

As already intimated you are here to help us celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of Hugh de Payen Preceptory, but at the same time you will commemorate the centenary of Knight Templarism in Canada, ours being the first Preceptory instituted.

In silent reverence we recall the names of some of our departed Frates who, while here, ranked high in every activity of life as well as in the Order we all love. To mention is to honour such men as W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Permanent Grand Master and the originator of the movement for revivifying Knight Templarism in Canada; Dr. James A. Henderson, Grand Master, both of the Temple and Grand Lodge of Canada; Thos. D. Harington, Thos. G. Ridout, W. B. Simpson, Geo. Duggan, Sir Jno. A. MacDonald, Sir Allan McNab, Geo. F. LeSure, Col. Fairclough, who died in the African service; Col. Gordon, now serving in the African campaign; Cols. Fitzgibbon and Lazure, R. W. Barron, Jno. B. Wood, H. M. Wright, Saml. D. Fowler, T. B. Harman, Dr. Francis Richardson, Jno. G. Howard, William G. Storms, Robert Gaskin, W. H. Herchmer and Jno. A. Wilson, whose parting from us severed strong earthly ties but left fragrant memories.

It is not without feelings of pride that we here name our Venerable Frater John Kerr still with us and probably the oldest Past Preceptor in the Dominion. Death has been very busy in our ranks recently, for within the past two years four of our most energetic Workers have been taken from us. In the death of Fleming Rowland, William L. Hamilton, William Waddington and Joseph Fortescue, Hugh de Payens lost men who always exemplified the true Templar spirit and the Frates mourn true friends.

We have invited Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Montreal to act as escort to the Grand Master, and to receive the visiting Frates on their arrival. They have also kindly consented to take the management of the procession. We shall do all in our power to make your stay with us pleasant, and cordially invite the members of Great Priory and their wives to a trip among our Islands, world-famed for their beauty and unsurpassed for their excellence.

On behalf of the Kingston Templars I receive you with open arms, extending the right hand of fellowship to you collectively and individually, and trust your stay among us may be both pleasant and profitable, and that your deliberations may redound with advantage to our beloved Order and instruction and benefit to our members.

The Supreme Grand Master in a few eloquent words thanked V. Em. Sir Knight Renton and the Frates of Kingston for their courteous and kindly welcome. It was a great pleasure to meet in their own historic city those who had borne the heat and burden