

myself, in addition to Supreme Grand Master, as "Great Prior." My answer is, that although by your flattering preference raised to that dignity in the "Canadian" branch, I am but a "Great Prior" in the Order, proud of the title as showing my connection with the English Parent Body, and thus acknowledging that all my honors emanated from the Grand Master, our future Sovereign, the only (in my eyes) Supreme Grand Master of the Christian Trinitarian system of Templary in the world.

It is with pleasure I state that our Grand Chancellor reports the Chancery out of debt, and provided with nearly everything necessary to work the Body properly, but in consequence of the expenses attending the issue of the warrants, the printing of the statutes and re-printing of the Proceedings of 1878 had to be postponed.

For the future, no innovations whatever can be permitted in the prescribed laws and rules issued by Great Priory. It appears that in some of the notices of meetings of Preceptories, the name of an additional officer appears, that of "Drill Instructor." There being no such officer on the roll of officers constituting a Preceptory, it must be discontinued. Numerous officers were formerly attached to Preceptories, which were expunged by the Committee on Statutes, and confirmed by vote of Great Priory. Members of the Order can, of course, privately perfect themselves in military drill, music, dancing, or any other accomplishment they may desire, but such are not recognized, nor officers provided for their instruction, by Great Priory.

It will be advisable, and I would suggest to Great Priory, that in future the Chancery issue three copies of the Proceedings to each Preceptory, one for the use of the Presiding Preceptor, another for the Registrar, and the third for the members.

On lately referring a Registrar to the Proceedings, he informed me that he had not seen them, from which I infer that in many cases the Presiding Preceptor retains them in his own possession and does not comply with the printed instructions on the cover, to have them "read and made known in all Preceptories."

OF IMITATION MILITARY DRILL, PROCESSIONS, AND UNIFORMS.

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt from the U. S. some months back, of a little book, by H. B. Grant, entitled: "Tactics and Manual for Knights Templar," intended for the Templar Body of the Republic. As an old military man, I have read it with much interest, and consider it a most ingenious code of fanciful military exercises, well adapted for the purpose intended; that of public processions and quasi-military display, so much in vogue by