

unworthy of any true Mason, and we feel sure that if some who have been guilty of it would calmly reflect, they would regret the action they have taken. More than once we have heard of cases where there has been not only no objection to the candidate himself, but no personal feeling against him, the black-balling having been done because of a dislike to his proposer, or even to the W. M. of a lodge. We have been informed of a recent case of this kind, in which the malcontents were cleverly outwitted. They had spoken of what they intended to do, and uttered disloyal expressions against the W. M. He therefore challenged them by name in open lodge, and referring to the charge given to the E. A., reminded them that he and they could not sit together in the lodge until their little differences were settled. He then asked the I. P. M. to take his place while he and the intending black-ballers retired; they then left the lodge together, leaving the I. P. M. to carry on the business. During their absence the candidates were elected *nem. con.*—*Rough Ashlar.*

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

The following General Order has been issued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, officially recognizing the National Great Priory of Canada, as a Sovereign and Independent Body:

To all the constituent Grand Commanderies, and all Subordinate Commanderies holding Charters from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States,—
GREETING:—

Know YE, That whereas, by satisfactory documentary evidence, officially received by us, it appears that the "National Great Priory of Canada," has, with the consent and approval of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Su-

preme Grand Master of the Order, been absolved and discharged from all allegiance to the "Convent General of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales," as shown by his manifesto, bearing date the 17th day of April, 1884, and has, by the adoption of a new constitution, been constituted "The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," with M. E. Sir Knight William James Bury MacLeod Moore, Grand Cross of the Temple, of Prescott, Ontario, Canada, Supreme Grand Master *ad vitam*, with jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada.

And Whereas, This Sovereign Great Priory has received official recognition by the officers of the "Convent General of England and Wales,"

Be it, Therefore, Known to you, and all Knights Templar under our jurisdiction, that we, Robert Enoch Withers, Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States of America, do now, and hereby proclaim our official recognition of the "Supreme Great Priory of Canada," as a sovereign and independent body, of which

M. E. Sir Knight William James Bury MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., is Supreme Grand Master; M. E. Sir Knight James A. Henderson, Q.C., G.C.T., is Deputy Grand Master; and R. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, of Barrie, Ontario, is Grand Chancellor.

And Whereas, It hath been further communicated to us, by the Supreme Grand Master aforesaid, that it is his desire, and that of his Sovereign Great Priory, to establish a more cordial and intimate knightly relation between the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," and the Grand Encampment of the United States, and in furtherance of this end, he hath duly commissioned Sir Knight Theodore Sutton Parvin, of Iowa, as the Grand Representative of the "Sovereign Great Priory of Canada," near this Grand Encampment.

Now Therefore, We, The Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States, do announce, that in cordial