

tion in the Temple the question was asked as to whether there was any objection. An objection was made and the initiation deferred. The question being referred to me, I ruled that after the candidates had been properly accepted, paid their fee and partly initiated, and no charge had been brought against them, though an opportunity had been offered, they were entitled to their degrees. After considerable delay, during which I regret to say some bitterness was manifested, this ruling was enforced by that genial and kindly R. E. Sir Knight, Provincial Prior Parry, and harmony restored.

From the depths of my heart I thank every Sir Knight in my jurisdiction for the whole-souled sympathy and assistance I have received during my two terms as your Grand Master. I have not succeeded in accomplishing as much as I had wished, but I have done my best and my efforts have always everywhere met with more than their meed of appreciation. I cannot close without expressing the pleasure it gave me to see the kind and fraternal feeling manifested towards us in the correspondence of the various Templar bodies of the United States, and in the too high eulogies passed upon my last address. May Knights Templar, wheresoe'er dispersed on land or sea, be always united in heart and with one accord zealously devoted to the service of Christ and the fulfilment of the of the sacred obligations which bind us to our beloved Order and to one another. To show our affection for our fraters of the Grand Commandery of the United States, who are to meet in Triennial Encampment in Boston next week, I suggest that a fraternal message be sent to M. E. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master.

Sir Knights, permit me to close with the hope that God will preside over and prosper our deliberations and make us worthy of the responsibilities we have assumed.



E. E. SHEPPARD,
Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by M. E. Sir Knt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knt. Will. H. Whyte, and

RESOLVED—That the address of the Supreme Grand Master be referred to the Grand Council to report thereon.