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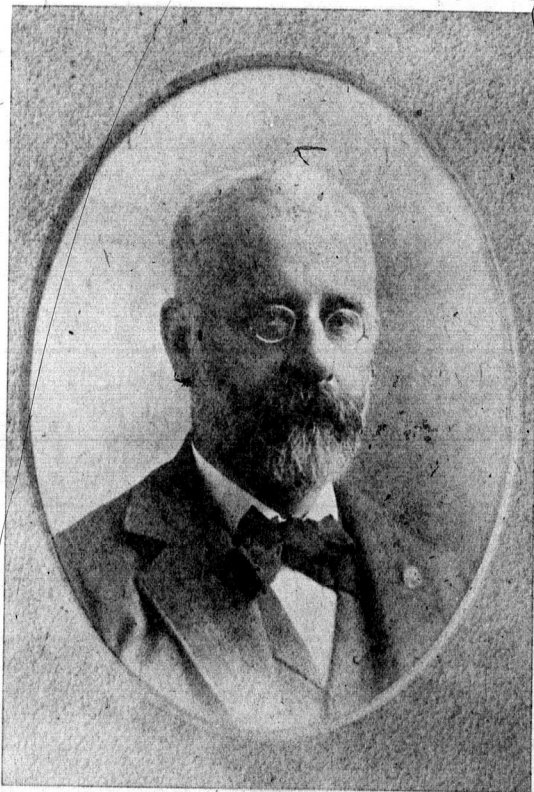
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NOTE.—The Presiding Preceptors are particularly requested to communicate to their respective Preceptories in such manner as may seem best, these proceedings of Great Priory. Extra copies of Proceedings, price 30 cents, Statutes bound in cloth, price 20 cents each, and the Manual of Templar Drill, bound in cloth, price 50 cents each or \$4.00 per dozen, can be had on application to the Grand Chancellor.

Remittances to accompany order in all cases.

✍ All communications and documents for Great Priory should be addressed to the undersigned, and not to the Grand Registrar.

WILL. H. WHYTE,
Grand Chancellor,
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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS 14TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Assembly of the 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, held in the Masonic Temple, Dorchester Street, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on 19th August, A. D., 1897, A. M. 5897, A. O. 779.

PRESENT:

- M. E. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Supreme Grand Master
On the Throne.
R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Deputy Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont.,
Kingston District.
R. " " " W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal, Quebec District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville, Acting Gr. Chancellor.
R. " " " W. G. Norris, Montreal, . . . as Grand Chaplain.
R. " " " A. A. S. Ardagh, Toronto, . . . Grand Constable.
R. " " " O. S. Hillman, Hamilton, . . . Grand Treasurer.
R. " " " Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, N. S., as Grand Registrar.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal, as Grand Vice-Chancellor.
R. " " " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal, as Gr. Sub-Marshal.
R. " " " Harry Collins, Toronto, as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
R. " " " A. M. Perrin, Yarmouth, . . . as Grand Almoner.
" " " Chas. Knowles, Quebec, as Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
" " " R. E. Brett, Victoria, B. C., as Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
" " " A. A. Campbell, London, as Grand Master's Banner Bearer.

- Em. " " Wm. Bowden, Ottawa, Ont., as Grand Captain of the Guard.
 " " " S. J. Tunstall, Vancouver, B. C., Grand Sword Bearer.
 W. " " " H. B. Fleming, Moncton, N. B., Grand Organist.
 " " " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro, as Gr. Pursuivant.
 " " " John Lawrence, Montreal, Que., Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder Montreal Quebec.
 R. " " " W. G. Reid Hamilton, Ont.
 R. " " " G. W. Johnston Yarmouth, N. S.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED.

- R. Em. Sir Kt. Allan McLean Kingston, Ont.
 R. " " " David Taylor Ottawa, Ont.
 R. " " " Harry A. Collins Toronto, Ont.
 R. " " " Chas. F. Mansell Toronto, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

- M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone Toronto, Ont.

The Sir Knights being called to order and arranged under their respective banners, the Right Eminent the Deputy Grand Master directed the uniformed escort from Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Montreal, to retire and form an escort to the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master. Returning, the Escort formed the Arch of Steel and the Supreme Grand Master, attended by his Banner Bearer, and preceded by the acting Vice-Chancellor and Grand Sub-Marshal, was conducted to the dais and received by the Deputy Grand Master. Having taken his seat, he directed the muster roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Fourteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was opened in **ample form** at 10.30 a. m., the acting Grand Chaplain having implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Council, as required by the statutes, having appointed R. E. Sir Knight Charles F. Mansell, Em. Sir Kt. A. St. A. Smith, and Sir Kt. C. A. Humphrey a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Preceptories, before the election of officers was held, presented the following

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REPORT :

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that 87 Preceptories are entitled to be represented at the present annual Assembly, 300 qualified Preceptors are on the roll of permanent members not entitled to vote in any other capacity, and three officers from each of the 87 Preceptories, making a total of 411 Knights entitled to be present. Of the Preceptories 18 are represented by their duly qualified officers, 9 by proxy, and 10 are not represented. Two of the latter, Rhodes, No. 23, and Cyprus, No. 38, sent proxies to our late Grand Chancellor, which unfortunately leaves them unrepresented. There are 32 Preceptors present not presiding officers, making a total vote of 111 entitled to be cast at this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. F. MANSELL, } Committee.
A. ST. A. SMITH, }

Montreal August 19th, 1897.

The Preceptories represented are as follows, and the following Knights are present and entitled to seats in the Sovereign Great Priory:—

No. 1. HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, KINGSTON, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, Kingston Preceptor,
R. E. " W. D. Gordon, Montreal.....

No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. Joseph Tomlinson Presiding Preceptor
" W. P. Ryrie Marshal
M. E. " E. T. Malone, Preceptor
R. E. " J. Ross Robertson "
R. E. " A. A. S. Ardagh "
R. E. " H. A. Collins "
E. " Joseph King "

No. 3. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman Presiding Preceptor
" John Hooper Constable
" T. M. Davis Marshal
R. E. " W. G. Reid Preceptor
R. E. " J. H. Mattice "
R. E. " Wm. Gibson "
R. E. " John Malloy "

No. 3A. ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

E. Sir Kt. Arthur I. Trueman N. and Em. Commander
" A. R. Campbell Lieut. Commander
" George Blake Marshal
R. E. " John V. Ellis Preceptor

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- No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " David Taylor. " Preceptor
- No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. TERRITORY.
 Not represented.
- No. 34. COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 E. Sir Kt. S. J. Tunstall, M. D., Vancouver, Pre. Preceptor
- No. 35. PRINCE EDWARD, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, Montreal Proxy
- No. 36. IVANHOE, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 E. Sir Kt. Geo. Ackman, Moncton Presiding Preceptor
 V. E. " H. B. Fleming. " Preceptor
- No. 37. ST: SIMON OF CYRENE. SARNIA, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.

VISITORS.

Sir Kt. Geo. C. Merrill, Malta, Newport; R. Em. Sir Kt. Alex. Murray, Em. Sir Kt. J. H. Isaacson and Sir Knight W. G. Norris, of Richard Cœur de Lion, of Montreal, Wm. Rea, of Ottawa No. 32, J. H. Leonard, Encampment of St. John No. 3a, J. J. Cassidy, Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto, W. S. Hume, of Norwich, Ct., and other visitors as are noted in the report of the reception to the visiting Sir Knights.

Moved by R. E. Sir. Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Chas. F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

Letters were received from M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Past Supreme Grand Master, Collingwood; R. E. Sir Kt. J. H. Pullen, Provincial Prior, St. John, N. B.; R. E. Sir Kt. J. Hamilton Graham, Richmond, P. Q.; R. E. Sir Kt. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, Past Grand Marshal, and Grand Master of Masons of Quebec; R. E. Sir Kt. J. Walter Murton, Hamilton, Ont., Ill. Com. A. and A. S. Rite; R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, M. D., St. John, N. B.; V. E. Sir Kt. C. J. Hohl, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N. B.; R. E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley, Windsor, Ont.; R. E. Sir Kt. H. E. Channell, Stanstead,

P. Q.; R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S., and E. Sir Kt. H. B. Howson, Toronto, expressing regret at their inability to be present.

The M. E. the Supreme Grand Master authorized the admission of all Knights Templar in good standing during the Assembly of Great Priory.

The acting Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson, and

RESOLVED.—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Thirteenth Annual Assembly, held in the city of London, Ont., on the 16th day of September, 1896, have been printed and copies thereof forwarded to each Preceptory and Knight entitled to receive them, the same be taken as read, and be now confirmed.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada :

Again we meet in Annual Assembly to deliberate on the progress the Order of the Temple has made in this jurisdiction during the past twelve months.

Ere we commence our duties let us bow our hearts in reverence and in trust, gratefully acknowledging the many and manifold mercies which we have received from our Heavenly Father, the Sovereign Ruler of the universe. In extending to you all a Knightly greeting, I also with the greatest pleasure give you a cordial welcome to the fair City of Montreal, not only as a citizen of the Commercial Metropolis but on behalf of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory located therein and of which I have the honor to be a member. May your visit be a pleasant and profitable one.

THE PAST YEAR.

The past year has been an eventful one, especially so to the vast British Empire of which Canada proudly forms a very important portion.

Last June Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen completed the longest reign in the history of Great

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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of your people in their prosperity and afflictions has caused the hearts of your devoted subjects to beat in response to your own joys and sorrows. The admiration of Your Majesty's personal example will never be effaced from the hearts and minds of your loving subjects wherever situated.

The chivalric Order of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada especially desire to add their dutious and heartfelt congratulations on this joyous occasion, for not only has Your Majesty been pleased to grant the Knights Templar of England the great honor of having Your Majesty as patron, which honor was shared by Canadian Templars when a component part of that Grand Body, but as Canadians they recall with pride the fact that His Royal Highness Prince Edward Duke of Kent very graciously accepted the office of patron of the Order when Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada and a resident of the City of Quebec over a century ago.

On behalf of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, we earnestly hope and pray that Your Majesty may long continue to enjoy your subjects' love and devotion, and reign over a loyal and happy nation.

Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master; Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor; D. F. Madewatt, Deputy Grand Master; Henry Robertson, Q. C., Past Grand Master; E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master; E. E. Sheppard, Past Grand Master; James K. Kerr, Q. C., Grand Representative Great Priory of England and Wales; J. R. Battsby, D. D., Grand Chaplain; A. A. S. Ardagh, Grand Constable; Joseph Dambra, Grand Marshal; O. S. Hillman, Grand Treasurer; Angus McKeown, Grand Registrar.

VISITS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

On the 14th November, accompanied by the Provincial Prior of the Quebec District, R. E. Sir Kt. W. M. LeMessurier, R. E. Sir Kt. John McLean, Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder and Sir Knights David Seath, J. I. Phillips and W. T. McLaurin, I paid a visit to William de la More the Martyr Preceptory in the Ancient City of Quebec. We received a very cordial welcome and the Sir Knights accompanying me assisted at conferring the degrees on several candidates. I hope the visit will give this old Preceptory a much needed impetus as for some years they have led an extremely quiet existence. On St. John's day I accepted and dined with Royal Albert Lodge, of Montreal, and represented as Grand Master the Chivalric Order of the Temple.

During the month of January I received a courteous and pressing invitation from Detroit Commandary

No. 1, of Detroit, Michigan, to pay them a visit in return for their visit to Great Priory in London last year, which I accepted. Our Windsor Preceptory knowing of this visit arranged for a Preceptory of Instruction to be held at Windsor during the day of February 24th, and invited me to be present. Besides a large attendance of their own members some 25 of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, London, and 20 from St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory of Sarnia, were also in attendance and assisted at the exemplification of the work. The "Red Cross" was exemplified by Sarnia, the "Temple" by London and the "Malta" by Windsor, and I heartily congratulated each of these three Preceptories upon their excellent work. It reflected much credit upon these progressive subordinates, the Eminent Presiding Preceptors of each and their Preceptors and officers who assisted, rightly deserving every congratulation. The energetic Prov. Prior of the District, R. Em. Sir Knight, D. L. Carley, contributed very much to the success of the meeting, which was both instructive and enjoyable.

February 24th. Late in the afternoon accompanied by the following officers and members of Great Priory, R. Em. Sir Knights, Rev. J. R. Battsby, D. D., D. L. Carley, J. B. Tresidder, A. Carrothers, J. S. Dewar, A. E. Cooper, A. H. Clark, T. G. Johnston, J. Dambra, Thos. McNabb, R. A. McKay, and some 70 of our Canadian Knights in uniform, who acted as an escort, I crossed the river to Detroit. I greatly regretted that a number of the present and past officers whom I had expected would accompany me were prevented through illness and business.

My reception upon arrival in Detroit, by the Eminent Commander Sir Knight Lou Bert, and over 100 members of the Detroit Commandery in uniform, Right Em. Sir Knight Edward D. Wheeler, the Grand Commander, and his officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was a very cordial one indeed, and the escort from the dock to the hotel was quite impressive.

In the evening Detroit Commandery tendered to Grand Commander Wheeler and myself a magnificent

reception in their handsome Temple, where upwards of one thousand of Detroit's fair ladies, citizens and Knights did honor to the event. During the evening a committee composed of R. E. Sir Knights D. L. Carley and J. S. Dewar and Very Eminent Sir Knights A. H. Clarke and T. G. Johnston presented the resolutions, illuminated on parchment and suitably framed, which were passed at last session of Great Priory thanking and congratulating Detroit Commandery for their visit to London and their exhibition of degree work and famous drill.

Another feature of the proceedings was the conferring upon Most Em. Sir Knight Spry and myself honorary membership in Detroit Commandery and the presentation of handsome certificates and jewels of the Commandery. Owing to severe illness, our Grand Chancellor was unfortunately prevented from being present, but was ably represented by Em. Sir Knight Tresidder, of Montreal. These honors being rarely conferred by this Commandery, I deeply and sincerely appreciated them, and in accepting felt that they were being conferred as much to honor our Great Priory as the recipients. I am indebted during this magnificent demonstration to many courtesies from the Knights of Michigan, and particularly do I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness to the genial and courteous Grand Commander of the State, R. Em. Sir Knight Wheeler, and to Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, (whose courteous acquaintance I again renewed,) as well as to Em. Sir Knight Lou Bert, V. E. Sir Kt. J. Findlater, Past Grand Commander Wm. Livingston and Dr. Kessler, of Detroit Commandery, for Knightly attentions received.

After leaving Detroit, I visited Chicago. On March 2nd, accompanied by Sir Knight Herbert D. Ford, late of Kingston, Ont., I visited Appolo Commandery of that city, one of the oldest and best known Templar bodies in the West. I received an extremely cordial welcome and was courteously introduced by an old friend, Past Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Cregier, who has held many important Masonic and Civil offices in that great city. I was pleased to find a number of Canadians present, members of this Commandery, the Eminent Commander being a native of Kingston, Ont.

Next evening I visited Montjoie Commandery, having as an escort many of the Past Commanders and officers of Appolo Commandery, who kindly accompanied me. I fully and sincerely appreciated this Knightly attention. I likewise received a hearty welcome from Montjoie Commandery and the expressions of regard and good will that have been expressed during these international visits, I trust will long be remembered and help to bind more closely together in the bonds of harmony and good fellowship the freres of the United States and Canada.

I have been a constant visitor at Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory in Montreal and can testify to the great increase of interest and attendance which has taken place in this old Preceptory the past few years. The approaching visit of Great Priory to Montreal has also been a great incentive and it will be no fault of the members if the sojourn of every knight to the city is not an enjoyable one.

In April, hearing that Past Grand Master Henry Robertson intended visiting the Pacific coast, I requested him to pay a visit for me to the Preceptories in that part of our jurisdiction. Unfortunately our Most Eminent Knight was prevented through quarantine from carrying out my request. He however reported on his return that from all he could gather our Preceptories were doing very well.

