

Lord Kenlis, the present Grand Master, has appointed the Provincial Grand Prior of Canada, Col. † W. J. B. McLeod Moore 33°, Inspector-General for the Dominion, and our Ill. Bro. T. D. Harington, 33°, Inspector-General for the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec; we cannot doubt, therefore, that under the auspices of two such distinguished Masons, the Order must flourish in this country, provided that in the words of the history of the same, as published in its statutes—"Faith, Unity and Zeal are the principles upon which this chivalric fraternity is founded. A reverential belief in the New Covenant, the blessings of fraternal union, and the advantages of zeal in a good cause, are impressed upon the minds of their aspirants, who are taught to reflect not only upon the mysteries of life, but on the solemn secrets of the Hereafter. In this respect, the Order may well claim Kinship with the noble institution of Freemasonry, from which its members are chosen, and with which they consider it their duty, as well as their privilege, to continue allied."

THE DUTIES OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

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Masonic writers, journalists and jurists have ever given the highest consideration to the duties, privileges, and prerogatives of those who succeed to the Oriental chair of King Solomon. In this brief article, it is our intention merely to recapitulate the more important of them, and to dwell in more detail upon some of those duties which have been considered of minor importance, and in many instances entirely overlooked.

It is universally conceded that the powers and privileges of a Master of a Lodge are almost unlimited in extent; his power is absolute; he has a right to demand the most rigid obedience; his Lodge cannot remove, censure, or suspend him; vote him out of the chair or prevent him from taking it; cannot compel him to open, close, or adjourn the Lodge; he decides all points of order, ceremonial, Masonic law, discipline, including arrangement of business, &c.; he may command the attendance of his officers or members at any time; and open, close, or call off his Lodge at pleasure. No appeal from the decision of the Master in the chair can be taken to the body of the Lodge, right or wrong, as individual members may suppose, it is final, and reversible only by himself, or by the Grand Lodge, to which body, alone, he is amenable for his conduct while in the chair. The Wor. Master of a Lodge being, therefore, a complete autocrat, as far as his Lodge and its members are concerned, it will be readily admitted that his qualifications should be of no inferior or ordinary character. We find in the summary of ancient charges his general qualifications concisely enumerated, some of