Pittsburgh commandery, No. 1, in 1881, and in 1891 became a charter member of Duquesne commandery, No. 72. He was chosen as its first captain general, next became generalissimo, and, in 1893, was elected eminent commander.

He served as grand marshal under Grand Commander Yohs, and as grand

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sword-bearer under Grand Commander Youngson. He was elected grand junior warden at Wilkes-Barre in 1900. Among his Masonic titles are: Past master of Haultman lodge, F. and A. M.; past high priest of Pittsburgh chapter, No. 268, R. A. M., and a thirty-second degree Mason in the Scottish Rite. For a number of years, also, he has been representative to the grand lodge and grand chapter, and treasurer of the Masonic Hall association.

E. Sir William M. Donaldson, of Harrisburg, who was elected grand junior warden at Reading last year.

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