

Our Vermont brethren have always been in close and fraternal touch with Canadian Masonry.

Kittredge Haskins signs his name to the Correspondence report of Vermont Templars for the fifth time.

Canada, 1897 at Montreal is fraternally and courteously reviewed. Refers to the Jubilee address to Her Majesty the Queen, quotes part of it and says:

This, certainly, was a very appropriate thing for Canadian Templars to do, and the address expresses the sentiments of the people of this country with reference to the splendid reign of Victoria.

Sir Kt. Haskins, your kindly expressions we appreciate.

He does not believe in continuous membership in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery being made obligatory, nor that a non-affiliate holding a demit should be placed on the same level as a suspended member for N. P. D. especially if the effect is to deprive the member of all Masonic rights.

Our sentiments also, Frater Haskins. He says:

We do contend, however, that the legislation by Grand Lodges against non-affiliates, to deprive them of Masonic good standing, is unsupported by justice. It is indisputable that the Lodge can deprive this class of Masons of all rights in Lodges, of the privileges of visitation, of the right to Masonic relief or burial, and the non-affiliate has no right to complain of such deprivation. To legislate further than this in the Grand Lodge, in the spirit that they are to be punished by driving them out of the Chapter and Templar associations, does not appear to be in accord with the Masonic spirit.

Under Mississippi he has the following:

That aside from the fact that the receiving of the degrees in Lodge and Chapter are made pre-requisite to an admission to the Orders of Knighthood, it will require the use of a microscope to discover any connection or similarity between Ancient Craft, or Capitular Masonry and the Order of the Temple. Therefore, that which the Order of the Temple might be permitted to do the Blue Lodge and Chapter would be inhibited from doing.

Membership, 1600; net increase, 101.

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Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder.