

the Grand Council in reference to the latter Degree has been confirmed and approved by the highest authority.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF TEMPLARS,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 24, 1871. }

TO ROBERT MARSHALL,
P. G. Master Grand Council, &c.,
Saint John, N. B. }

MY DEAR FRATER,—Yours of the 20th came to hand safely, enclosing a note from your Grand Prior. I have replied to this note in substance that I recognize his authority to place the Order of R. C. under the control of the R. & S Masters &c., and that your Red Cross Knights will be duly respected here as such.

I have no objection to your publishing my reply, if you first obtain permission of the Rt. E. Grand Prior therefor.

With fraternal regards,

WM. S. GARDNER.

Granted,

W. J. B. McL. MOORE 33°, Grand Prior.
Laprairie, 5th March, 1871.

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Rt. E. Sir W. J. B. McL. MOORE, GRAND PRIOR.
UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL,
Dominion of Canada. }

MY DEAR SIR AND RIGHT EMINENT FRATER:—I am in receipt of your kind favor of the second instant, giving me official notice of the fact that you have authorized one of the Grand Masonic Bodies of Canada, entitled the "Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick" to confer the Order of Red Cross. I am aware of the fact that some years since my distinguished predecessor in this office, our lamented Grand Master Hubbard, entered into a treaty stipulation with you as the recognized Head of Templar Knighthood in Canada, and Representative of the Supreme Grand Master of the Order in England and Wales, &c., &c., by the terms of which you were empowered to issue the necessary authority for communicating the Order of Red Cross according to our System or Rite, by Eminent Commanders of Encampments under your jurisdiction, to enable Canadian Knights to visit the United States Commanderies. Under the treaty above referred to, I recognize your authority to place this Order of the Red Cross under the authority of one of the Governing Masonic Bodies, and to introduce it as a recognized Degree in the Canadian System.

I shall have the honor to lay your kind favor before our Grand Encampment at its next Session, to be held at Baltimore in September next. In the meantime those who receive the Order of the Red Cross in Canada in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, will be duly recognized throughout our jurisdiction as Red Cross Knights. I sincerely trust that the step you have taken will tend to cement in closer union the Knights of Canada and of the United States.

I remain, Right Eminent Sir,
With Knightly courtesy,
Yours in the bonds of our Order,

(Signed)

WILLIAM SEWALL GARDNER,
Grand Master.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, STATE OF MISSOURI,
St. Louis, February 15, 1871. }

ILLUS. AND DEAR COMPANION:—Your favor of Feb. 8th duly at hand, covering advance