

SUPREME GRAND MASTER. K. T.

The assumption by the "English" Masonic journals that the Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion, contemplates resigning his high office because the Great Priory has practically affirmed its indubitable Masonic right, in common with the Grand Templar Bodies of Great Britain and Ireland, to establish Preceptories in unoccupied territorial dependencies of the British Empire, is, we take it, gratuitous on their part. Perchance the wish is father to the thought. We have too high an opinion of the good judgment, sound sense, and due appreciation by him of his duties as the constitutional head of the Order in Canada, to suppose that he would seriously entertain the puerile notion of taking such a step for such a reason.

Although the Knightly Order is in a large sense "Military," our "Veteran Commander" knows full well that its system of general government is not military but constitutional and Masonic, and that he is but a constitutional ruler, whose duty it is to execute the decrees and statutes of the body of which he is the (elective) head, in addition to the due exercise of the prerogatives inherent in his high office, precisely as the Chief Rulers of cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

Moreover, our esteemed veteran Great Prior is now, in no sense, a representative in Canada of our M. E. Frater, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, or of the Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, any more than he is of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of

Knights Templar of the United States of America. He is the peer of either of the two latter, as the Grand Body over which he presides is the Peer of any other Supreme Grand Body of Knights Templar throughout the world, and in all respects it behooves our Great Prior and our Great Priory to take due heed thereto, and govern themselves accordingly.

GREAT PRIORY.

In any "Dependency" of the British Crown,—wherein a Sovereign Great Priory or Grand Commandery of Knights Templar does not exist,—the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada is entitled to, and doubtless purposes to exercise the same rights and privileges, as the Great Priory of England, Scotland, or Ireland, of either of which the Great Priory of the Dominion is the Peer.

She may, and should, on due petition therefor, grant Warrants to establish new Preceptories in said Dependencies, Colonies or Provinces,—especially with the view of enabling the Frateres in all such "self-governing" Colonies to form therein independent and exclusively sovereign Great Priories, and particularly so, since it has become apparent that the Great Priory of England and Wales, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the same, are purposely obstructing the exercise by "Colonial Freemasons" of their inherent and inalienable Masonic rights of local Sovereign self-government.

COSMOPOLITAN Freemasonry consists of what is designated Craft, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.