With much regret I was unable to accept invitations from Damascus Commandery of Detroit, Cyrene of Toronto, and a Thanksgiving Day service in Sarnia, besides a number of kindly invitations from the A. and A. S. Rite at various places sent to me as head of the Templar Order.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Although the holding of Templar meetings upon the Feast of the Nativity is not in general vogue in Canada, yet I received a number of pleasant greetings from Malta of Truro, Godfrey de Bouillon of Hamilton, and Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, upon that day. I think meetings of Templars at some time during this day with an open musical service appropriate to the

season and occasion, would prove beneficial, but am not greatly in favor of services with libations of late introduced elsewhere. I have seen a very interesting service without this ceremonial, which I think Canadians might adopt with profit and interest.

CHARTERS.

Charters were issued of date September 16th, 1896, to the three Preceptories warranted at last session, viz.: Prince Edward, No. 35, at Charlottetown, P. E. I., in confirmation of dispensation issued 12th November, 1896. Ivanhoe, No. 36, at Moncton, N. B., in confirmation of dispensation granted 16th November, 1896, and St. Simon of Cyrene, No. 37, at Sarnia, Ont., in confirmation of dispensation granted 9th April, 1896. A duplicate charter was issued to Ottawa Preceptory on the 12th December, 1896, owing to the loss by fire of their original document.

The Encampment of St. John having affiliated, I granted a dispensation for them to work under Great Priory until they received a charter which was duly issued to them of date April 8th, 1897, bearing number 32 as agreed.

DISPENSATIONS.

For good and sufficient reasons made known unto me, I granted the following dispensations during the year, viz :

November 6th, 1896. To Palestine Preceptory, No. 18, Port Hope, to make a serving frater.

December 12th, 1896. To Gondemar Preceptory, No. 16, Brockville, to elect officers at an emergent meeting owing to their annual meeting falling on Christmas day, and inability to get a quorum.

December 12th, 1896. To Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 37, at Brantford, Ont., to elect officers at an emergent meeting, for the same reason.

January 12th, 1897. To Malta Preceptory, No. 27, at Truro, N. S., to hold meetings at the towns of Amherst, New Glasgow and Pictou for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates as in accordance with the Statutes.

January 16th, 1897. To Harington Preceptory, No. 14, at North Bay, Ont., to install their Preceptor at an emergent meeting.

February 12th, 1897. To St. Elmo Preceptory, No. 22, at Stratford, to elect and install officers at an emergent, owing to failure to hold their annual meeting in December.

March 25th, 1897. To Hugh de Paynes, No. 1, at Kingston, to elect and install officers at an emergent meeting.

April 16th, 1897. To William de la More, No. 25, at Quebec, to make a serving frater.

April 16th, 1897. To Odo de St. Armand, No. 17, at Brantford, to install officers at an emergency.

One Preceptory having neglected to hold their Annual Meeting in December applied for a dispensation (which I did not receive for some time owing to being confined to the house) having held their election without my dispensation, they requested me to confirm their action which I declined to do. They then applied in regular form for a dispensation to elect and install their officers at an emergent which I granted. Preceptories should be careful to conform to our laws and regulations, and not expect the Grand Master to condone illegal actions.

BY-LAWS.

During the year the by-laws of the following Preceptories were submitted for my approval:

Ivanhoe Preceptory, No. 36, at Moncton, N. B.

Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 31, at Yarmouth, N. S.

And changes in the by-laws of the following:

Malta Preceptory, No. 27, at Truro, N. S.

Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, at Ottawa, Ont.

Cyprus Preceptory, No. 33, at Calgary, Alb.

A number of questions have been submitted to me for my decision. Nearly all were points that were readily covered by the Statutes and required no interpretation.

A question was submitted regarding the qualification of candidates for our order, more particularly in

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reference to the omission of the P. M. degree from the Grand Chapter of Canada's curriculum. Our Statutes state that candidates must be Royal Arch Masons in good standing. R. A. Masons in Ontario do not receive the P. M. degree and are yet in good standing. I ruled that the O. B. of the R. Cross called for the necessary preceding degrees and these necessary degrees are those conferred in the Lodges and Chapters of our several Grand Bodies in Canada.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN.

As expressed in my address last year, the consummation which we wished for regarding the affiliation of the body of Scottish Knights at St. John, New Brunswick, has now become "un fait accompli." In January I received word that our fratres had finally decided to come under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and in February I granted to them a dispensation to work until such times as a charter was issued. The terms and agreement by which this gallant body has affiliated were duly approved and ratified last session, and the Encampment of St. John is now a component part of this Great Priory under their old name and numbered 32 on our roll.

I have written to the Presiding Preceptor that we would like to see a large attendance of our new fratres at Great Priory and I expect a goodly representation at this session and can bespeak for them a hearty, courteous and Knightly welcome to our Canadian Grand Body.

ST. STEPHEN ENCAMPMENT.

The chairman of the committee on this subject has written several times to the remaining Scottish Encampment in New Brunswick, but has not as yet received any reply to his communications. I would suggest that the committee be continued under the same conditions so that should anything arise in the near future they may be prepared to meet these Knights and make any satisfactory arrangements.

VISITORS AT GREAT PRIORY.

As Great Priory has several times received at our

annual assemblies in Ontario visits from western Knights, and as these international visits have been provocative of much pleasure and instruction, the Montreal Preceptory, Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, has invited their old friends of Trinity Commandery of Manchester, N. H., to pay Montreal a visit during the session. An invitation has likewise been extended to Lewiston Commandery of Lewiston, Maine. At the request of Richard Cœur de Lion, I have invited these two well known eastern Commanderies to pay Great Priory a visit while in session.

I have no doubt their visit will be a pleasant one and that the members of Great Priory will extend a knightly and courteous welcome to our frateres from over the border.

I am sure that the visit of both Great Priory and these American Sir Knights to Montreal will give a great impetus to our beloved Order in this Province.

OUR VACANT CHAIR.

To-day in sorrow and sadness we look around our assembly and we find the winged messenger of death hath crossed our threshold and we have a vacant chair. One of the most active and zealous members of our Order, the oldest officer of this Great Body, a Prince and a Ruler in Israel hath fallen.

Our dearly beloved Grand Chancellor, Most Eminent Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Cross of the Temple, on the 13th inst., received the final summons, and the ever kindly smile and courteous greeting of our much esteemed and beloved frater is gone from us forever.

For some months past Sir Knight Spry had been seriously ill. It was hoped that a complete rest from business cares and a change of residence would prove beneficial, but He who said "I am the Resurrection and the Life," in His good providence decided otherwise and the anticipated message came at last to me over the wires that he was no more. On the 14th I attended the funeral of our departed frater at the town of Barrie, where the Grand Lodge of Canada, of which he was a Past Grand Master, committed all that was mortal to its last resting place with Masonic honors.

He will be greatly missed by many who have had a long and close friendship with him in all branches of the Masonic fraternity.

He was a true and courteous Knight, and hath fallen full knightly. The memory of his many virtues will ever linger in loving remembrance, while his loss will be deeply deplored by every Knight of this Grand Jurisdiction.

“The Good Knight sleeps where the daisies nod
And the clover hangs its head,
Where the wild bird comes and the wild bees hum
Above his lonely bed,
He fought the fight—he kept the faith,
His fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts,
Which will hold it ever dear—
The Good Knight sleeps.”

Twenty-two other valiant Knights of this jurisdiction have also fought their last fight the past year. With their families and friends we deeply, sincerely and affectionately sympathize in their sad bereavement. Details will be found in the reports of the Provincial Priors.

RITUAL AND MANUAL.

Owing to the long and serious illness of our beloved Grand Chancellor and the going astray in the mails for over a month of the manuscript, the printing of the revised edition of the Ritual has been very much delayed but is now in the hands of the printer and will be issued before long.

The manual adopted at last session has been printed and is ready for distribution. It is a neat little edition of 60 pages and I feel confident will assist very materially to give a much needed interest to the proceedings and work in various Preceptories.

I have had numerous communications regarding the Baldric. It does not appear to meet with general approval being considered warm, stiff and clumsy, and a number of our Preceptories wish to discard it. I notice that some of the American Grand Commanderies have been legislating on this part of their Templar

uniform and also that it is not worn by many of their Commanderies. I regret Great Priory adopted this feature in the uniform and think our black silk sash with a very narrow white stripe through the centre would have been more comfortable and more distinctively Canadian.

PAST RANK IN SUBORDINATE PRECEPTORIES.

Four petitions have been received for the consideration of Great Priory requesting the conferring of the rank of Preceptor upon members of subordinate Preceptories who have not held the office of Preceptor by the usual course of election and installation. While I do not wish to say anything regarding these petitions which will be presented to you I feel it my duty to draw Great Priory's attention to the very possible abuse of this procedure. Occasions may arise when it is deemed unwise to advance fratres to the chair of the Preceptory, but if it is thought this Great Priory will confer rank upon the request of every subordinate, you will find that Preceptories will consider it the easy solution of dropping an incompetent aspirant by asking Great Priory to grant as a sop to his wounded feelings the rank of Preceptor. I have always been opposed to this procedure unless very strong reasons can be advanced and discussed before a committee previous to being brought forward in Annual Assembly and their recommendation or otherwise attached to the petitions.

JEWELS FOR GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND MASTER.

According to a resolution of Great Priory at last session I procured a jewel as laid down in the Statutes for the office of Supreme Grand Master. I also had one made as per resolution for presentation to Past Supreme Grand Master, Henry Robertson, which the Grand Chancellor forwarded to Sir Knight Robertson upon hearing that he was leaving to visit British Columbia. It was intended that a more formal presentation should have been made to our Senior Past Grand Master, but the short time between the information received of his trip and his departure prevented it. I am sure we all trust our good frater will long be spared

to wear it as a memento of his term as the head of the Templar Order in Canada.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

I am again pleased to report that our Order is progressing. The returns to be laid before you will show a numerical strength of 1764 on our roll.

The additions to the Order to June 30th have been 328, and the number of removals, deaths, etc., 112, making a gain of 216, the largest on record in any one year.

The St. John Encampment have assisted to increase this total and have brought many enthusiastic workers to our ranks which will materially aid us in the Maritime Provinces. There are prospects of another Preceptory being formed in that portion of our jurisdiction in the near future.

CONCLUSION.

An now, Sir Knights of Canada, after two years of happy and pleasant service as your presiding officer, I take leave of an office which I have endeavored conscientiously to fill. I have tried to keep alive and active the awakened enthusiasm in many parts of our jurisdiction and have been loyally supported by many of my officers and the old and tried members of our Chivalric Order. The question has often been asked is the spirit of Chivalry in this hard and matter of fact age becoming extinct. I think not. The Knight of days long removed faced dangers and made heroic sacrifices often for the hope only of receiving a smile, a word of cheer by way of recognition. So the many kind words that have been extended have amply repaid me for many anxious thoughts and hours of labour spent in furthering the interests of an Order we all love so well. We delight to look backward at the history of the Ancient Order. We have adopted many of their old forms, traditions and precepts, and admired their grand efforts to attain better things for mankind. May we ever keep in view the same lofty heroism, passionate faith and chivalry for the poor, helpless and downtrodden which is needed

as much to-day as it was in the days when the Knightly founders and leaders of the Order, or Richard of the Lion Heart, or Henry of Navarre led their armed hosts in battle.

≠ *Will H. Whyte*

Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. I. H. Stearns, and

RESOLVED.—That the address of the Supreme Grand Master be referred to the Grand Council to report thereon.

APPENDIX.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER,
MONTREAL, QUE., December 15th, 1896.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1—1896-7.

EM. SIR KNIGHTS—Having again been honored with the supreme command of the Knights Templar of Canada, I tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the renewed confidence thereby expressed by my fratres of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

I trust the enthusiasm shown last year will still continue, and not only the officers of Great Priory, but every Preceptor and every Sir Knight will strive to make this coming year even a more successful one than last. Last year was one of great progress, but there is no reason why the present should not in every way surpass it if each and every one but does his duty.

TO THE OFFICERS OF GREAT PRIORY.

I would like to emphasize my remarks made to the officers of last year. Endeavor to show that you appreciate the great honor conferred on you by earnest work and interest in the Order, and thus assist and promote in your respective districts the interests of Great Priory.

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Templar affairs in their districts are active and vigorous or otherwise. Last year's proceedings will speak for themselves and show who were the Provincial Priors that attended to their duties, who put zeal and enthusiasm into their labors, and the encouraging results that followed their energetic work.

Great results can be accomplished by earnest and faithful attention, and I sincerely trust each Provincial Prior has commenced his visitations, and will endeavor to visit each Preceptory under his care before the month of January is out, and report his inspection of his subordinates. Again, I wish to remark, you are the Grand Master's representatives in each district, and he relies on the faithful discharge of your duties. I would especially direct your attention to those subordinates who last year did not make much progress. Endeavor to enthuse the officers and members with fresh zeal and enthusiasm, and tell them they must not be left behind in the onward march and progress of the Order in Canada. Let each Provincial Prior try and achieve the commendable results of some of the Right Eminent Fratres of last year. On the occasion of your visit be careful to see that the Warrant is present in each Preceptory, that the books are properly kept, and that each new member is furnished with a copy of the Statutes and By-Laws at the time of admission.

PRESIDING PRECEPTORS.

As the past year has been one of much progress in the majority of our Preceptories, so I trust will be the record of the present. Much, very much, depends upon the presiding officer. As in the present month of December the elections of officers take place, I trust only good men and true will be elected to this extremely important position—fratres who will conscientiously do their duty and be an honor to the Order. Energy and zeal will place the Preceptory in the foremost rank, and cause interest and prosperity to abound. I earnestly hope the members of the various Preceptories will be careful in their selection of those they elect to office.

I deem it also a great mistake to keep continually in office old members, no matter how competent they may be, if any of the younger members show any competency. It checks ambition in the younger fratres and deadens enthusiasm among those who might perhaps prove valuable members of the Order. I am in favor of giving the younger members an opportunity of proving themselves in office.

INITIATION FEES.

In my annual address I stated that I had received rumors that candidates had been received in some Preceptories at a lower rate than laid down in the Statutes, and that rebates had in some cases been allowed. I trust this suspicion is not well founded, for our fees are certainly low enough, and candidates unable to meet our present fees are not desirable as members of the Templar Order. An offer of monetary considerations to attract candidates is very reprehensible and is not conducive to

the dignity or credit of the Order, and any Preceptory violating the Statutes in this respect lays itself open to severe and immediate discipline.

UNIFORM AND DRILL.

The excellent showing and standing of the uniformed Preceptories, at the meeting of Great Priory in London in September last, should seriously induce every Preceptory to consider the feature of a uniform, and likewise the question of some degree of sword drill, in order that the work of the degrees as well as the opening and closing of the Preceptory may be done with more interest and attraction. My previous suggestions on these points I again earnestly commend to your serious consideration.

A TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

At the annual assembly of Great Priory in 1898, Grand Master Malone outlined the idea of a Triennial Meeting of Canadian Preceptories, commencing in 1894 at Toronto. Several of our subordinatés sent a representation to that meeting, as did Damascus Commandery of Detroit. The next Triennial holden from that date will occur next year, 1897, and I have already received assurances from the Sir Knights of Windsor, Sarnia, London, Stratford, Hamilton and Toronto, that a large contingent of each of these Preceptories will attend the meeting in Montreal in the fourth week of August next year. Already Montreal clubs are being formed for this privilege in many of these above mentioned bodies, and I sincerely trust that others from both east and west will speedily join in this movement. I anticipate the next assembly of Great Priory will be both an interesting and memorable one.

NOTICES OF REGULAR ASSEMBLY.

I would direct the attention of the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar of each Preceptory to section fifty of the Constitution.

The Statutes, as amended, require each Preceptory to meet not less often than once each month.

To enable the Grand Chancellor to properly perform his duty, I have to request Presiding Preceptors to see that the return of the officers installed in January next be sent to him without delay, after the installation.

Again, I earnestly rely on the combined efforts of every Sir Knight for the advancement of Templarism and the glory of the Cross.

I am, as ever,

Courteously and sincerely yours,

†WILL H. WHYTE,
Supreme Grand Master.

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†DANIEL SPRY, G. C. T.,
Grand Chancellor.

