

### Honors to a King.

While King Kalakaua, of Hawaii, was visiting Edinburgh, Scotland, he visited a Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, summoned specially for the purpose of investing His Majesty with the Grand Cross of the Order. In the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Kintore, the Grand Conclave was opened in due form by V. Ill. Sir Kt. Captain John Crombie, Grand Senior General, Acting Grand Sovereign, there being present a large number of distinguished members of the Order. King Kalakaua was introduced to the Conclave by the Recorder and Bro. Murray Lyon, and passed under the arch of steel to a place on the right of the throne.

The Acting Sovereign, addressing his Majesty, then said: The members of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland are very much gratified at having the pleasure of meeting your Majesty here to day, and conferring on you the highest honor they have it in their power to bestow, and they have desired me to convey to your Majesty their grateful sense of your courtesy in allowing your name to be added to the roll of Knights Grand Cross of Scotland. I regret exceedingly that the Grand Sovereign of the Order—the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore—has been prevented from attending and personally conferring this distinction upon you. As your Majesty's time is very limited, and as we heartily concur in every word said by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh at the meeting yesterday, I shall only detain you to say that we all join, and every Freemason in Scotland, when he reads of the event of to-day, will join in earnest and heartfelt prayer to our Omnipotent Ruler, the Great Architect of the Universe, that every blessing and happiness may attend your Majesty through life, that you may have a safe and pleasant return to your own kingdom, that your reign there may

be long and prosperous, and that you may continue to take a warm interest in, and manifest a zeal for, and be a credit and an ornament to the Craft, we all love so dearly.

The King was then presented with a copy of statutes of the Council, which he pledged himself to obey, and the Acting Sovereign, in investing him with the star of the Grand Cross, further said: In name and by special authority of the Grand Sovereign of the Order, I now invest you with the Jewel of a Knight Grand Cross of the Imperial Council of Scotland, and may I venture to express a hope that the jewel and the patent which our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Brown, will forward in a few days, may sometimes recall to your mind your visit to Scotland, where thousands of Freemasons who have never seen your Majesty's face, but knowing your great talents as a Mason and the high position you have attained in the Craft, extend to your Majesty their fraternal feeling of esteem and love, and will be highly gratified to find that these feelings are reciprocated by your Majesty.

The Star of Knight Grand Cross of the Order, with which the Acting Sovereign invested the King, is one of eight points, in silver and blue enamel, the centre being charged with a red cross and double-headed eagle, in gold.

King Kalakaua, in reply, spoke of the cordial reception he had met with in this country, and remarked that he appreciated no honor that had been conferred on him more than the one he had just received. He should ever retain a pleasant recollection of his visit to the Freemasons' Hall; and it would give him great pleasure to convey to the brethren in Honolulu—of whom there were a large number—an account of the hearty reception he had received from the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland.

After the ceremony was concluded, a service of cake and wine was partaken of, and "The Health of His