ABD EL KADER'S MASONIC FRIENDS.

The Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the United States held its annual session at the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon. The order is composed of members of the Masonic fraternity who have attained to the thirty-second degree in the Ancient and Accepted or Scottish Rite or who have taken the Templar degrees. Dr. Walter M. Fleming, the Imperial Potentate, presided, and there were present 48 active members, representing 13 States and 17 temples. Reports were received from the various temples, showing that the order is in a flourishing condition in the United States. Charters were issued for the creation of four new temples. The Imperial Potentate announced the death of the Illustrious Noble El-Hadji Abd el Kader, Grand Sheik of Alee Temple, at Mecca, Arabia, which occurred at Damascus on May 26. He was the acknowledged head of the order in the Eastern Hemisphere. Eulogies were delivered by several members of the council, in which the life and services of the renowned Arab chief were fitly spoken of. A committee of three was appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial of the deceased Sheik, to be placed in the archives of the Imperial Council. The triennial election for the chief officers of the council was held, and resulted in the re-election of Dr. Fleming as Imperial Potentate, and William S. Paterson, Imperial Recorder. Samuel Briggs, Joseph B. Eakins, and George W. Millard were elected Directors for the ensuing three years. The newly elected officers were installed by Illustrious Noble C. T. McClenachan, an emeritus member of the Imperial Council, and the council, having concluded its labors, adjourned.

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