Attest :

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—At the Annual Assembly of Great Priory held at London, Ont., on Wednesday September 16th, 1896, I was re-elected Provincial Grand Prior of the London District, for which I desire to express my thanks to the Sir Knights for the honor they conferred upon me in selecting me a second time for this important office.

I beg to submit my report. I was again honored by the Supreme Grand Master's re-appointing me a member of the committee on the revision of the ritual, and during the past year I have devoted a great deal of time to this work, and trust when it is completed the members of that committee will feel amply repaid by seeing it heartily approved by the members of Great Priory. The committee were badly handicapped by being located at so great a distance from each other, and it necessarily delayed its completion. On January 24th I made a trip to Toronto especially for the purpose of meeting M. Em. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, to discuss and arrange matters which we were unable to do so well by letter. When M. Em. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte was in Windsor we settled some points, and for the past four months the Grand Master and myself have had a great deal of correspondence.

The Supreme Grand Master did me the honor of appointing me Chairman of a Committee consisting of R. Em. Sir Kt. J. S. Dewar, London, V. Em. Sir Kts. A. H. Clarke, Windsor, W. J. Carson, London, and T. G. Johnson, M. D., Sarnia, for the purpose of presenting the resolution passed by Great Priory to the Detroit Commandery. Members of the Sarnia, London and Windsor Preceptories having received an invitation on January the 16th from the officers and Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, to attend a reception to the Grand Commander, and staff of the Grand Commander Knights Templar of Michigan, and M. Eminent Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and

the invitation having been accepted, it was deemed advisable to take advantage of the occasion for presenting the address, which was read by myself as Chairman of the committee, in the magnificent reception hall of the Detroit Commandery, in presence of about twelve hundred of the Michigan and Canadian Knights and their ladies. After the ceremony of presentation was completed, the Detroit Commandery presented to M. Em. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte and R. Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder for M. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, he being unable to be present on account of illness, a beautiful engrossed Certificate of honorary membership in Detroit Commandery, and also one of the fine gold badges worn by all of its members.

On October the 12th I received an invitation from Sir Kt. Lou Burt, Em. Commander of Detroit Commandery, to attend a meeting of that Commandery to be held on October 23rd for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple upon J. F. Findlater, the offices being filled by Past Commander James Findlater, Serj., father of the postulant, as Em. Commander. The work of the officers in general was good, and that of Em. Sir Kt. Findlater was certainly the most impressive it has ever been my good fortune to witness, that grand exemplifier of the ritual quite outdoing himself and meriting the reputation of being one of the best workers in the United States. Most Em. Sir Kt. Hugh McCurdy, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, graced the occasion with his presence. In a very pleasant and instructive conversation I had with him, he stated that he liked some parts of our work better than his own, it being more consistent.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO SARNIA.

On November 26th, accompanied by the officers of Windsor Preceptory—A. H. Clarke, Em. Preceptor; I. S. Edgar, Constable; R. S. McDonald, Marshal; A. M. Stewart, Chaplain; I. H. Taylor, Sub. Marshal; V. Em. Sir Kt. P. A. Craig, Almoner; J. Bott, Captain of Guard—I visited St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, Sarnia, for the purpose of inspecting their work in the Red Cross Degree, and for the purpose of conferring the

Orders of the Temple and of Malta by the officers of Windsor Preceptory. St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory has been in existence for only a comparatively short time, yet it is in a most prosperous condition. The membership is being steadily increased; they are in possession of the paraphernalia necessary for the proper exemplification of all the degrees, and nearly all the members have uniforms. I cannot speak too highly of their work in the Red Cross degree; in fact, it suggested to me the advisability of holding a Preceptory of Instruction, which I afterwards did, inviting them to exemplify this degree. After the officers of Windsor Preceptory had conferred the Temple and Malta degrees, the Preceptory was duly closed. All the Knights present marched to the Vendome Hotel, where the Sarnia fratres entertained the visiting Knights and several members of the blue lodges and chapters to a splendid banquet, when V. Em. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnson presided. The toast of the "Great Priory" was assigned to me, while Bro. J. F. Lister, Q. C., M. P., made an eloquent reply to the toast of "Canada." The "Grand Chapter" was ably represented by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, while the "Grand Lodge" was responded to by R. Wor. Bro. George Davis. "Windsor Preceptory" brought appropriate replies from V. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke and Sir Kt. A. M. Stewart. Em. Sir Kt. Johnson, of Sarnia, spoke of the kindness of Windsor Preceptory in assisting them with their work, and after singing the National Anthem, the assembly dispersed.

A Preceptory of Instruction was called to meet in Windsor on February 25th, and my efforts to make the meeting a success were seconded most heartily by the Preceptories in the District. Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of London, in full uniform, were the first to arrive, and were met at the G. T. R. station by a uniformed escort of twenty-five Knights of Windsor Preceptory and conducted to the Masonic Temple. Shortly afterwards, St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia, arrived, also in full uniform, and were escorted to the Temple, where all morning representatives from the different Preceptories throughout the District were busy registering. At 10 a. m. the Supreme Grand

Master, M. Em. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, having been reported to be in waiting at the hotel, the different Preceptories were ordered to "fall in" for the purpose of escorting the Supreme Grand Master and staff to the chapel of the Preceptory. The Supreme Grand Master was duly received under an Arch of Steel and welcomed to the District meeting by V. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Em. Preceptor of Windsor Preceptory. The Supreme Grand Master expressed his pleasure at being present, and requested that the work of the day be at once proceeded with. St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia, was then called upon to confer the Red Cross degree, V. Em. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnson as Sovereign Master, and his officers doing the work in a highly efficient manner. The Supreme Grand Master seemed particularly well pleased with the excellence of the drill and the ritualistic work. At the completion of the exemplification of the Red Cross degree, an adjournment of an hour and a half was made for dinner, after which Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of London, was called upon to exemplify the Order of the Temple, —the degree of "Novice" and the "Installation" ceremony being exemplified by Em. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, Em. Preceptor, and the "Consecration" by R. Em. Sir Kt. Joseph Dambra, Grand Marshal of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. The work of these two officers was very well done; indeed, I have never seen it excelled. The other officers did their work in an equally efficient manner, and at the completion of this degree, and after the Supreme Grand Master and the Provincial Prior had expressed their appreciation of the excellent work done by these two Preceptories and at the splendid turnout of Knights, and after a vote of thanks to Windsor Preceptory for their kindness in entertaining the Knights in attendance had been passed, the Committee of Management stated that they would have to ask permission of Windsor Preceptory to postpone the exemplification of the Malta degree, as it was then about 4 o'clock and it having been arranged that Detroit Commandery should meet us at 4.30, the meeting was then closed. There was in attendance over one hundred Canadian Knights, the following being the officers of Great Priory present: M. Em.

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Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, of Montreal; R. Em. Sir Kt. Rev. John R. Battisby, Grand Chaplain, Chatham; R. Em. Sir Kt. J. G. Liddell, Provincial Prior Hamilton District, Brantford; R. Em. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, Provincial Prior, Windsor; R. Em. Sir Kt. Joseph Dambra, Grand Marshal, London; R. Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Grand Sub-Marshal, Montreal; V. Em. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Grand Almoner, Windsor; V. Em. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnson, Grand Pursuivant, Sarnia, and R. E. Sir Kts. John S. Dewar, A. Carrothers, A. E. Cooper and D. B. Burch, and Em. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, London; R. Em. Sir Kts. R. A. McKay and A. N. Pettitt, St. Thomas; R. Em. Sir Kts. Thomas McNabb and N. W. Ford, Chatham, and R. Em. Sir Kts. Robert McGuire and Joseph Parks, of Windsor.

The different Preceptories were then ordered to "fall in" for the purpose of escorting the Supreme Grand Master to the foot of Woodward avenue, Detroit, the following being the order of formation: Windsor Preceptory, under A. H. Clarke, Em. Preceptor; J. S. Edgar, Constable; R. S. McDonald, Marshal, and thirty-five Knights. Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of London, under A. A. Campbell, Em. Preceptor; F. E. Davis, Constable; R. S. McDonald, Marshal, and twenty-eight Knights. St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia, under T. G. Johnson, Em. Preceptor; W. D. Hall, Constable; Robert Kerr, Marshal, and twenty-four Knights. The Supreme Grand Master, Will H. Whyte, and staff following in carriages. As soon as we touched United States soil there was a scene presented not soon to be forgotten. There in line stood R. Em. Sir Kt. Edward D. Wheeler and staff of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and one hundred and ten swords borne by the Knights and officers of Detroit Commandery, together with the Council of Damascus Commandery No. 42, Detroit. When Grand Commander Wheeler and M. Em. Sir Kt. Hugh McCurdy came forward to greet the Supreme Grand Master, and when the band struck up "God Save the Queen," it was truly an inspiring and magnificent sight. After the greetings, we were escorted by the Detroit Commandery to the Russell House, where the Com-

manderies and Preceptories were drawn up in line, exchanging fraternal greetings, while the Grand Commander and Supreme Grand Master and staffs left their carriages. Afterwards Detroit Commandery escorted the Canadian fratres to the foot of Woodward avenue, where the latter crossed to Windsor and marched to the Temple, where orders were given to meet again at 7.30 p.m. In the meantime the officers of Detroit Commandery and invited guests held a brief reception in the parlors of the Russell House, which completed the exercises for the afternoon. At 7.30 the Preceptories again met and marched to the Ferry landing, when they were taken to Detroit. From the foot of Woodward avenue they marched to the Masonic Temple, arrangements having been made to convey the visiting ladies there in carriages. The Knights, upon arrival at the Temple, met their ladies, and all attended the magnificent reception in honor of the Grand Commander and staff of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and the Supreme Grand Master, staff and the Knights in attendance at the Preceptory of Instruction and their ladies. Arrangements had been made with one of the railways to place two coaches at the disposal of the Canadian Knights, and after the reception all returned to Windsor, completing a most profitable and delightful occasion.

I feel sure that the visiting Knights fully appreciated the efforts of Windsor Preceptory in arranging such a pleasant meeting, as was afterwards evidenced by the numerous letters of thanks received from the various Preceptories in attendance.

In the month of March I received an invitation to attend a meeting of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of London, to be held on the afternoon of Good Friday, to which St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, of Sarnia, had accepted an invitation to be present and to exemplify the Red Cross degree. I was unable to attend, but was informed that they had a very profitable and enjoyable meeting, the Sarnia fratres receiving much praise for the excellence of their work.

I was glad to learn that Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory attended divine service on June 27th, and according to the report of London papers, looked

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exceedingly well in their fine uniforms, and altogether made a good showing. I believe this was their first church parade, and it cannot help but benefit them, and it is to be hoped that next year their numbers will be largely increased.

In April I received an invitation from a joint committee of Detroit and Damascus Commanderies of Detroit, to attend a reception in honor of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, which was to meet in Detroit in May, and to which M. Em. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone was invited. It is needless to say the address delivered by Most Em. Sir Kt. Malone was well received, and that we were treated in that royal manner for which the Detroit fratres are noted.

I exceedingly regret being unable to visit all the Preceptories in my District during this, my second term as Provincial Prior, but I trust I have done some service for the Order during the year by my trip to Sarnia and the holding of the Preceptory of Instruction. Had it not been for this latter meeting, I certainly would have made an effort to visit the Preceptories.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, NO. 4, LONDON.—This Preceptory is in splendid condition, the officers thoroughly efficient, and confer all the degrees in the best possible manner. Its membership is increasing rapidly, no less than thirty having received their degrees since March, 1896, and sixteen of these since September last. The formation of a drill corps, and the continued appeals from Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Dewar, the very efficient Registrar, have had the effect of causing twenty-eight members to uniform, and on Sunday, June 27th, they had twenty-four Knights in line to attend divine service, their appearance being spoken very highly of by the city press. Much credit is due to Sir Kts. A. T. Cooper (Color Sergeant) and Frank E. Davis (Drill Instructor of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, Wolseley Barracks, London) for the interest taken by them during the winter in drilling the Sir Knights. They have a good cash account, all debts are paid, and a committee has the securing of new paraphernalia in hand. This Preceptory is more prosperous and the attendance larger than at any previous time in its history. There are 110 members in good standing.

KENT, NO. 20, CHATHAM.—I regret being unable to make any report regarding this Preceptory. It is only occasionally that I have received any notices from them, and fear they are not in a very prosperous condition, though it has for members some of the best informed Templars in Canada.

BURLEIGH, NO. 21, ST. THOMAS.—I received the notices regularly from this Preceptory, and I believe it is in a fairly satisfactory condition, although there does not seem to be much increase in membership, nor much enthusiasm shown. It has for members a number who are capable of making a very active Preceptory, and it is to be regretted that there is not more interest taken in the work.

ST. ELMO, NO. 22, STRATFORD.—I greatly regret having been unable to visit this Preceptory. Several times I made an effort, but the distance being great, I seem to have been unable to make the visit. I receive the notices regularly, and see that they are working one of the degrees at nearly every meeting, so that the membership necessarily must be increasing. This Preceptory, I believe, to be in a prosperous condition.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, NO. 37, SARNIA.—I visited this Preceptory on November 25th, as already stated, and found it in a flourishing condition. Em. Sir Kt. Johnson has proven himself an excellent Preceptor, and has worked his Preceptory into fine condition. Their conferring of the Red Cross Degree is especially good, and met with much praise at the Preceptory of Instruction. As already noted, they exemplified this degree before the members of Richard Cœur de Lion at London, on Good Friday. This Preceptory is in excellent condition.

WINDSOR PRECEPTORY, NO. 26, WINDSOR.—Being a member of this Preceptory, I have attended nearly all its meetings during the year. The officers for the current year are the same as last year, and have proven, I believe, the equal of any in its history, the work being far in advance of previous years. In October a committee was appointed to arrange for the proposed trip to the meeting of Great Priory to be held at Montreal. All the Preceptories in the District, and several from

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outside, were communicated with, and the replies received were of such a nature that the committee were unable to report much progress, and several times during the winter, an effort was made to revive the matter, but the time gradually grew less, until it became impossible to get a sufficient number to make anything like a showing. The mistake was made by our relying too much on what other Preceptories were going to do, and delaying a definite action until too late. In my opinion a trip of this kind should be a matter of at the least, a year's preparation, and I deeply regret that Windsor Preceptory has been unable to realize its intention of attending Great Priory in a body. As already noted, the officers accompanied me on my trip to Sarnia, on Thanksgiving Day, and conferred the Orders of the Temple and of Malta, and kindly offered to entertain the different Preceptories which might attend the Preceptory of instruction, and which proved to be such a pronounced success. A special meeting of the Preceptory was called May 19th, for the purpose of receiving M. Em. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone and for the conferring of the Order of the Temple, to which a number of prominent Michigan Templars were invited. Among those present were Sir Kt. James Findlater, Em. Grand Junior Warden, Sir Kt. C. A. Warren, Em. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and Em. Sir Kts. Jos. Mayworm, Wm. Robinson, Claude Candler, and A. M. Seymour of Detroit, and a number of visiting Knights. The E. Preceptor being unavoidably absent, he requested me to fill his chair for the evening. Most Em. Sir Kt. Malone expressed himself as well pleased with his reception. On Ascension Day the Preceptory attended St. Andrew's Church to celebrate the service for that day. About forty Knights attended, with Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Em. Preceptor, J. S. Edgar, Constable, and R. S. McDonald, Marshall, as officers, and on their arrival found the large edifice crowded in auditorium and gallery, there being present not less than 800 of a congregation. This was a splendid attendance for a week night service, and a fact which was an index of the high esteem in which individual members of the Preceptory are held in the community. As nearly as possible the

church was fitted up to represent a Knights Templar Chapel, with the various banners displayed. The floral decorations of platform, lecturn and organ loft in palms and ferns were profuse and very fine. Rev. J. C. Tolmie officiated as chaplain of the Preceptory. The beautiful ritual of the order was recited and sung, and even by Presbyterians the service was found of a solemn and interesting character, although somewhat "high" for a Presbyterian clergyman, congregation and place of worship.

