

I feel satisfied this only requires to be brought thus prominently forward to the notice of the members to insure their attention and regularity in payment of the annual dues. The indifference hitherto evinced has been most disheartening to the Grand Chancellor and executive officers of the Chancery, on whom all the onus falls, in not being able to find funds to meet liabilities. How is it possible Great Priory can contribute to the relief of those who have a right to look to us for it; and how can the Chancery carry on the business of Great Priory if this is neglected? No member can absolve himself from this or any other compact he voluntarily imposed upon himself when he joined the Order, if able to discharge it. It would be far better for members who persistently excuse themselves from attending the regular meetings and neglect to contribute to the support of the Association, at once to detach themselves altogether from it, than to continue to reap the benefits of membership when their zeal had died out or dwindled into careless indifference.

The returns required for fully completing the Register of Great Priory have been sent in so exceedingly defective, that the Chancellor has found the very greatest difficulty in preparing a complete and perfect record of the names of every Templar who has at any time been a member of the Order in Canada; in some cases he has been obliged to send for and obtain the minute book from which to procure the information wanted, at a cost of much time and labor. It is earnestly hoped that the Eminent Preceptors and Registrars will aid the Chancellor in this most necessary work, it being most desirable to have the records of the Chancery complete, as the Register is, undoubtedly, the most important of all our records.

THE RITUAL AND ITS CHIVALRIC CHARACTER.

I have been much gratified to learn from different quarters, that, as I had hoped and expected, the revised ritual adopted by Great Priory, last year, has given great satisfaction to all who have seen it properly exemplified. There can be no doubt that as a ritual of the ancient ceremonies of the Templar Order, it has great merit, and rituals fix the character of degrees. No change was made in any of the essentials or symbolism of the one previously in use, the alterations being merely in the formula of the ceremonial, to conform more correctly to the usages and practises of the old orders of Knighthood.

The Committee, I consider, very properly rejected a separate ceremony, for the office of "Chaplain" and "Serving Brother," as being inapplicable to the present Masonic character of the Order. Objec-