

Britain and the celebration of this event throughout the Empire is still fresh in our memories, Canadians not only showing their love and fealty to their Sovereign throughout the Dominion but holding a leading position in the vast celebration which was held in England to commemorate this notable occurrence.

In consultation with the Senior and Past Officers of Great Priory it was deemed proper and fitting that as Her Majesty had most graciously permitted the Knights Templar of England the great honor of being under her patronage, which honor Canadians had shared when a component part of that Grand Body, that we should as Canadians and Templars send to our Sovereign our loyal and loving homage and congratulations. I therefore had the following address illuminated on Vellum and bound in a handsome Morocco covered album and forwarded to our Grand Representative in England with the request that it be transmitted to Her Majesty through H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Honorary Past Grand Master of this Great Priory.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty :

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN—The Knights Templar of Canada humbly desire to unite in the expression of joy and gladness that is felt by all of Your Majesty's loving and devoted subjects upon the approach of the anniversary that marks the longest and most glorious reign in the history of the British Empire. Together with all of Your Majesty's loyal subjects, we rejoice in the opportunity of commemorating a reign, not only remarkable for its length, but for the greatness and unexampled progress of the British nation as well as of the world at large.

The sixty years of Your Majesty's reign has been an era of happiness and prosperity, in which the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasons in all its branches, including the chivalric Order of the Temple, has abundantly shared.

We deeply feel that the respect and esteem in which the Empire is held by all nations is due very much to Your Majesty's influence, which has ever been exercised on the side of Truth, Justice and Charity, virtues which every member of the Order of the Temple is taught to practice and revere, and the deep sympathy which Your Majesty has ever shown for the welfare

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