Rev. Mr. Tolmie took for his text part of the 8th verse of the 1st Chapter of Acts, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me," etc., preaching a very effective discourse. He pointed out that these were the last words of the Lord previous to His ascension. After thirty years of work on earth, teaching us to live, He had died and risen, and now the hour has come when He must go to the Father. This ascent was made from Olivet, a mountain which has been the scene of much of Christ's suffering and humiliation and now was about to be the scene of his triumph and delivery of his last earthly message. It was fitting that Knights Templar should observe Ascension Day, for each member had taken a vow to extend God's kingdom as well as receive it into his own heart. The principles of the Order are founded on the Christian religion and the object of the old Knights who journeyed to Palestine to rescue the holy sepulchre from the infidel, was to maintain that religion. The Order is designed to elevate man, although its members do not need to journey to the Holy Land to extend its principles. They must be witnesses in their homes and in the community. The kingdom of Christ must be established in the soul of each. Each must stand for pure life in citizenship and the promulgation and establishment of righteousness in the world. "By this sign (the cross) we conquer," is the motto of the Order, and this sign is the source of inspiration; no real good can be done until it is implanted in the heart. On no other condition can success be attained.

At the close of the service the Knights retired from the church while the coronation hymn was being sung by the choir.

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This I think was the first Ascension service ever held in Canada by a body of Knights Templar, and it proved a decided success. It was very beautiful and has done the Preceptory an immense amount of good. The total number of Uniformed Knights in this Preceptory has reached the respectable number of forty seven, and I predict that it will be sixty by the end of the year. Eighteen have been Knighted during the year and the finances are in fine condition. Altogether this Preceptory in many respects is quite the equal of any on the roll of Great Priory.

In conclusion, I beg to say that I regret, exceedingly, my inability to be present at the meeting of Sovereign Great Priory at Montreal, as I will be absent in Europe on a business trip and cannot possibly arrange to be back in time for the meeting. From the circulars sent out by the Sir Knights of Montreal, it is evident that they have spared no time and trouble in making complete arrangements for the reception of all those attending Great Priory, and I trust that the meeting may be largely attended and that profit and pleasure may be the result.

‡ DAVID LEONARD CARLEY,
Provincial Grand Prior of London District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

Sir Knights,—In presenting my report of the condition of Templarism in the Hamilton District I am constrained, first, to thank my frateres for the confidence they showed in electing me to the position of Provincial Grand Prior of this District. Although I feel that I have not done the position justice, or given it that attention which it deserved and which I desired to do, yet I have endeavored to fill the position faithfully. The past year has been an uneventful one. No progress has been made except in one Preceptory, Godfrey de Bouillon. St. Bernard de Clairveaux shows no increase, but a marked devotion to the cause of Templarism. The ranks of the Templar body do not fill up in proportion to the members who become Royal Arch Masons, as they should. From my experience in the District

during my term of office, I have had forcibly impressed on my mind the following points, to which I respectfully request the earnest attention of Great Priory: First—Many painstaking fratres have expressed an opinion that a change of ritual, whereby the work may be more equally divided between the officers, would cause not only a more general interest to be felt in the work, but also, by sharing the task of memorizing the work among many instead of few, would do away with the crudeness which arises from reading it. Second—I am daily more convinced that the compulsory wearing of the prescribed uniform would prove a potent factor in keeping alive the enthusiasm of the members and their respect for the dignity of the Order. One cannot but perceive the incongruity of an Eminent Preceptor conferring the titles of a chivalric order while wearing a peajacket. It has been brought to my notice that Sir Kt. O. C. Diaper, through the demands of his business, has been compelled to leave St. Johns, N. B., to live in Hamilton. Being thus cut off from chances of preferment, where his life work has been performed, it would not be an undeserved work of confidence to confer on this worthy frater the rank of Past Preceptor.

GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON.—I visited this Preceptory on Friday evening, May 7th, 1897. The Templar degrees were carefully and impressibly exemplified by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers, ably assisted by R. Em. Sir Kt. N. T. Lyon, of Toronto. A choir of trained voices added materially to the beauty of the work. The Registrar, Sir Kt. Thos. McCallum, is a painstaking officer, and exhibited a very neatly-kept set of books. To the self-denying and persistent efforts of Rt. Em. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman, who is the Presiding Preceptor, the Preceptory owes its increased vigor and healthy condition. His efforts in building up a live membership have been ably seconded by R. Em. Sir Kts. Reid, Malloy, Tunstead, Peace, and V. Em. Sir Kts. Mattice and C. Smith. Arrangements are being made for all its members to be uniformed. Godfrey de Buillon in every particular is in first-class shape. A very pleasant hour was subsequently spent in the banquet room.

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VICTORIA PRECEPTORY, GUELPH, welcomed me May 31st, 1897, when V. Em. Sir Kt. W. D. Tawse and officers worked the Templar and Malta degrees in a satisfactory manner. This Preceptory has suffered during the past year, as a membership of thirty is now reduced to eighteen, and only seven of these reside in the City, which leaves scarcely a sufficient number to run the Preceptory; but in spite of losses from removals and other causes, the spirit of Templarism still glows in the Old Guard. The affairs of the Preceptory are in a sound condition, they having all the paraphernalia required to exemplify degree work, no liabilities, and a small balance on the right side of the Treasurer's books. The evening was concluded by a pleasant social hour in the banquet room.

ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, was visited August 6th, 1897. No work was done by this Preceptory except conferring the Red Cross degree on one companion during the past year. Notwithstanding this, I have to report that Templarism flourishes in this Preceptory, there being a membership of thirty-two in good standing. The close proximity of Buffalo Sir Knights maintains a lively interest by the interchange of fraternal visits. Over one hundred dollars have been expended in new paraphernalia lately, which I inspected and found in every way suitable for the carrying on of the work. At the succeeding banquet R. Em. Sir Kts. Perry, Lipton, Taylor and others maintained the well-known reputation of Dunnville for its hospitality.

Plantagenet, St. Catharines, and Odo de St. Amand, Brantford. After many conscientious but unavailing efforts to meet these Preceptories officially, I have been reluctantly compelled to leave them in the hands of my successor.

CONCLUSION.

In closing my report I wish to thank V. Em. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice for his kindness in acting as my Secretary, the duties of which he has fulfilled to my entire satisfaction. I also express my thanks to those Preceptories who kindly defrayed my expenses, and for the knightly courtesies extended to me as the represen-

tative of our esteemed Grand Master by the fratres generally throughout the District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

‡ JAMES G. LIDDELL.

Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District.

Brantford, August 11th, 1897.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I herewith beg to submit my report of the progress of Templary in the Toronto District. The increase in membership compares favorably with past years and the work in the degrees throughout is of a high standard. I heartily endorse the suggestion of R. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf that Rhodes Preceptory should be attached to the Manitoba District.

GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, NO. 2, TORONTO.—Accompanied by R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Robertson, I paid a visit to this Preceptory on the evening of 9th April, 1896, and had the pleasure of seeing the new work of the Red Cross Degree fully exemplified. R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf made a most excellent High Priest, being thoroughly up in his work. R. Em. Sir Kt. H. A. Collins cannot be excelled as Sovereign Master, the work all through being of the highest order. This Preceptory possesses a superior outfit which greatly contributed to render the ceremony attractive and impressive. The books are clearly and carefully kept. I enjoyed my visit very much. Sir Kt. A. P. Blackey as Comp. Conductor deserves special mention.

MOUNT CALVARY, NO. 12, BARRIE—The prospects of this Preceptory are bright, their report showing a gain of seven members. I was unfortunate in my attempts to visit them, both times being notified that there was no work. R. Em. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, D. G. M., favored me with a report of their standing; he states good work being done. The future of a Preceptory so ably officered is assured.

HARINGTON, NO. 14, NORTH BAY.—This Preceptory is going ahead fast adding to their numbers. The worthy Registrar, Sir Kt. W. Hewitt, reports full num-

ber of meetings and a large staff of competent officers. He has been very prompt and courteous in furnishing all information I have asked for. I have also to thank Em. Sir Kt. Robert A. Klock for a very complete history of this Preceptory.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, NO. 15, WHITBY.—My visit to this Preceptory was made on 13th April, 1897. I was accompanied by Em. Sir Kt. Dr. James Might. There were no candidates, and no degrees exemplified, but judging from the manner in which the Preceptory was opened and closed the officers are capable of doing good work. Owing to the Sir Knights devoting their time and energy to pushing their R. A. Chapter, so as to obtain new members for the Preceptory, St. John the Almoner has made no progress. The officers consider that they can expect reasonable improvement during the coming year. I had a very pleasant evening with the Whitby Sir Knights.

PALESTINE NO. 18, PORT HOPE.—I have attended all the assemblies of this Preceptory, of which I am a member. The Em. Preceptor, L. E. Horning, exemplified the Red Cross and Novice Degrees, and is well up in all the work. R. Em. Sir Kt. A. R. Hargraft works in an able and impressive manner. The Em. Preceptor and his officers show great interest in advancing their Preceptory, and are courteous and pleasant companions. The books are neatly and well kept.

In conclusion I beg to return my sincere thanks to the Em. Sir Knights who have honored me by electing me to the important position of Provincial Prior of Toronto District, and to the other Sir Knights for courtesies extended to me throughout the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.)

† R. C. SMITH,

Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I herewith submit my second report as Provincial Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District.

Business matters of a personal nature prevented me

from arranging for my official visits until December, when, unfortunately, the burning of the Masonic building at Ottawa, and a request from some of the other Preceptorics to postpone my visit, owing to the absence of some of their principal officers, delayed the carrying out of my original plan, which was to visit each Preceptory, explain what had taken place at the last meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory at London, call attention to the additions made to and changes in the statutes, to give any needed information necessary to the working of the ritual, and then visit them during 1897 to see how they had progressed.

I visited King Baldwin, No. 6, Belleville, Moore No. 13, Peterboro, and Hugh de Payens No. 1, Kingston, once each, and would have made the second had they been ready for a visit in January. Made two visits to Ottawa, and attended 20 of the 22 meetings held by Gøndemar, No. 16, Brockville.

I report to you on the various Preceptorics in my district according to their number and not in the order of my visitation.

HUGH DE PAVENS, PREMIER, NO. 1, KINGSTON.—This Preceptory has not made any progress during the year, and is in about the same condition, numerically and financially, as it was one year ago. During the year they have held four or five meetings, but have not done any work. The Sir Knights seem to be enthusiastic Masons and have held prominent offices in the Blue Lodges and Chapters, but as yet have not taken hold of the Templar work. At my last visit, July 12th, the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt. Hewton, said that they had been endeavoring to procure rituals in order that the officers who are new to the several positions could perfect themselves in the work. When this is accomplished we will no doubt hear that Hugh de Payens is doing good work, as there is material in waiting and they have excellent quarters. The treasurer informed me that he had about \$300 on hand and that the Preceptory was free from debt. Returns have been made to June 30th.

KING BALDWIN, NO. 6, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Preceptory on April 20th, after two postponements

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through absence of the Presiding Preceptor, and found everything satisfactory, the attendance being very good. The Templar and Malta degrees were worked by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers in excellent manner. Quite a number of the Sir Knights intimated their intention of visiting the Sovereign Great Priory. This Preceptory has held eight regular and one emergent assemblies during the year; have conferred the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Malta degrees on five candidates; have about \$100 outstanding for dues; free of liability; assets from \$1200 to \$1500; furniture insured through trustees; lost in membership through withdrawals 1, death 1, a total of 2; returns made.

MOORE, NO. 13, PETERBORO.—The Registrar of this Preceptory also requested a postponement of my visit, so that "they could post themselves in the work." Accordingly I did not visit them until June 1st. I was very much surprised and exceedingly gratified at the manner in which the Red Cross was exemplified, and the Em. Preceptor, Sir Kt. A. St. A. Smith, as Sovereign Master, and V. Em. Sir Kt. Spence as High Priest, are to be congratulated on their efficiency. My remarks in last year's report, that the officers of a Preceptory should do their own work, have certainly borne fruit. I consider that their work will bear favorable comparison with any Canadian Preceptory that I have seen, not even excepting that done by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, when they visited Peterboro in 1896. They have held nine regular and two emergent assemblies, and have conferred the Red Cross on three candidates, have two candidates waiting for that degree; outstanding dues to December, 1896, \$29; assets, about \$167; liabilities, nil; no deaths withdrawals or suspensions; returns made; average attendance, 9.

GONDEMAR, NO. 16, BROCKVILLE.—This Preceptory has been making steady progress and its future looks bright. The Presiding Preceptor has not shown the same diligence and proficiency that was expected of him, and the same applies to some of his officers, but I trust that the future will see an improvement as there is material for good officers available. All the degrees have been given in full, which accounts for the large

number of assemblies held during the year, viz., 22. During the year the last of the debts contracted while the Preceptory was in Maitland was paid, so that they now stand free of debt, and with some \$23 in the treasurer's hands. Have held 12 regular and 10 emergent assemblies; conferred 9 Red Cross, 7 Templar and 7 Malta degrees; have outstanding for dues to June 30th, 1897, \$118.50; returns made for year; two candidates have been accepted and await degrees.

OTTAWA, NO. 32, OTTAWA.—This Preceptory suffered a great loss through fire early in last December, losing all their paraphernalia, etc., which was very good. Some of the Sir Knights also suffered, as they were in the custom of keeping part of their outfit in the rooms. Having received an invitation to install the officers elect, I attended on the evening of January 20th and performed that ceremony, the Preceptory having secured temporary quarters in the Oddfellows' Hall. They expect to occupy their new chapel in November next. Although this Preceptory suffered a deplorable loss, I found a commendable spirit of enthusiasm pervading the officers and members, and think that their loss will stimulate them to greater exertions in the future. The financial statement read that evening showed that they had a handsome amount of cash on hand, exclusive of \$500 received for insurance upon effects; so that the Preceptory is in good shape for refurnishing. The newly installed Preceptor, Sir Kt. Bowden, appears to be a very zealous and painstaking officer, and will discharge the duties of his office with credit to himself and honor to the Preceptory. The other officers appear as if they would ably second his efforts. At this meeting they ordered two dozen swords and belts for use of the officers and members, those intended for the officers having the particular name of the office etched on the blade. By this means they always ensure that their officers are provided with swords with which to exemplify and do the work, and I heartily recommend it for the consideration of all Preceptories. I visited this Preceptory again on June 16th, and found a fair attendance of Sir Knights. The Templar degree was worked upon a candidate by the Presiding Preceptor. Con-

sidering that this Preceptory is laboring under the disadvantage of being in a room unsuited for Templar purposes, both as regards furnishings, location and paraphernalia, it would be unfair to comment on the floor work done that evening, the memorizing of the ritual being good. Have held 14 regular, and one emergent assemblies; have conferred two Red Cross and Templar degrees. Outstanding dues, \$90.00, no liabilities, assets \$500.00, effects insured for \$300.00; number of withdrawls 4, number suspended, N. P. D. 4, deaths 1, total 9. Returns made; 2 candidates balloted for and accepted.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I have found very few of the Preceptories that keep a supply of the "statutes" on hand, and I think it would be advisable, that some provision be made in the ritual, for the presentation of the statutes of the Order and by-laws of the Preceptory to the candidate on the occasion of his being consecrated.

In every Preceptory I urged the Sir Knights to attend the meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory in Montreal, and from the expressions I heard I expect that a large number will be present from this district.

Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this district during the year.

The attention of the different Preceptories was called, to the changes in and additions to, the Statutes of the Order, made at the last meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory; and in all cases steps were taken to have the by-laws of the different Preceptories conform thereto.

Regarding the prospects of Templarism in this district, I think that it is promising; while Ottawa shews a decrease in numbers, the usual conditions under which they are now working must be borne in mind. No doubt but that when the new Masonic Hall is completed, there will be a revival. King Baldwin, No. 6, takes in just about the same number every year and will continue to do so with ease, as there is material always in waiting. Gondemar No. 16, Brockville, is making steady progress and there is every indication, that a large number of petitions may be expected soon. Moore, No. 13,

is coming before the Companions more and more and with the present zealous staff of officers, must rapidly increase. Hugh de Paynes, No. 1, will certainly do well in the near future as some material is in view, and only needs being looked after carefully in order to start this old Preceptory once more on the highway to the position its number calls for.

