

GRAND COMMANDERY OF CALIFORNIA

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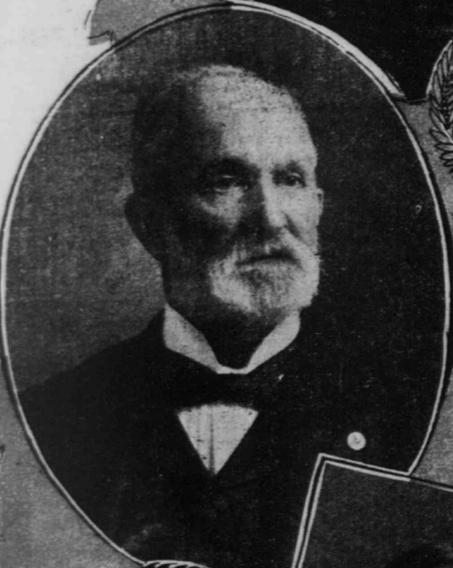
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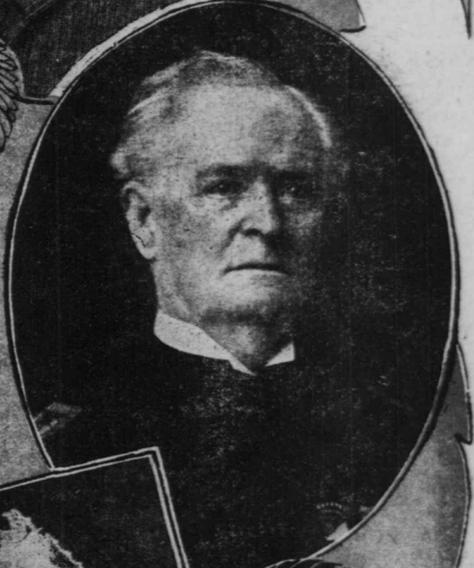
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The Grand Commandery of California By Em. Sir Wm. A. Davies, Grand Recorder

THE Grand Commandery of California was organized at the city of San Francisco on August 10, 1858. At that time there were only three commanderies in the State—San Francisco No. 1, afterward named California Commandery No. 1, at San Francisco; Sacramento No. 2, at Sacramento, and Pacific No. 3, at Columbia, in Tuolumne County, but now located at Sonora, in the same county. These commanderies held their charters from the Grand Encampment of the United States; they were represented at the meeting held for the purpose of organizing the Grand Commandery of the State by Sir Knights Leander Ransom, Alexander G. Abell, Eli Cook and Charles E. Blake, of San Francisco Commandery No. 1; Isaac Davis, George I. N. Monel and Edward H. Evans, of Sacramento No. 2, and John S. Graham, S. H. Fickett and J. C. Russell, of Pacific No. 3. Sir Knight Isaac Davis was chosen as the first grand commander and Alexander G. Abell as the first grand recorder. The chief business transacted at this preliminary meeting was the selection of officers and the adoption of a constitution.

The first convocation of the Grand Commandery was commenced in the city of San Francisco on August 11, 1858.

At this convocation petitions for dispensations to form new commanderies were presented by sundry Knights Templar residing respectively at Oroville, Placerville and Marysville. These petitions were granted and dispensations were ordered to be issued.

The second annual convocation was held in the city of San Francisco on June 28, 1859. At this convocation charters were granted to El Dorado Commandery No. 4, at Placerville; Oroville Commandery No. 5, at Oroville, and Nevada Commandery No. 6, at Nevada City. The charter of Marysville Commandery No. 7 was not granted until the third annual convocation of the Grand Commandery in 1860.

At the time of the organization of the Grand Commandery of California there were enrolled in the three commanderies composing the Grand Commandery 130 members. Since the organization of the Grand Commandery in 1858 there have been constituted thirty-seven commanderies, making forty commanderies in California in 1904. There were enrolled, according to the reports of the commanderies, on January 31, 1904, 4699 members.

In point of membership the Grand Commandery ranks tenth on the list; and, according to the latest statistics, about third in annual increase in membership.

The following gives the name, number, location, date of charter and membership of the several commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, as reported on January 31, 1904, the date of the last report:

California No. 1, San Francisco, August 10, 1858, 556; Sacramento No. 2, Sacramento, August 11, 1858, 210; Pacific No. 3, Sonora, August 10, 1858, 95; El Dorado No. 4, Placerville, June 29, 1859, 71; Oroville No. 5, Oroville, June 29, 1859, 46; Nevada No. 6, Nevada City, June 29, 1859, 196; Marysville No. 7, Marysville, November 14, 1860, —; Marysville No. 7, Marysville, April 18, 1902, 103; Stockton No. 8, Stockton, October 17, 1867, 155; Los Angeles No. 9, Los Angeles, April 11, 1870, 494; San Jose No. 10, San Jose, April 15, 1871, 148; Oakland No. 11, Oakland, April 15, 1874, 273; Chico No. 12, Chico, April 13, 1877, 63; Lassen No. 13, Susanville, April 13, 1877, 40; Santa Rosa No. 14, Santa Rosa, April 11, 1879, 101; Bodie No. 15, Bodie, April 16, 1880, —; Golden Gate No. 16, San Francisco, April 15, 1881, 412; Red Bluff No. 17, Red Bluff, April 15, 1881, 168; Ventura No. 18, Ventura, April 14, 1882, 68; Naval No. 19, Vallejo, April 14, 1882, 96; Mount Olivet No. 20, Petaluma, April 15, 1883, 49; Woodland No. 21, Woodland, April 12, 1883, 46; Watsonville No. 22, Watsonville, April 23, 1883, 93; Saint Bernard No. 23, San Bernardino, April 11, 1884, 81; Colusa No. 24, Colusa, May 1, 1885, 35; San Diego No. 25, San Diego, April 30, 1885, 91; Visalia No. 26, Visalia, April 20, 1886, 52; San Luis Obispo No. 27, San Luis Obispo, April 29, 1887, 56; Riverside No. 28, Riverside, April 29, 1887, 63; Fresno No. 29, Fresno, April 29, 1888, 75; St. Omer No. 30, Santa Barbara, April 19, 1888, 69; Pasadena No. 31, Pasadena, April 22, 1892, 119; Mt. Shasta No. 32, Yreka, April 22, 1892, 54; Ukiah No. 33, Ukiah, April 22, 1892, 31; Napa No. 34, Napa, April 20, 1893, 58; Eureka No. 35, Eureka, April 19, 1895, 71; Santa Ana No. 36, Santa Ana, April 24, 1898, 111; Southern California No. 37, Pomona, April 24, 1898, 77; Vacaville No. 38, Vacaville, April 18, 1901, 63; Yuba-Sutter, Marysville, April 18, 1902, —; Bakersfield No. 39, Bakersfield, April 23, 1903, 33; Long Beach No. 40, Long Beach, April 22, 1904, 53; total, 4509.

Grand officers of the Grand Commandery of California, elected April, A. D. 1904, A. O. 186: R. E. Sir W. Frank Pierce, grand commander, San Francisco; V. E. Sir John Burris de Jarant, deputy grand commander, Colusa; E. Sir Brilsford Pease Flint, grand generalissimo, San Francisco; E. Sir Charles Lord Field, grand captain general, San Francisco; E. Sir Hudson B. Gillis, grand senior warden, Yreka; E. Sir William D. Stephens, grand junior warden, Los Angeles; E. Sir Rouben Henry Sink, grand prelate, Stockton; E. Sir Edward Coleman, grand treasurer, San Francisco; E. Sir William A. Davies, grand recorder, San Francisco; E. Sir Harvey D. Loveland, grand standard bearer, San Francisco; E. Sir Louis F. Bretner, grand sword bearer, Sacramento; E. Sir Albert A. Caldwell, grand warden, Riverside; Sir Samuel David Mayer, grand organist, San Francisco; Sir George W. Perkins, grand captain of guard, San Francisco.

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