

now dawning on the Order. An honest effort is required on the part of all our members to increase the attendance at meetings, to become perfect in the ceremonies so that the beauties of same may be clearly brought out in the exemplification thereof. A united effort on the part of all to succeed in spite of all the obstacles mentioned in the Grand Master's address is absolutely necessary, then one year from to-day we can congratulate ourselves on the good work done and the exalted position which our Order will occupy in the Templar world.

The Ritual Committee at great inconvenience to its members met in the city of Toronto in the month of May last and are prepared to present a Ritual to Great Priory for acceptance. We trust that their labors may be appreciated, and this question forever set at rest. Their report will be presented to you, and no matter what your conclusion regarding same may be it is to be hoped that the officers of the Subordinate bodies may be placed in such a position with regard to same that no excuse for imperfect work may hereafter be entertained.

The Council trusts that the deliberations of Great Priory, not only on the question of Ritual, but of the proposed uniform, may be conducted with a due respect to the feelings and wishes of all our Frates, whether living in Cities or Towns. There should be only one object in view, viz., the prosperity of the Order, so that whatever decisions may be arrived at, let the same be in the best interests of Templarism throughout the whole Dominion.

The Council can congratulate the Grand Master on his appointment as Representative of the Grand Encampment of the United States, near the Great Priory of Canada, and can assure him and the Grand Encampment that it is the earnest desire of the Great Priory to continue in the closest and most friendly relation, and may nothing ever occur to mar our happiness or sever the connection.

The Council coincide with the decisions given by the Grand Master during the past year.

The Council approves of the action of the Grand Master in awarding the printing contract to A. McPherson, of Hamilton.

The Council note with sorrow the death of our Grand Treasurer, Right Eminent Frater David McLellan, and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Great Priory. The genial countenance and friendly greeting of "Wee Davie" are now of the

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