The new ritual, also tactics, is being anxiously looked for in this district and I am in receipt of many inquiries about them. It is to be hoped that their production will not be delayed much longer, as the lack of them is proving a serious detriment to the Order.

I append herewith a tabulated statement of the work done in the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

‡ C. H. FITZSIMMONS,
Provincial Prior Kingston-Ottawa District.

Table showing work done in Kingston-Ottawa District for the year ending June 30th, 1897.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.			DEGREES WORKED.			ASSEMBLIES HELD.			REMARKS.
			Members March 31st, 1896.	Members June 30th, 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.	Red Cross.	Knight Templar.	Knight of Malta.	Regular.	Emergent.		Total.
1	Hugh de Payens, Premier	Kingston	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	King Baldwin	Belleville	55	58	3	0	0	0	1	8	9	
13	Moore	Peterborough	12	23	11	0	0	0	0	9	2	Financial position of all the Preceptories good, though outstanding dues too large.
16	Gondemar	Brockville	28	29	6	0	0	0	0	12	10	
32	Ottawa	Ottawa	42	36	6	2	1	4	1	14	1	
			156	170	20	6	6	4	2			

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I have great pleasure in submitting my report, as Provincial Prior of Quebec District, to your Sovereign Body meeting in our fair city of Montreal. I assure you we appreciate the honor of having Great Priory meeting in our Province, and though our numbers are small, our Sir Knights by the heartiness and cordiality of their welcome will assist in rendering the stay of the several representatives and visiting Sir Knights agreeable and pleasant.

I presume in no other District in our Grand Jurisdiction has Knight Templarism to contend with such a restricted field and uncongenial surroundings as in ours, and outside our chief city of Montreal it is not surprising to find that year after year Provincial Priors of Quebec content themselves with reporting Preceptories merely working at a stand still or making very slow progress, perhaps also with a reference to bright prospects ahead, a wish father to the thought, which so far has failed to find a proper realization. Yet remembering the difficulties that surround our Preceptories in Stanstead and Quebec city, we cannot but admire the zeal of the faithful few who keep the Templar Banner unfurled when the time proves favorable.

I had the pleasure of visiting William de la More Preceptory, No. 25, Quebec, in company with our esteemed Supreme Grand Master, M. Em. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, R. Em. Sir Kts. Tresidder, John McLean and others. Our reception was most hearty and the attention paid us very great, but we came away depressed at seeing the uphill work the small band of Knights there had to keep the Preceptory alive. From later correspondence with the Presiding Preceptor I find they have gained one in membership during the year, having admitted two and lost one by death, the latter, Sir Kt. F. T. Thomas, a well loved and esteemed member.

I regret I have not visited Sussex Preceptory, No. 9, Stanstead, though in conjunction with some of the Sir Knights we had several times partly arranged to do

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so, something occurring to delay the trip, and later press of business prevented. However, from correspondence with them I find that the Preceptory is in a sound condition but has not added a new member to the roll during the year, and loses by death Sir Kt. S.W. Taylor, one of their charter members. Allusion is made to the fact that their members being mostly at a great distance from Stanstead so that it is hard to get them together at all times, also to the possibility of ten new members from Sherbrooke joining this year. From this I gather that perhaps a change of locality for their Preceptory to a more central position may be worth while the consideration of its members.

In reporting of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal, situated amongst more favorable surroundings, I am pleased to be able to state that they have had a very successful year, plenty of work and the immediate promise of more. They have added to the roll nine new members and mostly young men who appear very enthusiastic and will soon I hope take the burden of work off the shoulders of the older Sir Knights who have for years been in harness and who will be glad I am sure to give them place. They have also made some progress in drill and in securing proper uniforms. A full interest has now been awakened and I feel sure the advance of this Preceptory in material prosperity, numbers and efficient work, will be heard of perhaps in the immediate future.

They have lost several esteemed members by death, Sir Kt. Isaac H. Richardson, an old and esteemed member, Sir Kt. A. H. Doran, a very zealous and enthusiastic member who at the time of his rather sudden death was taking an active part in the arrangements making for the present Great Priory meeting. Also R. Em. Sir Kt. E. M. Copeland, an honorary member of this Preceptory, who had rendered most valuable service to them in the past as well as being active in every branch of Masonry. R. Em. Sir Kt. Copeland was initiated in St. George's Lodge, 19th April, 1864, elected W. M. 1868, D. D. G. M. of Montreal District 1875, exalted in Carnarvon Chapter 20th October, 1864, elected 1st Principal Z 1871-2, Grand

Superintendent of Montreal District 1873-4; installed as Knight Templar in Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory Nov., 1866, elected Eminent Preceptor 1871 and 1872, appointed Sub-Prior of Grand Priory August, 1872, Prov. Sub-Prior August, 1873, elected Grand Marshal of Grand Priory October, 1874. He received the several degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite up to 32° in Montreal Consistory, was elected to receive the 33° and created an active member of the Supreme Council of Canada, 1874, in which body he held a number of important offices. I would recommend that a page in printed proceedings of Great Priory be devoted to his memory.

Peace and harmony prevails so completely in my district that I have not been called upon officially to concern myself in any disputes or differences of opinion amongst our Sir Knights. Perhaps I might also add quietness and a slight lack of energy also prevails too much, for outside of installing the officers of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory and a few official visits I have had no opportunity of exercising the duties of my office.

In conclusion, I thank the Sir Knights of Great Priory for the honor conferred upon me in electing me as Provincial Prior for Quebec District, and the Sir Knights of this District for the courtesy and kindly welcome extended to me on occasions of meeting them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LEMESSURIER,
Provincial Prior Quebec District.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I beg to submit my report as Provincial Prior of the Nova Scotia District. There has been little change in Templar affairs during the past twelve months.

NOVA SCOTIA, NO. 5, HALIFAX, N. S.—This is the Preceptory of which I have the honor to be a member, and having been a regular attendant I can say although we have not increased in membership we are full of enthusiasm for the Order. The success of a Preceptory

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depends much on an efficient and systematic Registrar. E. Sir Kt. D. H. Campbell has the books in a most satisfactory state, and the prospects are encouraging. We have to regret the loss by death of our esteemed Past Preceptor, Em. Sir Kt. John J. McKeil.

MALTA, NO. 27, TRURO, N. S.—Accompanied by R. E. Sir Kt. J. W. Ruhland and E. Sir Kt. D. H. Campbell, I visited this Preceptory and had the honor of installing the officers, on the night of their regular installation. I examined the books of the Registrar and found them well kept and the affairs of the Preceptory in a first-class condition. The Preceptory holds its meetings regularly and though small they are solid. Since my visit the grim reaper death has taken a most courteous Knight in the person of Sir Kt. Miller, who died June 22nd, 1897.

YARMOUTH, NO. 31, YARMOUTH, N. S.—I regret that I was unable to visit this Preceptory, but from correspondence I have received I am pleased to be able to report that they have held regular monthly assemblies during the year. The members are well up in the ritual and sword exercise.

Before closing I desire to return my thanks to the Sir Knights of this District in electing me Provincial Prior.

I am courteously and fraternally yours,

JAMES HALLIDAY,
Provincial Prior Nova Scotia District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS,—It gives me much pleasure to state that in this historic Jubilee year all the good fratres of the city of St. John are now enrolled under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the warrant, as I have been duly informed, having been received by the Presiding Preceptor of the Encampment of St. John No. 3A, Judge Arthur I. Trueman, from our Grand Chancellor, M. Em. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T., as will doubtless more fully appear from the report of the Committee appointed by the Great Priory with plenary

power for the amicable settlement of this long-pending question of jurisdiction. It is only reasonable to presume that the Sir Knights of the Encampment of St. Stephen still working under the authority of the Chapter General of Scotland, will in the not distant future, take pattern from the fratres of the Encampment of St. John—cheerfully surrender the present warrant and fall into line with the other members of our chivalric Order in New Brunswick. When this much-to-be-desired union shall have taken place, all of the Sir Knights of the Temple and Malta in our Dominion will be under the supreme jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

The returns from the respective Registrars of the Encampment of St. John No. 3A, of the Union DeMolay Preceptory, No. 11, and of the Ivanhoe Preceptory, No. 36, of Moncton, N. B., will exhibit the full membership of these bodies, and we may reasonably look forward now that all matters of dispute may be deemed to be on the eve of complete settlement, to a rapid increase of membership within this Province of New Brunswick.

I have most encouraging reports from Fredericton, the capital of this Province, as to the early organization of the Royal Albert Edward Preceptory of Knights Templar and Knights of the Order of Malta in that city. Leading and influential Sir Knights have now the matter in hand, and very shortly I think the formal application will go forward to our Grand Chancellor for a dispensation. I feel that I may assure Great Priory that the Sir Knights of our good city of Fredericton will have the cordial support of the fratres of Canada in their laudable efforts to plant firmly the Banner of the Cross in the Capital City of this Province.

Respectfully submitted,

† JAMES H. PULLEN,
Provincial Prior New Brunswick District.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS,—I herewith submit my report as Provincial Prior of British Columbia for the past year, in accordance with statutory requirements. From the

fact that the Presiding Preceptors of both Preceptories in my Province are present at this Triennial Communication, it is needless for me to state that great interest is being evinced by the Preceptories in British Columbia in the welfare of the Order. The returns already in the hands of the Grand Chancellor will show the progress that has been made, while from personal visits I can vouch for general efficiency.

WESTERN GATE, NO. 30, VICTORIA.—I officially visited this, my mother Preceptory, on Tuesday, 12th January, and installed the office-bearers for the present year. The attendance was fair, though no doubt a public meeting the same evening prevented some of the members from attending. The officers of Great Priory and many visiting fratres were suitably entertained after the work of the evening, which it is needless to say was appreciated and enjoyed.

This Preceptory, whilst perhaps not gaining members with the rapidity of others, is in a good position. The members all have uniforms and the work is very satisfactory. They have received some applications and conferred degrees, while others are on the tapis.

COLUMBIA PRECEPTORY, NO. 34.—I visited this Preceptory on Saturday, January 30th. The attendance on this occasion was very large. I was accompanied by R. Em. Sir Kt. Angus McKeown, Grand Registrar, and Sir Knights Richardson, Renouf, Brett, Muir, and Pearson, from Western Gate Preceptory, who availed themselves of the opportunity to pay a fraternal visit to their Vancouver fratres. I had the pleasure, assisted by Sir Knights McKeown and Richardson, of installing their officers for the present year. Em. Sir Kt. R. E. Brett then assumed the chair, and assisted by the Sir Knights from Victoria, conferred the Red Cross degree upon a candidate. The work was done in a faultless manner and elicited praise from all who were present.

After the meeting the Victoria Sir Knights were entertained at a banquet, at which toasts and fraternal best wishes were exchanged. The prospects for this Preceptory are very bright. The members are zealous and its affairs in a prosperous condition. They only

need uniforms and instruction in drill to make them one of the best in Canada.

I must take this opportunity to thank Great Priory for the honor conferred on me, and to express the hope that the prosperity which has attended Great Priory during the past two years may be long continued. I deeply regret that circumstances render it impossible for me to be present at this Communication, which I trust will be one of satisfaction to those present and a lasting benefit to the Order of the Temple.

Fraternally submitted,

‡ W. J. QUINLAN,
Provincial Prior, British Columbia District.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS,—In this District we have only one Preceptory, with headquarters at Charlottetown. Organized on the 12th November, 1895, by Special Deputy Em. Sir Kt. James B. Nixon, of Toronto, Ont., with thirteen charter members, our membership is now twenty-one and one honorary member, with another advanced to Red Cross degree, making twenty-three in all when completed. I think I can safely say that our members are true in their devotion to the Sovereign Great Priory, and enthusiastic advocates of our principles as Knight Templars.

Our Em. Preceptor, D. Darrach, M. D., is a man who, when he puts his hand to the plough, never looks back. The second officer, Sir Kt. T. A. McLean, P. G. M., and Sir Kt. I. A. Messervey, are also powerful allies to assist the Em. Preceptor in the discharge of his duties. I have no hesitation in saying that Prince Edward Preceptory has a bright future before it. True, the Masonic jurisdiction from which we have to draw is very small, and the distances which some of the members have to travel is very great and attended with considerable expense. Summerside is the next town of importance to Charlottetown, and is a Masonic centre for the west end of the Province. If the Sovereign Great Priory would permit or authorize the Presiding Preceptor to

take the Charter to Summerside or some other place deemed best in the interests of the Order, and there convene or assemble the Knights, it would enhance the interests of the Order in the Province by giving facility to the candidate desirous of joining. For many years we need not look for more than one Preceptory, therefore I would desire to urge this matter upon the attention of the Sir Knights, that something like a travelling commission be issued to the officers of Prince Edward Preceptory as a tentative measure which I fondly hope will advance our cause.

We are greatly indebted to our honorary member, the R. Em. Sir Kt. the Hon. Robert Marshal, of St. John, N. B. To him more than to any other is due our organization from its inception, and the kind and increasing love which he has ever manifested in our behalf, makes him a dearly beloved Sir Knight to every member of our Preceptory.

I regret that I am unable to be present with you at the coming Assembly, but I trust and pray that your deliberations may redound to the good of the Order and the glory of the Cross.

Courteously and fraternally submitted in the bonds of the Order.

† R. MACNEILL,

Provincial Prior Prince Edward Island District.

Moved by the R. E. the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the Reports of the Provincial Priors now presented, be referred to the Grand Council for examination and report thereon.

Petitions were received from Cyprus Preceptory, No. 29, Toronto, Ivanhoe Preceptory, No. 26, of Moncton, and Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, of Hamilton, praying that the rank of Preceptor be conferred on certain fratres. It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the petitions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Communication was read from R. Eminent Sir Kt. R. Loveland-Loveland, Grand Representative of this

Great Priory near the Great Priory of England, acknowledging receipt of the address to Her Majesty the Queen and that it had been duly forwarded to Her Majesty. Directly he received the gracious reply it would be transmitted.

Communication was received from Most Em. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, acknowledging the gift of a Past Grand Master's jewel from Great Priory, and extending his grateful thanks for the same.

Communication received from R. Em. Sir Kt. Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa, Grand Representative of Sovereign Great Priory near the Grand Encampment of the United States, stating that it had been his intention to visit Great Priory this session but the death of a near relative would prevent him, and wishing the meeting every success.

The Supreme Grand Master ordered these communications to be fyled and placed on record.

The Right Em. the Grand Treasurer presented the report of the late Grand Chancellor.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

I respectfully present my annual report as Grand Chancellor with an account of the monies received during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer by depositing in the Bank to the credit of Great Priory. The receipts and expenditure for the year has been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

1896		
August 31.	Balance in Molsons Bank, London.....	\$2222 79
1897		
August 12.	Cash receipts from all sources.....	1377 77
		\$3600.56

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Master, expenses, 1894-96.....	\$100 00
Grand Chancellor's salary to 20th June, 1897....	800 00
Printing Proceedings.....	181 55
Printing Statutes.....	109 84
Printing Circulars, G. M. and G. C. Reports, etc.	111 65
Chairman Committee Fraternal Correspondence	50 00
Engrossing and binding address to "The Queen"	75 00

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Postage, telegrams, etc.....	79	40
Engrossing certificates.....	91	95
Engrossing Warrants.....	33	50
Address to Damascus Commandery, 1895.....	55	00
Address to Detroit Commandery.....	81	00
Grant to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4.....	200	00
Mimeograph.....	15	00
Grand Guard, Annual Assembly, 1896.....	12	00
Discount on cheques.....	50	
Jewels for Past Grand Master and Grand Master.....	100	25 1516 65
1897		
Aug. 12. Cash in Molsons Bank, London.....	\$2040	66
Money Orders, \$42.50; cash, \$0.75.....	43	25
Balance.....		\$2088 91

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from all but three Preceptories, namely, Nova Scotia, No. 5, Halifax; St. John the Almoner, No. 15, Whitby; and St. Bernard de Clairveaux, No. 19, Dunnville, Ont.

