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PRESENTATION TO ILL. BRO. DAVID MCELLELLAN

At a special assembly of Moore Sovereign Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°, held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, recently, the triennial installation of officers for the ensuing three years took place, the installing officer being Ill. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, 33°, Illustrious Deputy for the Province of Ontario, the following being the list: Ill. Bros. John M. Gibson, 32°, Ill. Com. in Chief; J. J. Mason, 32°, 1st Lieut. Com.; Gavin Stewart, 32°, 2nd Lieut. Com.; Daniel Spry, 32°, Grand Chancellor; David McLellan, 32°, Grand Sec.; J. W. Murton, 33°, Grand Treas.; Wm. Bowman, 32°, Grand Almoner; John Ross Robertson, 32°, Grand Prelate; Robt. K. Hope, 32°, Grand M. of C.; James Robertson, 32°, Grand Expert; Hamilton A. Baxter, 32°, Grand Assistant Expert; Thomas F. Blackwood, 32°, Grand Standard Bearer; A. R. Whyte, 32°, Grand Capt. of Guard; Joseph Mason, 32°, Grand Sentinel; Donald McPhie, 32°, and Richard Brierly, 32°, Auditors.

A very pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome tea service of seven pieces to Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 32°, as a slight mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the Consistory, and in some manner to reward him for his faithful services as Grand Secretary, which office he has held for the past three years with such acceptance to the members of the Consistory that he was unanimously re-elected for the next three years.

Ill. Bro. J. W. Murton, 33°, the retiring Commander in Chief of the Consistory, who made the presentation, referred in a very kindly manner to the affectionate regard in which Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 32°, Grand Secretary, was held by every member of the Consistory, and the faithful, conscientious and satisfac-

tory manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. He had won for himself the personal esteem of every member of the Consistory, and he trusted that the testimonial now presented would be acceptable to Mr. McLellan's partner in life, of whom he spoke in a most feeling manner.

Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 32°, replied as follows:

Ill. Commander in Chief, officers and Ill. brethren of Moore Sovereign Consistory, S.P.R.S., 32°, in replying to the very kind and courteous manner you have seen fit, Ill. sir, to couch your remarks in making this handsome presentation to me, the Ill. brethren will, I hope, pardon me if I draw their attention to my connection with the Consistory since it has been my privilege to be a member thereof. On the 4th of April, 1873, I had conferred upon me the degrees from the 19° to the 30° in company with my old and esteemed Ill. Bro. Daniel Spry, 32°, who now occupies the high and exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, whom I am pleased indeed to see present with us this evening. In the month of November, 1873, I received the 31°, and in the month of June, 1874, I received the 32° or S.P.R.S. The election of officers following that which was held in January, 1877, I was appointed Grand Master of Ceremonies, and at the triennial election held in the year 1880 I was unanimously elected Grand Secretary, which office I have held for the past three years. During that time it has been my endeavor to so discharge my duties that the interests of the body which I am connected with may not suffer at my hands; and if the presentation now made is an outcome of the manner in which I have pleased the illustrious brethren, it has well repaid me for any duties I have discharged in my official capacity. I value the presentation highly, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for the kindly