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WITH THE

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OF THE

ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

AS ADOPTED BY THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

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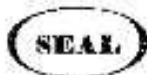
*To His Honor Sir Oliver Bourke, Grand Recorder of the  
Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:*

The new system of *Charters* prepared by HENRY IRVING GARFIELD, E. G. C. G., of the Grand Commandery, having been approved and adopted by that body, you will cause the same to be published for the instruction of all Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

Courteously yours,

JOHN L. MITCHELL,

*Grand Commander.*





OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND }  
COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, }  
Detroit, July 25, A. D. 1874, A. O., 753. }

*To His most Sir Oliver L. Garfield, Jr., Grand Captain  
General:*

You are hereby authorized to publish, for the instruction of all Subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, the Tactics and Drill approved and adopted at the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

By order of the R. E. Grand Commander,

OLIVER BOURKE,

*Grand Recorder,*

**SEAL**

## INTRODUCTORY.

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At the Annual Congress of the Grand Commandery of this State, held at Detroit, in June, 1869, the subject of Tactics for Knights Templar was brought up and discussed, when it was found that no two Commanderies used the same system; in fact, each had a style peculiar to itself. To secure uniformity, a committee was appointed, consisting of Sir Charles H. Brown, P. E. C., of Peninsular Commandery, of Kalamazoo, and Sir S. S. Mathews, C. G., of Pontiac Commandery, with the author as chairman, to report a system for adoption throughout the State, and this work is the result.

The advantages claimed for this system are:

1. The brevity of the commands, at the same time expressing in full the movement to be executed.
2. The readiness with which the principles may be acquired.
3. That the handsome and intricate movements peculiar to our Order are in this work rendered much handsomer, and less difficult of execution.

That the report met the expectations of the Grand Commandery, is evidenced by the promptness with which it was approved and adopted, and by the ease and rapidity with which the Commanderies of this

State, with comparatively little instruction, have become proficient in the tactics.

The author takes this opportunity to express his obligations to his fellow members of the committee for many valuable hints and suggestions.

A supplementary work, for the instruction of Commanderies in battalion movements and for camp duty, is in manuscript, and will be published soon.