MEMBERSHIP.

On the 31st March, 1896, our membership was.....	1548
Admitted during the year ending 30th June, 1897.....	307
Joined 16, restored 5.....	21
Withdrawn, 45; Suspended, 45; Died, 22.....	1876
	112
Membership 30th June, 1897.....	1764

an increase of 216, being the largest increase of any year since the Great Priory was organized. The suspensions, I regret to say, are again very heavy and the number of deaths large. Detailed statements of the receipts and expenditure are annexed.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

† DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

London, Ont., Aug. 12th, 1897.

N. B.—Since the above report was written returns and remittances have been received from St. John the Almoner, No. 15, Whitby, and St. Bernard de Clairveaux, No. 19, Dunnville. A telegram has also been received that the returns and remittances from Nova Scotia, No. 5, Halifax, are on the way, so that all the returns and remittances are practically in from all Preceptories.

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in account with the Sovereign Great Priory from 31st March, 1896, to 30th June, 1897.

To cash received from Preceptories.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees	Certificates	Dispensations	Statutes, Warrants, etc.	Total Received.	Bal. in Ledger.	Amounts Due.
1	Hugh de Payens, Premier	Kingston, Ont.	\$11 50		1 00		\$ 12 50		
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar.	Toronto, Ont.	91 50	18 00			109 50		
3	Godfrey de Bouillon.	Hamilton, Ont.	76 00	4 00			80 00		
4	Richard Cœur de Lion.	London, Ont.	72 50	34 00		5 20	106 50		
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	38 50				38 50		4 00
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont.	34 00	10 00			44 00		
7	Richard Cœur de Lion.	Montreal, Que.	39 00	18 00		2 40	59 40		
8	Plantagenet	St. Catharines, O.	24 50	16 00			40 50		
9	Sussex.	Stantead, Que.	16 50				16 50		
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont.	10 00	2 00			12 00		
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	26 00	14 00			40 00		
12	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	39 00	16 00	1 00		56 00		
13	Moore	Peterboro, Ont.	19 50	24 00	1 00		44 50	3 00	
14	Harington	North Bay, Ont.	23 00	11 00	1 00		35 00		
15	St. John the Almoner.	Whitby, Ont.							11 00
16	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont.	24 50	14 00	2 00	60	40 50	60	
17	Odo de St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	16 50		2 00		18 50		
18	Palestine	Port Hope, Ont.	34 50	26 00	1 00	1 00	62 50		
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Dunnville, Ont.							17 00
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont.	13 00			6 00	19 00		
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	24 00				24 00		
22	St. Elmo	Stratford, Ont.	55 50	32 00	1 00		88 50		
23	Rhodes	Port Arthur, Ont.	8 00				8 00		
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man.	60 00				60 00		53 00
25	William de ia More the Martyr	Quebec, Que.	7 00	4 00	1 00	2 50	11 00	3 50	
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	49 00	22 00		2 00	68 00	5 00	5 00
27	Malta	Turo, N. S.	12 00		1 00		13 00		
28	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	30 50	6 00			36 50		
29	Western Gate	Victoria, B. C.	12 00	1 00			13 00		
30	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N.S.	13 00				13 00		
31	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont.	20 00	2 00		10 00	32 00		
32	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta	14 50	6 00			20 50		5 00
33	Columbia	Vancouver, B. C.	23 00	4 00			27 00		
34	Prince Edward	otretown, P. E. I.	16 00	10 00		10 00	36 00		
35	Ivanhoe	Moncton, N. B.	21 00	11 00		8 32	40 32		
36	St. Simon of Cyrene	Sarnia, Ont.	25 00	8 00			33 00		
37	Interest						25 85		
	Balances		991 00	313 00	12 00	48 02	1377 77	12 10	95 00
				6 00	1 00	5 10			
			991 00	307 00	11 00	42 92	1377 77	12 10	95 00

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSING AND AUDITING THE BOOKS.

5	Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.						total..	\$ 4 00
15	St. John the Almoner, Whitby Ont., Annual Fees \$11							11 00
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville, Ont., Annual Fees \$17							17 00
24	Albert Edward, Winnipeg, Man., Annual Fees \$51, Certificates \$2							53 00

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By Cash paid Grand Treasurer \$1377 77

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from Preceptories	\$ 991 00
Great Priory Certificates	307 00
Statutes	22 92
Dispensations general	11 00
Interest on deposits	22 85
Proceedings sold	3 00
Warrants issued	20 00

\$1377 77

TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM 31st MARCH, 1896, TO JUNE 30th, 1897.

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No. LOCATION NAME DEGREES CONFERRED

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM 31st MARCH, 1896, TO JUNE 30th, 1897.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	No. Meet.		Red Cross.		Temp.		Malta.		Joined.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Members		Increase.	Decrease.
			1896	1897	June 30, '96	June 30, '97	June 30, '96	June 30, '97	June 30, '96	June 30, '97						June 30, '96	June 30, '97		
1	Hugh de Payens Premier	Kingston, Ont.	3	3	15	15	13	13	6	6	1	1	10	5	1	24	23	1	1
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	London, Ont.	14	14	12	12	9	9	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	111	120	9	2
3	Geoffrey de Bouillon	London, Ont.	11	12	9	9	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	111	120	9	2
4	Encampment of St. John	St. John, N.B.	26	27	27	27	17	17	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	92	111	19	1
5	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	7	7	5	5	8	8	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	55	58	3	2
6	King Balduin	Halifax, N.S.	14	14	9	9	7	7	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	40	43	3	1
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Belleville, Ont.	16	16	9	9	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	30	33	3	1
8	Plantagenet	Montreal, Que.	6	6	3	3	7	7	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	40	43	3	1
9	Sussex	St. Catharines, Ont.	10	10	7	7	8	8	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	34	33	1	1
10	Victoria	Stanstead, Que.	5	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	30	18	12	1
11	Union de Molay	Guelph, Ont.	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	40	38	2	2
12	Moore Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	12	12	3	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	55	62	7	2
13	Harington	Peterborough, Ont.	12	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	34	38	4	3
14	St. John the Almoner	White Bay, Ont.	13	13	9	9	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	24	23	1	1
15	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont.	12	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	23	23	0	0
16	Pado de St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	12	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	33	31	2	2
17	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Port Hope, Ont.	6	6	11	11	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	38	29	9	9
18	Kent	Dunnville, Ont.	7	7	11	11	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	34	45	11	1
19	Burleigh	St. Catharines, Ont.	4	4	11	11	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	34	45	11	1
20	St. Elmo	St. Catharines, Ont.	10	10	18	18	16	16	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	26	26	0	0
21	Rhodes	Stratford, Ont.	10	10	18	18	16	16	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	49	44	5	5
22	Willert Edward	Port Arthur, Ont.	16	16	18	18	16	16	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	17	16	1	1
23	William de la More, the Martyr	Winnipeg, Man.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	100	0	0
24	Windsor	Quebec, Que.	34	18	17	17	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	9	10	1	10
25	Malta	Quebec, Que.	34	18	17	17	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	0	12
26	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	15	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	19	20	1	1
27	Western Gate	Toronto, Ont.	10	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	51	51	0	1
28	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N.S.	12	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	27	24	3	3
29	Cyrena	Yarmouth, N.S.	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	27	26	1	1
30	Yarmouth	Ottawa, Ont.	17	17	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	43	36	7	7
31	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N.S.	12	12	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	27	26	1	1
32	Cyrena	Ottawa, Ont.	17	17	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	43	36	7	7
33	Columbia	Calgary, Alberta.	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	16	22	6	6
34	Prince Edward	London, B.C.	9	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	31	38	7	7
35	Ivanhoe	Chatterwin, P.E.I.	9	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	16	22	6	6
36	St. Simon of Cyrene	Moncton, N.B.	12	12	7	7	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	30	34	4	4
37	St. Simon of Cyrene	Sarnia, Ont.	15	15	7	7	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	29	36	7	7
Increase.....			184	170	136	16	5	45	46	22	15,48	1764	268	52					

O. S. HILLMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, K. T.

1896		1897	
Dr.		Cr.	
Sept. 15, To Cash, Grand Chancellor	60 00	Sept. 21, By Sheppard Pub. Co., Damascus address	\$ 25 00
21, " " " " " "	27 00	21, " S. Wesley, printing circulars, etc.	71 50
Oct. 22, " " " " " "	28 00	21, " W. H. Whyte, G. Ms. ex., 1896.	100 00
1897		21, " H. Robertson, Fraternal cor.	50 00
Mar. 29, " " " " " "	67 00	21, " Grand Chancellor, postage, ac't.	19 41
April 30, " " " " " "	48 75	21, " J. Robertson, Guard Gt. Priory.	12 00
Mar. 31, " " " " " "	22 85	21, " Grand Chancellor, postage, etc.	60 00
June 25, " " " " " "	100 00	21, " McPherson & Drope, printing G. M. and G. C. reports	22 00
July 6, " " " " " "	98 00	21, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
July 28, " " " " " "	176 00	21, " R. C. deLion, London, grant reception expenses, Sept. 16th, 1896.	200 00
Aug. 11, " " " " " "	389 42	Oct. 26, " Brown Bros. Mimograph.	15 00
Aug. 11, " " " " " "	325 50	Nov. 16, " McPherson & Drope, ptg. Pro.	181 55
12, " " " " " "	88 50	Dec. 2, " R. M. Williams, engraving war.	22 50
18, " " " " " "	8 00	23, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
" " " " " "		28, " E. M. Williams, engraving war.	5 00
" " " " " "		1897	
" " " " " "		Jan. 25, " S. Wesley, printing circulars	14 00
" " " " " "		Mar. 18, " E. M. Williams, engraving war.	6 00
" " " " " "		29, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
" " " " " "		29, " E. Cox & Co., Ad. to Detroit Corn.	25 00
" " " " " "		29, " W. Scott, framing address	6 00
" " " " " "		April 10, " Bishop Eng. Co. cards, etc.	4 15
" " " " " "		10, " R. Hemsley, Jewels G.M. and H. Robertson	100 25
" " " " " "		May 24, " J. E. Briely, printing statutes	109 84
" " " " " "		31, " Toronto Litho. Co. certificates	91 95
" " " " " "		June 30, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
" " " " " "		July 28, " E. Cox & Co., Ad. to the Queen	75 00
" " " " " "		Aug. 18, " Cash on hand, P.O. Ord.	42 50
1896		1897	
Aug. 31, To Balance from 1896	2222 79	Jan. 25, " S. Wesley, printing circulars	14 00
		Mar. 18, " E. M. Williams, engraving war.	6 00
		29, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
		29, " E. Cox & Co., Ad. to Detroit Corn.	25 00
		29, " W. Scott, framing address	6 00
		April 10, " Bishop Eng. Co. cards, etc.	4 15
		10, " R. Hemsley, Jewels G.M. and H. Robertson	100 25
		May 24, " J. E. Briely, printing statutes	109 84
		31, " Toronto Litho. Co. certificates	91 95
		June 30, " Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
		July 28, " E. Cox & Co., Ad. to the Queen	75 00
		Aug. 18, " Cash on hand, P.O. Ord.	42 50

Audited and found correct.

W. G. REID,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Montreal, Aug. 18th, 1897.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman, and

RESOLVED—That the annual reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer be referred to the Grand Council for audit and report.

REPORT OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Audit and Finance, has examined and audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chancellor and certifies that they are substantially correct. The Audit and Finance Committee has also examined the cash book, the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find they are correct.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the period ended 11th August, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 1st September, 1896.....	\$2222 79
Cash from Preceptories, annual dues.....	
" " " Certificates.....	} 1877 77
" " " Ceremonies.....	
" " " Dispensations (warrants)....	
" " " Statutes and Warrants.....	
" " " Proceedings.....	
" " " Registrar's book, etc.....	

EXPENDITURE.

Grand Master, expenses 1896.....	\$ 100 00
Grand Chancellor's salary to 30th June, 1897..	300 00
Printing Proceedings.....	181 55
Printing Statutes.....	109 84
Printing circulars, G. M. and G. C. reports, etc.	111 65
Chairman Com. on Fraternal Correspondence	50 00
Engrossing address to Queen.....	75 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	79 41
Grand Master and P. G. Master's jewels.....	100 25
Engrossing certificates.....	91 95
Engrossing warrants.....	83 50
Address to Damascus Commandery.....	25 00
Address to Detroit Commandery.....	31 00
Grant to London on ac. of reception expenses.	200 00
Mimeograph, printing machine.....	15 00
Grand Guard, annual assembly, 1896.....	12 00
Discount on cheques.....	50
Aug. 12. Bal. in Molsons Bank, London.....	2040 66
Cash on hand.....	48 25
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J. E. Brierly, printing statutes...
" " Toronto Litho. Co., certificates...
June 30, " Grand Chancellor salary...
July 29, " E. Cox & Co. Ad. to the Queen...
Aug. 18, " Bal. on hand, Molsons Bk. \$2040 66
" " Cash on hand, P.O. Ord. 42 50

W. G. REID,
Chairman Finance Committee.
Montreal, Aug. 18th, 1897.

The following payments are recommended to be made:

R. Hemsley, P. G. M. Jewel (Malone).....	\$ 50 00
D. L. Carley, re ritual.....	16 85
Grand Master's travelling expenses, 1896-97.....	175 00
Chairman Fraternal Correspondence.....	50 00
Balance Grand Chancellor's salary.....	75 00
Wreath.....	8 00
F. Spry, in connection with Chancery.....	25 00
	<u>\$899 85</u>

The Grand Council further recommend that the following expenditure necessary to meet the expenses of conducting the business of Great Priory for the current year be authorized:

Grand Chancellor's salary.....	\$800 00
Printing Proceedings, etc., of this session.....	200 00
Certificates.....	100 00
Drill Ritual.....	80 00
Chairman Com. Fraternal Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	60 00
Printing, Grand Master's address and Grand Chancellor's report.....	25 00
Printing annual circular, Grand Officers.....	10 00
Expenses of session, Grand Guard, etc.....	12 00
Grant to Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal.....	200 00
Photogravure Grand Master.....	6 00
Engrossing warrants and changing certificates.....	25 00
Past Supreme Grand Master's jewel.....	50 00
Printing ritual.....	250 00
Letter Paper, Envelopes, etc.....	25 00
Add accounts as above.....	899 85
Transfer of books, etc., to Grand Chancellor.....	15 00
	<u>\$1807 85</u>

The Grand Council recommends that 500 copies of the proceedings be printed and distributed as usual.

We have again to congratulate the Grand Treasurer on the able manner in which he has performed his duties.

Your Grand Council cannot close this report without referring to the death of our lamented Grand Chancellor whose duties were performed in his usual efficient manner to the date when his illness compelled him to allow others to complete his work.

Your Grand Council think the time is approaching that some means be taken to form a Board of Benevo-

lence, in order to carry out the principles which our Order continually advocates, the care of destitute women and children. They would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed with a view to the formulation of such a board on lines similar to our Canadian Grand Lodges or Grand Chapters.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

‡ W. G. REID,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

In the matter of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory

vs.
Sir Kt. Alexander Wilkie.

The Grand Council through its Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report.

Whereas, Sir Knight Alexander Wilkie was summoned to appear at this Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and

Whereas, the said Sir Kt. Alexander Wilkie has not appeared or entered an appearance to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Templar Order for unknighly conduct.

Therefore we recommend that the said Sir Kt. Alexander Wilkie be expelled from the Order of the Temple.

Respectfully submitted.

