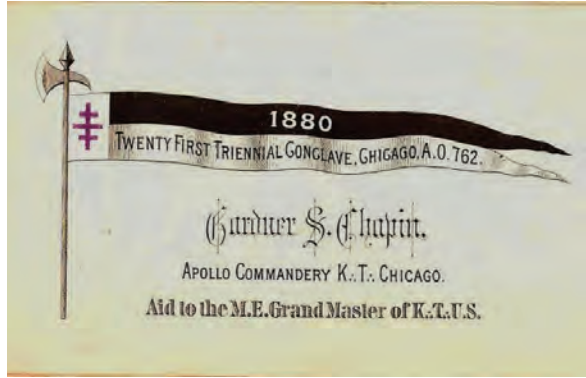


“It’s In The Cards”

by
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Having read, with great interest Sir Knight Kenneth G. Hope’s article in the March 2009 issue entitled “One Man Can Make A Difference”, detailing the story of Most Worshipful Brother, and Right Eminent Sir Knight George Perkins of California and his efforts to bring the



22nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to San Francisco in 1883, I was inspired to locate and re-examine a “scrapbook” given to me by my father several years earlier.

Inside is a collection of more than 300 “Calling Cards”, from Sir Knights from all across the United States. Some of the cards were collected at the 21st Triennial in Chicago in 1880, but most appear to have been collected at the 22nd Triennial in



San Francisco in 1883, and were printed specifically for that event.

Of course, I was hoping to find a card displaying the name, "Sir Knight George Perkins", but alas, it was not among them. But I may have found the next best thing. At the very least, it was the



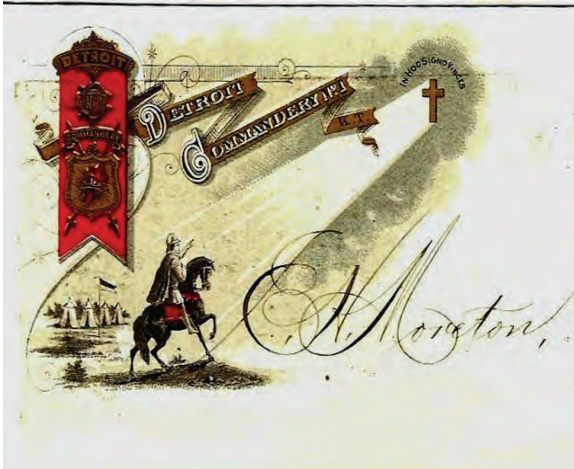
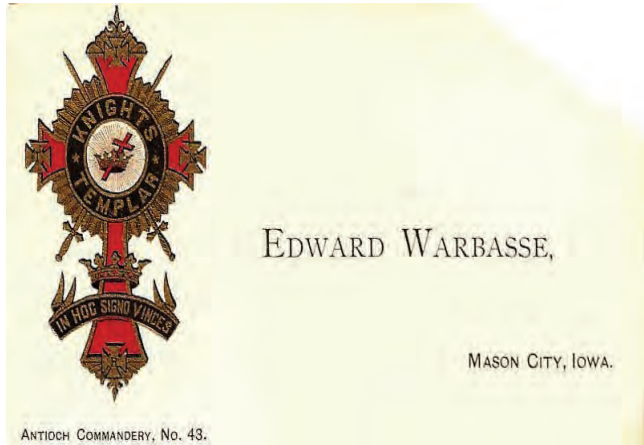
card of someone who was very close to him and undoubtedly accompanied him to the Chicago Triennial. It's the card of Sir Knight Alex Martin of California Commandery #1, in San Francisco.

And as I leafed through page after page of these delightful knight templar



fully ornate cards, it became increasingly evident what a grand and glorious time this was for Templary.

The cards in this collection represent Sir Knights from Commanderies in Ohio, Iowa, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Massachusetts, Texas, Georgia, Minnesota,



Vermont, Wyoming, Connecticut, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, Nevada, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Kansas, Wisconsin, Oregon, Tennessee, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Arkansas, and of course, California, and there are even a couple from a place called "Seattle, Washington Territory."

None are identical, and many display designs that

were no doubt unique to that individual Sir Knight. Some display the seal of the Commandery from which the Sir Knight hailed. Others combine symbols of the Scottish Rite, as well as those of the York Rite. Many list the Sir Knight's Masonic awards and achievements. One, interestingly enough, lists the name and number of the Sir Knight's Lodge,



Chapter, Council, Com-
mandery, and Consistory,
and at least one also lists
the name of the Shrine
to which the Sir Knight
belonged. All of them
proudly promote Tem-
plary and Masonry.

How many of you
carry cards promot-
ing Masonry or, more
importantly, Templary



with you at all times?
How we promote our
grand fraternity is
very important. It's
in the cards! It's obvi-
ous by these examples
that those who came
before us spared no
expense in promoting
our fraternity. Take
pride in letting those
you meet know that
you are a Mason and a
member of the Knights
knight templar





Templar. It could make all the difference. Remember, as Sir Knight Kenneth Hope pointed-out, one man CAN make a difference.



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