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City Aglow with Flags and  
Color to Greet the Knights  
Templar Convocation Today

## Fifty-Fourth Annual Conclave Opened This Afternoon at Local Masonic Temple—To Continue Over Tomorrow.

The City of Plattsmouth today is greeting the representatives of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, who are meeting in their fifty-fourth annual state convocation, as the guests of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, of Plattsmouth.

The streets of the city are bright with the American flags and the black and white banners of the order of the Temple, which form the decorative features of the street arrangements, the flags and banners alternating in the street decorations, while over the Main street of the city arches are formed with black and white banners strung from an American flag in the center to each side of the street, presenting a most colorful scene as the flags and banners are wafted by the gentle breezes of the ideal spring day, as a greeting to the Knights who are gathered here from all sections of the state.

From Thursday's Daily—

The first of the distinguished guests to arrive in the city was Right Eminent Sir Herbert A. Senter of Omaha, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, who with Mrs. Senter arrived last evening on No. 2 over the Burlington. The grand commander of the state was met at the Burlington station by the escort of Mt. Zion Commandery that accompanied the distinguished head of the order to the Masonic hotel, where the headquarters of the commander had been arranged.

This morning the grand commander of the state, Dr. Senter, with the members of Mt. Zion Commandery marched to the Burlington station, where they greeted Most Eminent Sir George W. Vallery, of Denver, grand master of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, who is a guest of honor of the Nebraska commandery and is the first grand master to attend the convocation of a Nebraska grand commandery. Mr. Vallery and wife were escorted by the local Templars to the Nebraska Masonic Home, where Mr. Vallery will have his headquarters during his stay in the city.

The morning was occupied with the arrangements of the state commandery officials in arranging for

the formal opening of the grand commandery this afternoon at the Masonic Temple.

## Parade of the Templars

This afternoon at 2:40 the streets were filled with large numbers of the residents of the city to witness the beautiful and impressive parade of the members of the order as they escorted the grand master of the grand encampment from his headquarters at the Masonic Home to the Masonic temple to participate in the opening of the commandery.

The scene was one of the greatest beauty with the waving flags and the black and white banner and battle flags of the Templars streaming above the marching hosts with their snowy plumes and flashing swords and was one of the most impressive offerings that this city has had the pleasure of witnessing for many years.

The parade was formed at the Masonic temple and the route was north on Fifth street to Vine, west on Vine street to Washington avenue, west on Washington avenue to the Nebraska Masonic Home, where the Templars marched through the grounds of the Home from Webster boulevard west to Fifteenth street,

thence south on Fifteenth street to Main and east on Main to the Masonic temple.

The parade was headed by Eminent Sir Harold L. Pritchett, of Omaha, grand marshal of the grand commandery, followed by Chief of Police A. R. Johnson, these leading the parade as it started the march to the home.

The order of the parade was led by the 17th infantry, U. S. A. band, of Fort Crook, whose stirring martial strains started the swinging marching columns on their march.

The escort of the grand master of the grand encampment was that of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, William F. Evers, commander, preceding the visiting distinguished guests.

The first car was occupied by Most Eminent Sir George W. Vallery, of Denver, grand master of the grand encampment; Right Eminent Sir William D. Pierce, of Denver, grand captain general of the grand encampment; Right Eminent Sir Francis E. White, Omaha, grand recorder and past grand commander of Nebraska Knights Templar.

The second car contained Right Eminent Sir Herbert A. Senter, Omaha, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska; Right Eminent William E. McConnell, past grand commander of the Iowa Knights Templar and Eminent Sir Ralph M. Fagan, grand prelate of the state commandery.

The third car in the order of march was occupied by Very Eminent Sir James M. Robertson, Plattsmouth, deputy grand commander of Nebraska; Right Eminent George H. Thum, Omaha, past grand commander, and Samuel P. Davidson, past grand commander.

The fourth car in the parade carried Eminent Sir George T. Sprecher, Lincoln, grand generalissimo of the grand commandery; Right Eminent Sir Fred W. Vaughn, past grand commander and Right Eminent Carroll D. Evans, past grand commander.

