

planting the Templar standard on a constitutional basis, and again he was to witness the success of his efforts,—again were his services recognized by the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, and he was appointed Provincial Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Canada, which position he held until 1868, when he became Grand Prior of the Provincial Grand Priory of the Dominion, a change having taken place in the political division of the country.

On the formation of the Convent General in England, in 1873, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the whole Order, instituted the Honorary rank of Grand Cross of the Temple. Our Eminent Frater MacLeod Moore was nominated one of the Grand Crosses at the same time with the then Emperor of Germany, the King of Sweden, the then Crown Prince of Germany, the Prince of Denmark, the Duke of Connaught, etc.

The Canadian Templars had by this date so increased in numbers and influence, that it was deemed advisable to constitute a National Great Priory under the Convent General, and in the year 1875 the National Great Priory of Canada was formed, and our Eminent Frater installed as the Great Prior.

In the year 1884, the complete independence of the Knights Templar in Canada was effected, the Prince of Wales, as the Grand Master of the whole Order, acceding to their request and releasing them from their time-honored allegiance. The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was thus formed, and our Eminent Frater, MacLeod Moore, was unanimously elected the first Supreme Grand Master, and, as a distinguished mark of esteem, "ad vitam." On the first of September last our Most Eminent Frater, at the age of 80, was stricken down by the hand of death. Assisted by the Ogdensburgh Encampment of Knights Templar, the funeral services were held at the town of Prescott where he died, and his remains were laid to rest in the Mount Royal Cemetery at Montreal,—the Templars of that city uniting to pay the last marks of respect.

An "In Memoriam" circular has been issued and sent, not only to all the Preceptories under this Jurisdiction, but also to those Grand Templar Bodies in correspondence with the Sovereign Great Priory. (See Appendix "A.")

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