‡ ALLAN McLEAN, }
‡ O. S. HILLMAN, } *Committee.*

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

ON THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Grand Council have had presented to them for examination, the reports of the Provincial Priors of the following Districts: London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. The report of the Provincial Prior of the Manitoba District being the only one not submitted.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior reports that most of the Preceptories in this District are doing splendid work and are in a flourishing condition; but we regret that the Preceptories Kent, No. 20, Chatham, and Burleigh, No. 21, St. Thomas, are not sharing in the general prosperity, but appear to be in a dormant state, no increase in membership or enthusiasm shown by the members. There must be some cause for this, and we would strongly urge the Provincial Prior of this District, to give these Preceptories special attention next year, and find out the cause of the apathy and try and remedy it. We are pleased to note that Rt. Em. Sir Knight Carley held a Preceptory of Instruction at Windsor, which was largely attended. This Provincial Prior has again carried the encomiums passed on his efforts last year. This report is voluminous and very complete in all its details.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior reports, that with the exception of Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, Hamilton, no progress has been made during the past year. He visited all the Preceptories with the exception of Plantagenet, No. 8, St. Catharines, and Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, Brantford, and found them working in a satisfactory manner. The membership of Victoria Preceptory, No. 10, Guelph has fallen during the past year from 30 to 18 which is much to be regretted, but we trust that this old Preceptory will soon be in a good condition again. Your Council would strongly recommend that the Provincial Prior visit Plantagenet and Odo de St. Amand Preceptories as early as convenient,

as they were not visited at all last year. The Provincial Prior of this District suggests, that if it were compulsory for Preceptories to adopt a uniform, he is of the opinion that greater interest would be taken in the work and better results would follow.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports, he has visited three out of the seven Preceptories, namely, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto, St. John the Almoner, No. 15, Whitby, and Palestine, No. 18, Port Hope, and found the work done of a high order and prospects very good. Mount Calvary, No. 12, Barrie, was not visited, but from "information he received," reports this Preceptory in good condition and prospects very bright. Harington, No. 14, North Bay, and Rhodes, No. 23, Port Arthur, were not visited. Your Council concur in the suggestion of the advisability of transferring Rhodes Preceptory to the Manitoba District, as the distance is too great from Toronto. Of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, Toronto, the Provincial Prior makes no mention.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

The report from this District shows that good work is being done, there is a steady increase in membership and the ritual is being well exemplified. We are pleased to learn that, Moore Preceptory, No. 13, Peterboro, is now working the degrees in a most satisfactory manner. Hugh de Payens, No. 1, Kingston, we regret, has not made any progress, this Premier Preceptory should stand first as regards membership and correct working, and we recommend the Provincial Prior to give this Preceptory special attention. Your Council sympathises with Ottawa Preceptory over their great loss by fire, but are pleased to learn that with their usual energy, they are busy refitting and will soon have their new Asylum ready for occupation.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior reports that a fair amount of success has attended their efforts during the past year

and that the prospects for Richard Cœur de Lion are very encouraging. The suggestion that Sussex, No 9, Preceptory, Stanstead, be removed to Sherbrooke, is worthy of consideration and we recommend that a committee be appointed to enquire into the matter.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

From the information contained in the report of the Provincial Prior of this District, we are led to believe that a substantial increase in membership may be looked for in the near future, although the report does not contain the detailed information that this Council should have presented to them.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior reports that little change has taken place in the Preceptory during the past year, but that prospects are bright for the future.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

The Provincial Prior visited the two Preceptories in this District and reports that the work is satisfactory and prospects encouraging.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

The report from this district is very encouraging and the future prospects are bright. The Provincial Prior's suggestion that Prince Edward Preceptory be permitted to confer degrees outside of Chorlottetown, is covered by the revision of the statutes passed at the last Assembly of Great Priory. See Statute 46.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Grand Council congratulate Great Priory that the Order shows steady advancement. The gain in membership still continues and greater interest is being shown in a number of the Preceptories, especially in those who have adopted the uniform and drill. Your Council is of the opinion that it would be of great benefit to the Order, by increased membership and attendance at the meetings, if all Preceptories would adopt the uniform.

Your Council would most strongly recommend that the Districts in selecting their Provincial Priors should elect only those who are fully alive to the responsibilities they assume, and who will give all the Preceptories under their charge that aid and assistance which many of them require, by visiting each of them at least once during the year. Preceptories have a right to expect this and Great Priory demands it. It is most unjust for some Preceptories to go year after year without a visit from the Provincial Prior, to whom they look for guidance and advice.

Your Council notice with pleasure, that the suggestions made by them in their report last year regarding holding Preceptories of instruction have been acted upon and that Rt. Em. Sir Knight Carley held a most successful assembly. Your Council would further recommend that a Preceptory of Instruction be held in each District.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

‡ CHAS F. MANSELL,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Council on the Condition of the Order of the Temple be received and adopted.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Jurisprudence, has had placed before it requests from Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, Ivanhoe Preceptory, No. 36, and the Provincial Prior of Hamilton District to confer the rank of Eminent Preceptor on Sir Knights J. J. Cassidy, Ed. Tweedie and O. C. Draper, and beg to report, that they fully appreciate the chivalric feeling prompting these requests to confer honorary rank on those to whom Preceptories may be indebted for loyal service and substantial aid, nor do we doubt their deserving worth, but we feel we cannot advise Great Priory to confer honors alone for local benefits conferred, when in the usual order of affairs it lay within the powers of

said Preceptories to confer such honors themselves, such vouched for recipients being willing to accept. We therefore recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of Great Priory to enquire into the advisability of conferring such rank on the Sir Knights mentioned, feeling sure that such committee will see that the dignity and interests of Great Priory will be advanced by any recommendations they may make.

Respectfully submitted.

‡ W. M. LEMESSURIER,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. M. Lemessurier, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson, Past Supreme Grand Master, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, was presented.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson, and

RESOLVED—That the report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and referred to the new Grand Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Grand Council, through the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, respectfully report. Once more, it becomes our duty while reviewing the occurrences of the year, to take note of those members of the Sovereign Great Priory, who, having heard the final trumpet call, have passed to the realms of the Great Ruler and Captain of our Salvation.

While the number has not been very large, we are called upon to mourn the loss of those who can be ill spared in fighting the battles of the Order of the Temple.

Pre-eminent among those departed stands the name of our much respected and beloved Frater, M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor of this Great

Priory, whose death occurred at London, Ont., on the August 13th, 1897. His long connection with Masonry and more especially with our beloved Order will make his demise much regretted.

By his death Great Priory has suffered the loss of an able and zealous officer and one whose judicious foresight will be sadly missed in the future. In 1893, Great Priory marked its appreciation of his invaluable services to Canadian Templarism by electing him Past Supreme Grand Master. He ably and thoroughly performed the duties of Grand Chancellor for many years, and to the excellent manner in which the work was discharged, may be attributed the present healthy condition of the Order in Canada. Besides being an ardent Templar, he took an active interest in the other branches of Masonry. We recommend that Great Priory wear mourning for three months as a mark of respect.

Another Frater to whom we must pay fleeting tribute is Rt. Em. Sir Kt. E. M. Copeland, Grand Sub-Marshal in 1872, and Grand Marshal in 1873, and a member of Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, Montreal. Our late frater rendered most valuable service to the fraternity, and was active in every branch of the craft.

Em. Sir Kt. J. J. MacNeill, of Halifax, No. 5, and twenty other Sir Knights have also entered into their eternal rest.

Your Committee recommend that memorial pages be placed in the proceedings to the memory of our departed fratres.

Respectfully submitted.

‡ C. H. FITZSIMMONS,
Chairman.

VISIT OF AMERICAN FRATRES TO THE
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

The acting Grand Sub-Marshal Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder announced that Trinity Commandery, No. 1, of Manchester, N. H., and Lewiston Commandery, No. 7, of Lewiston, Maine, were without, and awaited the pleasure of the Supreme Grand Master. Whereupon Most Em. Sir Kt. W. H. Whyte delegated R. Em.

Sir Knights I. H. Stearns and J. B. Tresidder to wait upon and introduce the American Sir Knights.

Having entered Great Priory, the visitors were introduced by R. E. Sir Kt. I. H. Stearns, and the Supreme Grand Master received them with words of fraternal and Knightly welcome. Em. Sir Kt. Isaac L. Heath, Commander of Trinity Commandery, and Em. Sir Kt. A. S. Plummer, Commander of Lewiston Commandery, responded, expressing their gratification at the opportunity afforded of visiting the Great Priory of Canada, and the extremely cordial reception which had been accorded them, Em. Sir Kt. Heath remarking that though Canadian and American Knights owed allegiance to different flags, they could all unite under one grand banner, the Beauseant of the Temple.

At the request of the Supreme Grand Master, the visiting Sir Knights occupied seats and remained for a short time during the session.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN.

Most Eminent Sir Kt. E. T. Malone then announced that a number of the members of the Encampment of St. John, which body since last assembly had affiliated with the Sovereign Great Priory, were in attendance and he would ask permission to introduce them in order that an official welcome would be given them. The request being cordially acceded to, M. Em. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone then introduced Em. Sir Knights J. V. Ellis, Past Commander, A. I. Trueman, Em. Commander, and Sir Knights A. R. Campbell, Lieut.-Commander, George Blake, Marischal, Leonard, Harrison, Magilton and others, as representing the latest addition to the ranks of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. The Supreme Grand Master then courteously welcomed the representatives of the Encampment of St. John No. 37, and trusted they would never have cause to regret the day they formed themselves under the banner of the Great Priory of Canada. R. Em. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis in responding stated that they fully appreciated all the courtesies they had received from the officers and members of Great Priory, and as they had been loyal supporters of the Chapter General of Scotland in the

past, so in the future Great Priory would have no more zealous or loyal adherents than the members of the Encampment of St. John. These remarks were enthusiastically received by the members of Great Priory.

Most. Em. Sir Kt. Malone and the Deputy Grand Master read letters received from Sir Kt. J. T. Whitlock, Em. Commander of the St. Stephen Encampment, regretting his inability to be present and hoping that next Assembly of Great Priory would see only one Templar jurisdiction in Canada.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES.

R. Em. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice withdrew his amendment to Clause 3, Revised Statutes 1894, and substituted the following

NOTICE OF MOTION.

That a special committee be appointed by the Supreme Grand Master to taken into consideration the representation of Great Priory and the methods and manner of elections, and to make recommendations.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Deputy Grand Master then submitted the report of the Audit and Finance Committee, which was discussed seriatum.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Audit and Finance as submitted be adopted.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson,

That hereafter the Great Priory refuse to grant any sums of money to Preceptories for the purposes of entertainment.

The motion was lost.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The action of the Supreme Grand Master in preparing and presenting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen receives our warmest approval. The language in which same is

couched fully expresses the feelings of loyalty and love which the Knights Templar in the Dominion of Canada entertain for Her Majesty. We extend to her our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of her diamond jubilee, and trust that a wise and kind Providence may give her many years of health and strength to rule over a prosperous and enlightened people.

The Grand Council view with pleasure the reception accorded to our Grand Master on the visits made by him, not only to subordinate bodies of this Great Priory but to Commanderies in the neighboring Republic. The royal and fraternal welcome received by him from the Commanderies in Detroit and Chicago is greatly appreciated by us. An interchange of visits between the fratres of the respective countries will be a strong factor in cementing that feeling of confidence, love and respect which should exist between the two great nations of one common origin, speaking the same tongue, worshipping the same God, and prominent in the spread of civilization and christianity over the face of the whole world.

We receive with open hands and warm hearts our good friends from Trinity Commandery, N. H., and Lewiston Commandery, Lewiston, Maine, and feel satisfied that mutual benefit and advantage to all present will be an outcome of the visit. The Great Priory of Canada is now and has been for some years past indebted to the American fratres for the stimulating effect in the cause of Templarism in the Dominion produced by such visits. We trust that our good friends will enjoy themselves and on their departure carry away to their respective homes pleasant recollections of Canada and Canadian Knight Templars.

While not expressing an opinion at the present time on the advisability of holding Templar meetings on the Feast of the Nativity, the Grand Council do not look with disfavor upon the practice of fraternal greetings between the Grand Master and the subordinate Commanderies on above feast.

The Grand Council approve of the dispensations issued by the Grand Master during the year, and approve of the decisions reported by him in his address.

The Grand Council regret that final arrangements have not yet been made with St. Stephen Commandery, N. B., to come in under our banner. The committee having the matter in charge have not been remiss in the performance of their duty, but are firmly of the opinion that another year's delay will produce results satisfactory to all parties, and recommend the continuance of the committee.

The agreement entered into between Great Priory and the Encampment of St. John, N. B., will be found in the printed proceedings of last year, and now that the Encampment is enrolled under our banner the Grand Council desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services of Sir Kts. J. V. Ellis, Dr. T. Walker, T. A. Godsoe, A. I. Trueman and J. H. Leonard in bringing about the long wished for union. The Grand Council would recommend that Past Rank be conferred on the following fratres, viz: that of Past Provincial Prior on Sir Knights Dr. Thomas Walker, T. A. Godsoe and J. A. Watson, and that of Past Preceptor on J. Henry Leonard.

With regard to the petition received from subordinate Preceptorics praying that the rank of Preceptor be conferred upon four fratres, the Committee on Jurisprudence will deal with the matter. At the same time the Grand Council endorse the views of the Grand Master on the subject.

The Grand Council are of the opinion that the Grand Master has in his address expressed their views regarding the death of our Grand Chancellor, M. E. Frater Daniel Spry. His loss to this Great Priory will be sorely felt. We recommend that a committee be appointed by the Grand Master to draft a resolution of condolence to the widow and family of our late frater.

In conclusion the Grand Council congratulates the Grand Master on the prosperity which Great Priory is enjoying. Our increase of members exceeds that of any former year; our fratres are taking a greater interest in the work, and the future looks bright and promising.

Our Grand Master can rest assured that his work

is appreciated and that he retains the love and respect of the Knights Templar of this Dominion.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. Macwatt, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Grand Council on the Supreme Grand Master's address be received and adopted.

The Grand Master appointed M. E. Sir Kts. E. T. Malone and Will. H. Whyte, and R. E. Sir Kts. D. F. Macwatt and J. Ross Robertson as a committee on the resolutions of condolence in connection with the late Grand Chancellor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Kt. I. H. Stearns, R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson and Em. Sir Knight S. J. Tunstall scrutineers of the ballot.

After nominations were made previous to the vote being taken for each office, the ballots were collected and counted, when the scrutineers reported that the following Grand Officers were duly elected.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Daniel Fraser Macwatt.....	Grand Master
R. E. "	John Valentine Ellis.....	Deputy Grand Master
M. E. "	Will. H. Whyte.....	Grand Chancellor
R. E. "	John R. Battsby, D.D.....	Grand Chaplain
R. E. "	Joseph Tomlinson.....	Toronto, Grand Constable
R. E. "	T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth.....	Grand Marshal
R. E. "	O. S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. "	J. B. Tresidder, Montreal.....	Grand Registrar

The following Em. Sir Knights, elected by the representatives of the Preceptories, and Preceptors from their respective districts, were approved and confirmed by the Supreme Grand Master as

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Wm. J. Carson, London.....	London District
R. E. "	J. H. Mattice, Hamilton.....	Hamilton District
R. E. "	Wm. Walker, Toronto.....	Toronto District
R. E. "	Chas. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont., Kingston District.	

- R. E. Sir Kt. W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal, Quebec District.
 R. E. " A. I. Trueman, St. John, N. B., New Brunswick District.
 R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia District.
 R. E. " Wm. A. Downie, Vancouver, British Columbia District.
 R. E. " Roderick MacNeill, M. D., Stanley Bridge, Prince Edward Island District.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Subsequently the Supreme Grand Master notified the Grand Chancellor of the appointment of the following Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Council.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 V. E. " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro, Grand Sub-Marshal.
 V. E. " Wm. S. Hallet, Barrie, Ont., Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 V. E. " H. D. McLeod, St. John, N. B., Grand Almoner.
 V. E. " N. W. Ford, St. Thomas, Ont., Grand First Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " Wm. Simpson, Toronto, Ont., Grand Second Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " M. W. Rublee, Winnipeg, Man., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
 V. E. " A. A. Campbell, London, Ont., Grand Captain of the Guard.
 V. E. " A. M. Perrin, M. D., Yarmouth, N. S., Grand Sword Bearer.
 V. E. " R. E. Brett, Victoria, B. C. Grand Organist
 V. E. " Wm. H. Inglis, Brantford, Ont., Grand Pursuivant
 V. E. " Geo. Ackman, Moncton, N. B. Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

- R. E. Sir Kt. John Ross Robertson Toronto, Ontario
 R. E. " Harry A. Collins Toronto, Ontario
 R. E. " William G. Reid Hamilton, Ontario
 R. E. " Chas. F. Mansell Toronto, Ontario
 R. E. " Thomas Walker, M. D. St. John, N. B.