The fifth car was occupied by Eminent Sir Lewis E. Smith, Omaha, grand captain general of the Nebraska grand commandery; Right Eminent John W. Hughes, past grand commander; Eminent Sir George W. Willett.

The sixth car was occupied by Eminent Sir Henry E. Culbertson, McCook, grand junior warden; Right Eminent Sir Wayman S. Clapp, Kearney, grand inspector general of the grand commandery and past grand commander; and Edward C. Jackson, past grand commander.

Following in the seventh car in the order was Eminent Sir J. Harvey Mettlen, Bloomfield, grand warden of the grand commandery; Right Eminent Sir Arthur C. Steen, Chadron, past grand commander and Jesse D. Whitmore, Valley, past grand commander.

The eighth car was occupied by Right Eminent Sir Charles H. Green, past grand commander; Right Eminent Sir John H. Moore, past grand commander of the state of Iowa, and Right Eminent G. N. R. Brown, of Hastings, past grand high priest of the grand chapter of Nebraska.

## Second Section

Following the automobile section of the parade the Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 band of Omaha led the second section of the marchers, preceding the crack drill team of the Mt. Calvary commandery.

These were followed by the officers of the various commanderies over the state, first the past commanders, followed by the commanders, generalissimos, and captain generals.

The grand commandery colors were escorted by Eminent Sir Francis A. Mitchell, Hastings, grand standard bearer; Eminent Sir Salmon H. Burrows, Kearney, grand sword bearer; and Eminent Sir Charles H. Marley, Omaha, grand captain of the guard.

The colors were followed by the representatives of the various state commanderies in their flashing uniforms that made a picture of great beauty as the hosts marched over the streets of the city on their way to the opening of the grand commandery.

The procession was closed by the large number of autos carrying the visiting ladies who are here with their husbands to attend the grand commandery.

## Exhibition Drill

The drill team of Mt. Calvary commandery of Omaha, with their band, gave a very fine exhibition of their skill and military like precision in their drill on Main street between Fifth and Sixth streets and which was witnessed by a very large number of the residents of the city and many from the nearby cities of the state.

## Opening of Grand Commandery

Promptly at 3:20, Mt. Zion commandery of this city formally opened a commandery of the Knights Templar, the regular officers comprising William F. Evers, commander; Glenn Perry, generalissimo; William J. Streight, captain general; James T. Begley, senior warden; Leon L. McCarty, junior warden; Rev. Frank Emery Ptoutz, prelate; Philip Thierolf; John E. Schutz, recorder; Oliver C. Hudson, standard bearer; Aubrey H. Duxbury, sword bearer; Frank H. Johnson, warden; and Andrew G. Johnson, sentinel, being present and officiating in the formal opening of the commandery.

This was followed by the opening of the grand commandery by Right

Eminent Sir Dr. Herbert A. Senter, of Omaha, state grand commander, and the making ready to take up the formal matters that were demanding the attention of the commandery.

The grand commandery after their opening enjoyed a short reception in honor of Most Eminent Sir George E. Vallery, the highest ranking Knight Templar in the United States and other of the distinguished guests of the commandery.

The address of Right Eminent Sir Herbert A. Senter was delivered to the grand commandery at 4:55 this afternoon and in which the grand commander reviewed the past year in the work of the Knights Templar of the state.

Dr. Senter paid special tribute to the city of Plattsmouth as the birthplace of the grand commander of the grand encampment, George W. Vallery, the first native born Nebraskan who had been called to the office of highest rank in the Templars. He also paid tribute to the city as the home of Right Eminent Sir Francis E. White, grand recorder for a long period of years and a member of Mt. Zion commandery, and also as being the home of the Very Eminent Sir James M. Robertson deputy grand commander, and whose elevation to the position of grand commander was forecast in the address of Dr. Senter.

