

Alameda Cal., Aug. 7, 1883,  
A. T. Gram, Esq.

Recorder Cal. Court No. 1, 75, 7.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst in which you inform me  
that I rec<sup>d</sup> the Order of Red Cross Knights  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 1854, and created a Knight  
Templar, and Knight of Malta Aug.  
18<sup>th</sup> 1854. That I was suspended  
Aug. 21, 1857, for nonpayment of bal  
initiation fee, \$100, and dues \$23.50

I cannot reconcile this record  
of non payt. of bal initiation fee of \$100,  
with my financial position in 1854  
and my recollection of the event of  
joining the Commandery.

I believe the whole of my initiation  
fee was handed to one of the Sir Knights  
who proposed me, and that I did  
pay some dues after receiving my degree



I am impressed with the recollection that the Commandery was at the time of my initiation not very large and not very efficient in work or management of its affairs, and that I was then able and inclined to be liberal in my payments to aid in its equipment and efficiency. — It therefore seems to me that some mistake has been made in that respect. Please refer to the amt. of Annual dues at that time and see if in three years say from Augt. 18, 1854 to Augt. 21, 1857. — Three years time — it would not amount to more than \$23.50 if it did I must have paid some dues during that three years — and if I did is it <sup>not</sup> probable that it would have been applied on my initiation fee. I do not believe I was mean enough to ask to be admitted without paying entrance fee in full. It is likely the amt. for dues is correct and suspension for its non payment was correct and in order.



In 1857, I ~~became~~ lost very heavily  
in fact most of my property through  
no extravagance, or dissipation or  
fault of mine unless it was a fault -  
- and I now think it was a fault, to  
place over much confidence in banks  
and bankers, and the stability of  
values in city and Town lots and  
property. I could not pay to be a  
Knight or keep up the expenses and  
pay the demands made by the order

I became a financially lame brother  
and fell by the way - I am told there  
were in Olden times - Sir Knight, who  
became disabled in the battle of life  
and left the ranks - so with <sup>some of</sup> us in  
modern times, have found life's road  
too rough to keep in the ranks, and  
yet bear as true and Knightly a  
heart as our more fortunate brother



Masonic Record of E. O. Crosby, of Alameda  
San Jose Lodge No. 10. F. & A. M.

Received first Degree. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1851.

" Second " Dec. 25. 1851.

" Third " Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1853.

San Francisco Chapter No. 1. Royal Arch Masons.

Elected to Receive the Degrees. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1853.

" Marked " May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1853.

" Passed " " 10<sup>th</sup> 1853.

" Received " " 31<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Exalted to Sublime Degree R. A. M. June 7. 1853.

California Commandery No. 1. Knights Templar.

Rec<sup>d</sup> Order of Red Cross Knight - Aug. 11. 1854.

Created Knight Templar + Knight of Malta.

Aug. 18. 1854

Masonic Veterans Association of the

Pacific Coast. "Elected Honorary"

"Member for Eminent Services rendered"

"Your Country + to Masonry."

July, 11<sup>th</sup>, 1883