

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for the Royal Order of Scotland, the subordinate of a Masonic body instituted nearly six hundred years ago by the King of Scotland to show his appreciation of the services of Knights Templars who in the wars against the enemies of his country had assisted him, has been holding its annual sessions in Providence the past few days. On Monday evening, Sept. 19, a business session was held, during which nine new members were admitted, and Tuesday forenoon another session was held at which seven were admitted. A special session is soon to be held in Washington for the accommodation of candidates residing South and to clear up any unfinished business. The membership of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the order in the United States is limited to 150, the present membership numbering 141. It was instituted in 1878, and holds its annual meetings every alternate year in Washington, D. C., and the other alternate year in the city where the Supreme Council, A. A. S. Rite, N. M. J., may meet. The Grand Master of the Royal Order is the King of Scotland. There being no King of Scotland, the honor of the position falls to the King of England if he be a Mason. The mantle of the Grand Master is now worn by the Earl of Rosslyn. All the diplomas are issued from the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, Scotland. The head of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States is Sir Albert Pike, of Washington, D. C., but in his enforced absence through illness, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Me., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presided over the deliberations of the session.

Wednesday evening, the annual banquet was held. At the head of the hall, in rear of the chair of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, was suspended the handsome banner of the Royal Order. It was nearly ten o'clock when the procession of members and their ladies and other guests, costumed in full evening dress, took their places at the tables and commenced to discuss the viands set forth on the tasty menu arranged in the shape of a scroll of two leaves, one exhibiting the roster of officers and the second the menu, and inclosed in a neat Japanese leather cover tied with a silken cord. The several courses having been deftly served, Deputy Grand Master Drummond opened the postprandial exercises with a pleasing speech, and proposed as the first toast "The Health and Happiness of Provincial Grand Master Sir Albert Pike," who, on account of sickness, was absent. The toast was drank standing. Sir and Rev. Frederick S. Fisher responded to "The Royal Order of Scotland," and Sir Hugh McCurdy to the sentiment "To the Ladies." Bro. Nicholas Van Slyck, a guest of the evening, responded for "The City of Providence," briefly, but eloquently.

The dinner itself and its service was proclaimed by all to surpass anything of the kind ever served to this Provincial Grand Lodge, and reflected great credit upon the Narragansett Hotel.—Boston Journal.

Cannot something be done to extend and upbuild the Royal Order in the Dominion? What says our M. W. Brother Murray, of Hamilton.

THE Hierogrammaton (sacred letters) is yet another similar term used by Dr. Kenealy, and applied to the sacred characters or symbols used in all ages to represent the Deity. It is especially applied to the circle as a symbol of The Eternal