

into consideration for submission to the Supreme Grand Conclave in England. To the same Committee I would also specially refer the consideration whether, as we have now so many Encampments formed, it would not be expedient at once to establish one or more Provincial Grand Conclaves, the formation of which would, I strongly feel, be the means of advancing the prosperity of the Order, which depends so much on unity of action and a strict adherence to the principles by which we profess to be governed.

I have to announce to you that I have directed credentials to be made out conferring the rank of a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Commander and Honorary Corresponding Member of this Grand Priory on Sir Knight Richard Woof, F. S. A., of Worcester, England, Past Commander of the "St. Amand" Encampment, Worcester, a member of the Supreme Grand Conclave, and one of the Committee now engaged in revising the Statutes of the Order. Frater Woof is well known as the writer of several able treatises, among them a most excellent and interesting little work, which I strongly recommend for the perusal of all Templars, entitled, "A Sketch of the Order of Knights Templar and Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, with notes on masonic Templars." (London: Robert Hardwick, 192, Piccadilly, 1865.)

It would appear an impression is entertained by some Encampments in the United States that there are other Degrees in Masonry considered as a necessary pre-requisite to the Templar. As I have been instrumental in introducing several of those degrees and orders into Canada it may not be out of place to allude to them and state that no other degree is required for a novice of our order than that of the Royal Arch as practised in England. The Order of the Red Cross of Constance, although a Christian one, has no connection whatever with that of the Temple, and is held under quite a separate jurisdiction. The historical notice, in the Statutes of that Order, has unintentionally been the means of disseminating a very great error, which was contradicted by a declaration from the Grand Sovereign of that Order last year namely, that this Masonic Red Cross was the actual representative of the ancient and still existing public Order of that name, supported by a wild fiction that the Abbe Guistiniani, who was attached to the Venetian Embassy in London, and was himself a Grand Cross, had conferred the novitiate cross on certain freemasons. It is clearly shewn that this is not the case, and it merely claims to be a revised branch of the masonic brotherhood which formed part of the system of the Baron Hunde about 1750, and is the same Order as that over which the late Duke of Sussex presided from 1813 to 1845, for reception into which the degree of Master Mason is a necessary qualification.

By the last mail I am in receipt of a communication from the Grand Vice-Chancellor, informing me that an Encampment, known in London as the "Holy Cross and Beaunomir" is not on the Roll of Grand Conclave, the committee having declined to recommend the granting of a warrant of confirmation of an old warrant dated in 1793. The holder of this warrant, Brother Morton Edwards, not a Knight Templar on Grand Conclave Register, and who claims to be the Commander by virtue thereof, has been suspended by the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, of which body he is a Grand Officer, on the complaint of the authorities of Grand Conclave, under the Tripartite Treaty of 13th March, 1871, between the supreme authorities of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, and Malta, the 33rd Degree, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, for pretending to confer the Degrees of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in England.

The Grand Chancellor will read a Circular, also received in connection with the Treaty above named.

And now, Frates of the Temple, let me thank you for the kindness you have always manifested towards me, and the respect you have been pleased to entertain for my opinions in all matters connected with the Order—giving me credit for motives of active zeal to advance the interests and insure the prosperity of the Canadian Branch of the Temple, and I remain ever,

Your faithful Frater,

W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada.

A resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Grand Prior for his interesting and instructive address.

The Grand Chancellor submitted statements of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, which exhibit the finances to be in a prosperous and satisfactory condition.

V. E. † Frater T. B. Harris presented his credentials as the ac-