

I have lately received an application from Frates of the Order at St. John, N. B., to establish a subordinate Priory or Encampment there; but as I find a Scotch Preceptory in existence, and also an English Pro. Grand Master for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Hon. Alex. Keith, of Halifax, it will be necessary for me to enquire further into the circumstances of the application before taking action in the matter.

I gave notice at our last Grand Conclave of making some necessary alterations in our By-Laws, which had been assented to, as also appending a brief sketch of the history of the Order. These I have not yet completed, in consequence of the changes in the statutes of the Grand Conclave having been only lately carried out, but will now take the matter in hand. It is with regret that I have to inform you the "*King Baldwin*" of Belleville, has been struck off the roll, and that of the Geoffrey de St. Aldemar of Toronto held in *abeyance*, both having for some time ceased to assemble or furnish returns to Grand Conclave. The furniture, warrant and records of the former were totally destroyed by fire, that of the latter partially so, fortunately the records and warrant being preserved, and exertions are now making for its revival.

I have great pleasure in announcing, that at my recommendation the following Frates have been honored by the Grand Master with past rank in Grand Conclave, viz., Frater John C. Franck, Prov. Grand Prior, to be a Past Grand Prior; and Frater Thomas Bird Harris, Past Provincial Deputy Commander, and Prov. Grand Chancellor, and Frater Thos. McCracken, Prov. first Grand Captain, to be Past Grand Sub-Priors; and Frates Charles Davis Macdonnell, P. G. Chancellor and Prov. Gd. Prior; Samuel Deadman Fowler, P. Prov. Deputy Commander, to be P. G. Sub-Priors: Frates James Hill Rowan, and William B. Simpson, to be Past Grand Captains; and I am happy to be enabled now to present them with the certificates lately forwarded to me from England.

I last year stated that it was probable, that the A. and A. Scottish Rite of 33° would be introduced into Canada by me. Since then I have been in communication with the S. G. Council and 33rd degree for England and Wales, who claim jurisdiction over all dependencies of the British Crown; and having been honored by being elected an active member of the S. Council and appointed their representative of the Dominion, I have already acted upon my authority and formed a Grand Consistory of the 32° at Hamilton and a *Rose Croix* Chapter, as also a Chapter of *Rose Croix* in London, Prov. of Ont, and shortly purpose issuing a warrant for one in this city. The degrees of the *Rose Croix* or the eighteenth, and Kadosh or 30° of A. and A. Rite, existed in England from a very early period, and before the establishment of the A. and A. Rite for that country. All Templar Encampments in England prior to 1851 were qualified to give these degrees. The object in both is the same; the Templar confining itself more to fact, while the *Rose Croix* displays more of the allegory; hence the latter has afforded a better opportunity of interweaving the symbols of Craft Masonry with the emblem of the Christian faith. Old masons in England are of opinion that these degrees should never have been separated, both having an entirely Christian character. The symbolic teaching of the *Rose Croix* is consistent

with the Christian faith. That of the Kadosh is connected with the history of the persecution and suppression of the Templars, and is considered the true Masonic degree of the Temple.

I may add to these remarks, that a mason travelling on the Continent of Europe, unless in possession of the *Rose Croix*, is held of but little account.

And now, Frates of the Christian Order, of the Temple and Hospital, I will conclude with the fervent hope that as True Templars we may ever be actuated by the same sacred principles, worshipping and acknowledging the same Redeemer.

I am Frates, in the bonds of the Order,

Yours fraternally,

† W. J. B. McLEOD MOORE,

Grand Prior of the combined Orders
of the Temple and Hospitaliers
for the Dominion of Canada.

After delivering the above address, upon which the Grand Prior was fraternally congratulated, the elective and appointed officers were invested and proclaimed as below:

- V. E. † Fr. T. D. Harington, Ottawa, D. G. Commander
- E. † " C. D. Macdonnell, ———— Prov. G. Pri.
- E. † " J. Seymour, St. Catharines, D. Sub. Prior.
- † " Rev. J. A. Preston, Carleton Place, G. Prelate.
- E. † " J. Moffatt, London, G. 1st Capt.
- E. † " W. B. Colby, Stanstead, G. 2nd Capt.
- V. E. † " T. B. Harris, Hamilton, G. Chancellor.
- † " Thos. White, jr., Hamilton, G. Vice Chancellor.
- † " F. C. Bruce, Hamilton, G. Registrar.
- E. † " L. H. Henderson, Belleville, G. Treasurer.
- † " R. Eunter, Ottawa, G. Chamberlain.
- E. † " H. Swales, Kingston, G. Hospitalier.
- † " M. J. May, Ottawa, G. Expert.
- † " R. A. Smith, Montreal, G. 1st Stand Br.
- † " A. R. Sowdon, Montreal, G. 2nd Stand Br.
- † " B. E. Charlton, Hamilton, G. Almoner.
- † " Thos. Milton, Montreal, G. 1st A. de C.
- † " C. A. Birge, Hamilton, G. 2nd A. de C.
- † " Alex. Servos, Niagara, G. D. of Cer.
- † " Robt. Gaskin, Kingston, G. Capt. Lines.
- † " Geo. P. Barnwell, London, G. 1st Herald.
- † " Geo. P. Groves, St. Catharines, G. 2nd Herald.
- † " Robt. Town, Kingston, G. Swd. Br.
- † " Thos. Graham, Kingston, G. Equerry.

The next annual assembly will be held in Kingston, in August 1869.

We may add that during the Session the visiting Frates were very hospitably entertained by the Sir Knights of Richard Cœur de Lion Encampment of Montreal, which is so ably presided over by † E. Frater A. A. Stevenson.

At the age of twenty we think that life is much too long for that which we have to do, and that there is almost a fabulous distance between our age and that of our grandfather; but when, at the age of sixty, if we are fortunate enough to reach it, or unfortunate enough, as the case may be, and as we have spent or wasted our time, we halt and look back along the way we have come; then it is we discover that we have made life short and thrown away a large portion of it. Then, in trying to balance our accounts with Time, we deduct from the sum total of our years the hours unnecessarily spent in sleep, the waking hours squandered, and worse than wasted, in folly and dissipation, or those in which not one thought has ruffled the sluggish pool of our mind, and we acknowledge with a sigh that we could have learned and done, in half a score of years well spent, more than we have done in our forty years of manhood.