In speaking of the work of Mt. Zion commandery, Dr. Senter paid it a high and pleasing compliment as being the liveliest and most active organization in the state and one in which the Templars of the entire state feel a real pride, as they had accomplished a great deal in the work of the order and in keeping the high standards set by this branch of Masonry.

The adjournment of the grand commandery was at 6 o'clock and the meeting will again be called into session at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Plattsmouth a  
City of Great  
Beauty in HomesMany Points of Charm Found in  
This City Where Homeowners  
Form Citizenship.

There is in the city of Plattsmouth many scenes of great natural beauty that attract the eye of the visitor at once but which many of the residents here by their familiarity perhaps do not as readily appreciate, but the handiwork of the great forces of nature are evidenced in the hills charming with their wealth of greenery and commanding views of the surrounding country that might thrill a painter of the landscapes of the world. On these hills are clustered man of the most beautiful homes that can be found in the broad state of Nebraska and which for real enjoyment cannot be matched anywhere in the world.

This city is one of the oldest in the state and has made a great contribution to the history of the territory and state in the years that have gone by since the first settlers crossed the Missouri river here in the early fifties and started the foundation of what is now one of the finest cities of the state.

The citizens that reside here are proud of their city, and have a real right for this pride in the beautiful city and its splendid business houses as well as the industries that form their part in the community life and the territory that surrounds the city here is the best that can be found in the great central west where the world's supply of food-stuffs is raised.

The city of Plattsmouth has all that could be wished in the way of advantages that goes toward making ideal home conditions and the surroundings of culture in educational and religious lines.

In the religious life of the community there are houses of worship of a very large number of religious sects, dwelling together peacefully and happily and all contributing to the uplifting and growth of the city and its people. There are splendid houses of worship here of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Christian Science, German Evangelical, Latter Day Saint, Swedish Mission, sects. All of these are live and active in their church work and offer an invitation to the residents to join them in their worship.

In the education line the city has one of the best high school systems in the state, a building costing \$125,000 housing the various departments of the high school which ranks with the very best school systems of the state and the graduates from the Plattsmouth schools have made decided success in their work in colleges and universities. In addition to the high school building which also cares for the Junior high school there are the Central, Columbian, Wintersteen Hill, first and second ward and Mercerville schools that care for the needs of their respective localities. G. E. D'Worff, is superintendent of the city schools and has a force of forty teachers serving in the training of the young people.

This city has had since 1869 the distinction of being the home of the

this railroad had its first headquarters. The Burlington has here their systems of the nation. The Burlington maintains at this point their coach shops and freight car repair departments, serving the great central sections of the system that stretches from Chicago to Denver. The local shops comprise a large and efficient coach shop, paint shop, electrical department, tin shop, machine and blacksmith shop, planning mill, upholstery shop, as well as the freight car repair department, all part of the mechanical system of the railroad shops and employing from 400 to 500 men with an average pay roll per month of some \$60,000. The local shops have as their head William Baird, one of the efficient railway superintendents of the system.

In addition to the mechanical department this city has the store department of the Burlington that supplies much material for all of the lines west of the Missouri river and here is located one of the largest lumber yards on the Burlington. The store department here is headed by W. F. Humeke and who has under him a force of 75 men with a payroll averaging from \$8,000 to \$10,000 per month. The stock carried by the store department at this point reaches a valuation of a half million dollars.

In addition to the great shop interests there are a number of smaller institutions that serve as employers of labor and forming a part of the community life. The Evening Journal and Plattsmouth Journal, daily and weekly publications, forms one of the labor employing industries of the city, owned and operated by R. A. Bates. The printing plant has equipment of the highest type and eleven persons are engaged in the operating of the business of the newspaper with a payroll of some \$1,500 per month and which forms one of the upbuilding forces of the community.

The city also has one of the best and most modern steam laundries in the state, owned by E. C. Harris and which employs a number of ladies in handling the work and making their part in the life of the city.

The Robb Wholesale candy company with branch at Nebraska City is another of the Plattsmouth institutions that has reached out to supply the needs of the surrounding territory.

