

perform the duties of the high office to which you elected me in 1897, as faithfully and zealously as it was possible for me to do. I assure you that no one had at heart a greater desire to further the interests of the Order than your Supreme Grand Master.

NECROLOGY.

A few days previous to our last Assembly in Montreal, we suffered a heavy loss in the death of our former Grand Chancellor M. Em. Frater Daniel Spry, and while his death was fully referred to then, still as my father in Masonry, and the one who I expected would have helped and assisted me in the office of Grand Master, I cannot refrain from again bringing the matter to your attention.

Since August, 1897, we have been called upon to mourn the death of R. E. Sir Kt. Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, Vt., an Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of this Great Priory, which honor was unanimously conferred upon him at the Fourth Annual Assembly held in the Town of Brockville in the year 1887, "as a slight recognition of the friendship and assistance rendered by him to Great Priory."

Our Frates in New Brunswick have lost R. E. Frater Robt W. Crookshank, Past Deputy Grand Master, who was present at and assisted in entertaining Great Priory at the meeting held at St. John, in 1895; also R. E. Frater James H. Pullen, Past Provincial Grand Prior.

Doubtless others have been called to rest, and full details will be given in the reports of the Provincial Priors for the respective districts.

Our Sir Knights of sister jurisdictions have been called upon to bear heavy losses by death. The sister jurisdiction of Louisiana, on the 28th day of November last, suffered seriously through the death of M. E. Sir Knight John Q. A. Fellows. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States and had received the Grand Cross of the Temple from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

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