Plattsmouth has three cigar factories at this time, preparing lines of the best known medium priced cigars on the market and whose products are known over a large area of the eastern portion of the state of Nebraska.

This city also has flouring mills whose products can and do compare favorably with the output of the largest mills of the nation in quality and excellence, the mill here being in the operation of the Heisel family, the father of which, the late Conrad Heisel established a mill here in the early sixties and which occupation of milling the sons have followed since that time.

Plattsmouth is located on the main lines of the Burlington and Missouri Pacific railroads, a night's journey from Denver, Chicago and Kansas City, one of the best located cities of the state for market facilities with the splendid railroad service that places the Plattsmouth people in a few hours touch of the large centers of the middle west. The Burlington has trains operating through this city from east to west each day and the Missouri Pacific six first class passenger trains connecting this city with Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis. The Burlington has six trains operating thru this city from east to west centers as well as their Kansas City line to St. Louis.

The city is located on the King of Trails highway between Omaha and Kansas City and from this city south there is a continued hard surfaced road that leads to Kansas City. In a short time there will be gravel completed from Plattsmouth to Omaha, closing the nineteen miles of road from this city to the state metropolises.

## SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Thursday's Daily—

This morning the fire department was called to the residence of Councilman elect Fred G. Egenberger at 7th and Vine streets to extinguish a small blaze that was making real headway on the roof of the house. The fire it is thought started when discovered had gained quite a start. The fire department prevented the further spread of the blaze but the house suffered some on the interior from the water that was necessary to use in extinguishing the blaze. The loss was covered by insurance and the loss is being adjusted this afternoon by C. H. Clancy of Omaha, insurance adjuster.

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Dr. Herbert A. Senter  
Grand Commander, Nebraska  
Knights Templar

Dr. Herbert Senter, of Omaha, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska, has long been one of the prominent and active leaders in the Masonic circles of Nebraska and has occupied offices of distinction and honor in the various branches of the order.

Dr. Senter is a member of Mt. Calvary commandery No. 1 of Omaha, serving that commandery as commander and is also a past grand master of the grand council of Nebraska. Dr. Senter is also past grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. His services in the past year in the leadership of the Knights Templar has been a record of the greatest efficiency and advancement and he lays down his office with a splendid record of achievement.



Hon. Francis E. White  
Grand Recorder

Hon. Francis E. White, grand recorder of the Knights Templar of Nebraska is a long time resident of Plattsmouth and one of the notable figures in Nebraska Masonry, serving as master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for several terms, as high priest of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, as well as commander of Mt. Zion commandery No. 5, Knights Templar.

In the state Masonic circles Mr. White has been called to the highest offices of the order in its several branches, being past grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons and past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska. Mr. White served from 1903 to 1925 as the secretary of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. and of the grand chapter of the R. A. M., being retired as secretary emeritus at the last grand lodge.

While a resident here, Mr. White was honored by being state representative and United States marshal during the term of President Grover Cleveland.

The visits here are full of memory to Mr. White, as his old home formed the first unit of the Nebraska Masonic Home and it was here that he was married and spent many happy years. Mr. White is a sister of Most Eminent George W. Vallery, grand master of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States.



George W. Vallery  
Grand Master of Grand  
Encampment, U. S. A.

The head of the Knights Templar of the United States is a native son of Cass county, born in this community, where his parents, Jacob Vallery, Jr., and wife were among the earliest settlers in this part of Nebraska.

Mr. Vallery has been a resident of the west since leaving this city in the late seventies, and has been very active in the Masonic circles of Colorado, where he has made his home for the greater part of the time. He has served in the leading ranks of the Colorado Masonry and was named to the grand encampment, where he has filled the various offices with the greatest distinction until he was selected to be the head of the order, the greatest gift in the Templars rank in the United States.

Mr. Vallery has frequently visited in the old home here where his family have largely resided, and his old friends are pleased to see him return today in the high position to which he has been called. He is a brother of Mrs. T. P. Livingston of this city, and of the late Mrs. William J. Streight and an uncle of L. O. Minor, manager of the Plattsmouth Water company.