APPOINTED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

- R. E. Sir Kt. William Gibson Beamsville, Ontario
 R. E. " Isaac H. Stearns Montreal, Quebec
 R. E. " Allan McLean Kingston, Ontario
 R. E. " David Taylor Ottawa, Ontario
 R. E. " Simon J. Tunstall, M. D. Vancouver, B. C.

BY VIRTUE OF PAST RANK—PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson, Q. C.....	Collingwood, Ontario
M. E. "	Elias T. Malone.....	Toronto, Ontario
M. E. "	Edmund E. Sheppard.....	Toronto, Ontario
M. E. "	Will. H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Quebec

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

JEWEL TO PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTER E. T. MALONE.

Most Eminent Grand Master Whyte in a few courteous and complimentary remarks expressive of the esteem in which he was held by the members, presented to Most Eminent Sir Kt. Elias T. Malone, on behalf of Great Priory, a Past Grand Master's Jewel as authorized by resolution of last session. Most Eminent Sir Kt. Malone in thanking the members of Great Priory stated that he would always be found ready to place his services at the disposal of the Templars of Canada, and would always be proud to wear the jewel as a memento of the high office he had held in the Sovereign Great Priory.

PAST RANK OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER WITH JEWEL VOTED TO THE GRAND TREASURER FOR SERVICES RENDERED GREAT PRIORY.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. John Malloy, and

RESOLVED—Whereas R. Em. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman, has filled the position of Grand Treasurer of Great Priory for a number of years without any recognition of his valuable services, and has fulfilled the duties of that office to the satisfaction of every member.

RESOLVED—That the rank of Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon R. Em. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman and that the jewel of that office be conferred upon him by Sovereign Great Priory.

INSTALLATION.

Most Em. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master, assisted by Past Grand Master Elias Talbot Malone, installed the officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master elect was presented for instal-

lation, and having taken the vows of office was installed and invested, and proclamation made that

‡ DANIEL FRASER MACWATT, of Barrie, in the Province of Ontario, was duly installed Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada, in ancient and prescribed form.

The Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Priors and elective officers present were then installed and invested as follows:—

Right Em. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis.....	Deputy Grand Master
“ “ A. I. Trueman.....	Provincial Prior
“ “ G. W. Johnson.....	Provincial Prior
“ “ J. Tomlinson.....	Grand Constable
“ “ T. V. B. Bingay.....	Grand Marshal
“ “ O. S. Hillman.....	Grand Treasurer

Most Em. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt then installed Most Em. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte as Grand Chancellor.

The Supreme Grand Master directed those absent to be installed in the Preceptories of which they are members, by their predecessors in office, if possible.

RESOLUTIONS.

Thanks to Montreal Templars.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to the Knights Templar of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal, for the many courtesies extended during the session and the perfect arrangements made for the entertainment of Great Priory and the many Templars who are visiting Montreal on this occasion.

RESOLUTION TO THE AMERICAN SIR KNIGHTS.

Moved by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Reid, and

RESOLVED—That the Sovereign Great Priory express pleasure at the visit paid to it by the Commanderies of Manchester and Lewiston, and desire to congratulate them upon their numbers and splendid appearance, and trust that the friendships engendered by this visit may long continue and tend to cement more closely the Templars of the United States and Canada.

Place of Meeting 1898.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED—That the 15th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory be held in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, at such time as may be chosen by the Supreme Grand Master.

Thanks to R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson.

Moved by M. Em. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice, and

RESOLVED—That the thanks of Great Priory are due and are hereby tendered to R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson for valuable services rendered during this session as acting Grand Chancellor.

Grand Master Macwatt on behalf of Great Priory thanked R. Em. Sir Kt. Gibson for his efficient assistance during the session, the R. Em. Sir Knight acknowledging the compliment.



The business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada being concluded, it was closed in **Ample Form** at 2.45 o'clock, p. m.

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Supreme Grand Master.

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Grand Chancellor.

ADDENDA.



Communications received since Annual Assembly in reference to the Address to Her Majesty the Queen from the Sovereign Great Priory.*

SESSIONS HOUSE,
CLERKENWELL, AUG. 16, 1897.

Grand Chancellor Great Priory of Canada :

DEAR SIR AND V. E. KNIGHT—I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the gracious reply of Her Majesty the Queen, and with hearty good wishes, believe me,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) † R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND,
English Representative.

COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, AUG. 9, 1897.

Sir :

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th of July, addressed to the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, transmitting an address to the Queen from the Knights Templar of Canada on the occasion of the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

Mr. Chamberlain has laid the address before the Queen and has received Her Majesty's commands to return her sincere thanks to the Knights Templar for the expressions of loyalty and devotion contained in this handsome volume.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

C. F. MATIER, Esq.,

Vice-Chancellor,

Great Priory of England and Wales.

NOTE.

Very Eminent Sir Knight William Walker, of Cyrene Preceptory, Toronto, nominated at the Assembly of Great Priory by the representatives of the Toronto District as Provincial Grand Prior of that District, having declined the office, the Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to appoint Em. Sir Knight H. D. Howson to fill the vacancy.

Right Eminent Sir Knight H. D. Howson, having resigned the office of Presiding Preceptor of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, an election resulted in the choice of Sir Knight J. J. Cassidy as Presiding Preceptor.

Right Eminent Sir Knight J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, having resigned from the Grand Council, Right Eminent Sir Knight George J. Bennett, of Toronto, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

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OF

TRINITY COMMANDERY, No. 1, K. T.

OF MANCHESTER, N. H.

... AND ...

LEWISTON COMMANDERY, No. 7, K. T.

OF LEWISTON, MAINE.

Parade of Canadian and American Knights Templar

AND

RECEPTION

BY RICHARD CŒUR DE LION PRECEPTORY, No. 7,

AT

Montreal, August 19th and 20th, 1897.

Thursday and Friday were great days for the Knights Templar of Montreal. Not only was the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada holding their Annual Assembly in the city, but the occasion was graced with the presence of two American Commanderies—Trinity Commandery, No. 1, of Manchester, N. H., and Lewiston Commandery, No. 7, of Lewiston, Maine, the former numbering 95 swords, the latter 65, with 45 ladies, and their band.

Wednesday Evening, August 18th.

The members of Lewiston Commandery arrived in the city Wednesday evening at 7.30, and were met at the Windsor street station by the members of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, and escorted to the St. Lawrence Hall. The uniformed knights presented a brilliant sight as they marched along the street, headed by the Second Regiment Band, which played a number of selections and attracted a great deal of attention. The party, including the ladies and the band,

numbered a hundred and fifty-seven. The officers of the Lewiston Commandery in attendance were: Sir Knights Albert S. Plummer, Eminent Commander; Lavator O. Morse, Generalissimo; Henry A. Torsey, Captain-General; Charles E. Merrill, Senior Warden; Fred G. Payne, Junior Warden and leader of the band; Arthur C. Sprague, Standard-bearer; John H. Merrill, Warden; Ronello E. Whitman, Second Guard; Charles S. Porter, First Guard; Charles H. Jumper, Sentinel.

Thursday, August 19th.

This morning Trinity Commandery, of Manchester, N. H., arrived at the Bonaventure Station, together with the members of the Preceptorics of Toronto, St. John, Moncton, London and other Canadian cities, where they were met by the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, under command of R. Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Eminent Preceptor, and, accompanied by the Pipers' Band of the 5th Royal Scots. The Victoria Rifles Band headed the Trinity Commandery, which was ninety-five strong, and escorted the visitors to the Windsor Hotel, the streets being lined with spectators along the line of march. The officers of the Commandery are: Sir Knights Judge Isaac L. Heath, Eminent Commander; H. D. Sole, Generalissimo; John H. Wales, jr., Captain-General; Arthur S. Bunton, Senior Warden; George N. Burpee, Junior Warden; E. D. Goodwin, Warden; Leon E. Magoan, Standard-bearer; James H. Weston, Treasurer; Charles E. Ranno, Third Guard; Fred. K. Ramsay, Second Guard; John Gillis, Sentinel.

Godfrey de Bouillon, of Hamilton, came down by boat.

THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

Shortly after eleven o'clock, escorted by Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Trinity and Lewiston Commanderies made a visit to the Sovereign Great Priory and were received with knightly enthusiasm. M. E. Sir Kt. W. H. Whyte welcomed the American Knights in felicitous terms, and Eminent Sir Knights Albert S. Plummer and Judge Isaac L. Heath, in replying, expressed great gratification at being able to be present at

the Annual Assembly of the Great Priory of Knights Templar of Canada, and alluded to the welcome which had been given them by the Montreal Knights as well as the cordial and knightly reception which had been accorded them by the Sovereign Great Priory, Em. Sir Kt. Judge Heath saying, "though owing allegiance to different flags they could all unite under one grand banner, the Beauseant of the Temple."

During the morning the ladies accompanying the Sir Knights were treated to a street railway drive through the city in a special car, in charge of R. Em. Sir Kt. Dr. Geo. W. Lovejoy.

At three o'clock the Montreal Knights took their guests for a carriage ride through Mount Royal Park, the long line of over 90 carriages making an imposing spectacle as they drove round the winding boulevard roads to the top of the mountain.

THE "AT HOME" AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

The reception and "At Home" given at the Masonic Temple in the evening by the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of Montreal, to the Sovereign Great Priory and Sir Knights of Canada, Trinity Commandery, of Manchester, N. H., and Lewiston Commandery, of Lewiston, Me., and their ladies, was a most enjoyable affair. The concert hall was beautifully decorated. Illuminated designs in electric light, of the square and compass, the Royal Arch Triangles, and the Cross of the Temple and Malta were placed on the front of the building and gave it a very effective appearance from the street.

A short informal reception was first held, at which Mrs. J. B. Tresidder, Mrs. W. H. Whyte and Mrs. I. H. Stearns received. R. Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Presiding Preceptor of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, who presided, after a few opening remarks, gave an address of welcome to the Sovereign Great Priory, which was replied to by R. Em. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master. The American fratres were welcomed by M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, who was sure he voiced the sentiments of the Templars of both the United States and Canada when he said that he hoped

they would never see the flags of the two nations in any other position than they had been seen this day marching through the streets of the Canadian metropolis, side by side in the interests of peace, good-will and good-fellowship.

Responses were given by R. E. Sir Kt. W. H. Judkins, Mayor of Lewiston, Maine, and R. E. Sir Kt. Judge Burnham, for Trinity Commandery. The learned judge delivered a magnificent oration, referring in loving terms to the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, which graced the walls of the hall, and whom Americans loved as a woman in every sense of the word. He also, on behalf of American Templars, heartily joined Grand Master Whyte in the sentiments expressed regarding the two glorious flags.

"Our Western Fratres" and our "Our Fratres by the Sea" were welcomed by R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tressider, R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, M. P., responding in a happy speech.

The speeches of the Right Eminent Sir Knights were interspersed with a choice musical programme, to which Miss Marie Hollinshead, Brothers J. Venables, E. Duquette, F. C. Capon and J. Wilkes, of the St. Lawrence Quartette, and Bro. J. Poole contributed.

Refreshments were subsequently served in the banquet hall upstairs, and the various lodge rooms, together with the Temple Club rooms and the Royal Albert Club rooms were thrown open for the enjoyment of the visitors.

Friday, August 20th.

The visiting Templars were given a civic welcome by Mayor Wilson-Smith, witnessed a review of the Montreal fire brigade, and taken for a trip down the rapids.

The visiting Knights Templar who have been in the city since yesterday, speak in the highest terms of their entertainment by their Montreal fratres. Shortly after ten o'clock this morning the American and Canadian Knights and their bands, paraded to the City Hall. The Pipers' Band headed the procession, with Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptor of Montreal in the handsome black

uniform adopted by the Great Priory, and carrying a large silk Union Jack. The order of the procession was as follows:—

- Pipers' Band of the 5th Royal Scots.
- Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Montreal.
- Ottawa Preceptory, No. 32, Ottawa.
- Victoria Rifles' Band.
- Trinity Commandery, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- 2nd Regiment Band.
- Lewiston Commandery, Lewiston, Maine.
- Civic Band.
- Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton.
- Encampment of St. John, No. 3a, St. John, N. B.
- Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, Ont.
- Yarmouth Preceptory, Yarmouth.
- Malta Preceptory, of Moncton,
- and other Canadian Knights according to order.

The route of the procession was by way of Dorchester, Peel, St. Catharine, Phillips Square, Beaver Hall Hill, Victoria Square, St. James, Place d'Armes and Notre Dame.

At the City Hall the Sir Knights were received by His Worship Mayor Wilson-Smith in the Council chamber, and Ald. Stevenson, who was the first Presiding Preceptor of the Montreal Preceptory.

The Mayor in his address of welcome, said:—"It affords me great pleasure to welcome to Montreal in the name of the city, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and visiting Knights. Practically all that the outside world knows of your great Order is that it is distinguished by works of charity and hospitality, and that it makes no secret of its loyalty to our Queen and country. I see by your programme that the historic names and titles by which you designate your characteristic institutions and high officers, are names which are associated with the highest and noblest of English chivalry. I see that the device you bear upon your coat-of-arms includes the universal emblem of Christianity—the Cross,—and that your motto is 'In hoc signo vinces' (in this sign we conquer). One more thing we know of your distinguished Order, and that is that the Knights Templar include among their members a very large proportion of very estimable and highly respected citizens about whose services to their country and human-

ity there is no mystery whatever. What more do we need to know? A body of men who are associated in whole or in part for deeds of benevolence, and who avow that it is in the sign of the cross they would conquer, should always be welcome in a Christian community. Will you permit me to add a word of special welcome to those of you who come from the United States. The Union Jack, and Stars and Stripes never look so handsome as when they are side by side (applause), and when those associated with these two countries go side by side carrying these emblems, they can defy the whole world. (Renewed applause). I am pleased to see among you a sprinkling of the fair sex; they are always welcome to Montreal. Sir Knights, in the name of the city of Montreal, I give you a most hearty welcome, and sincerely hope that your stay here will be a very pleasant one. (Applause).

Three cheers were given for the Queen, the President of the United States and the Mayor of Montreal. Sir Kt. Judge Heath, on behalf of Trinity Commandery, expressed their appreciation of the honor done them. "Though we bear with us our own flag, of which we are as proud as you are of yours," he added, "you will find that during our stay in your city there are no more loyal sons of the Dominion than the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery." (Applause). Sir Kt. W. H. Judkins, Mayor of Lewiston, added a few words of thanks. As the knights left the civic building they shook hands with His Worship in the corridor.

The visitors then paraded to the Champ de Mars, where they attended a review of the Montreal Fire Brigade. The brigade marched past in single file and three abreast, raised extension ladders and water towers, laid 250 feet of hose, added a length and threw water. The brigade was in charge of acting Chief Jackson.

The knights now paraded back to the hotel headquarters and Temple by way of St. James, Beaver Hall and Dorchester streets.

RUNNING THE RAPIDS.

The visitors left at two o'clock in the afternoon on the "Duchess of York," for Lake St. Louis, and a run

down the Lachine rapids. The trip simply strengthened the impression created by the mountain drive and the view from the look out on the previous day, as to the magnificent situation of Montreal from the view of the landscape artist. The sail up the Lachine canal was decidedly relieved by the thoroughly happy and entertaining spirit which seemed to permeate all. The time was not allowed to drag in the slightest degree. The presence of the bagpipes was a guarantee for that, for there was Scotch music galore, and the dancing of the Highland Fling, Ghillie Callum and Sailor's Hornpipe was greatly appreciated, especially by the American visitors.

The descent through the rapids was experienced with mingled feelings of awe and enthusiasm.

A pleasing incident occurred on the march up from the boat on the return to the city. When Trinity Commandery arrived at Victoria Square the Sir Knights drew up opposite the Queen's statue and saluted the statue, and the band played "God Save the Queen."

Many of the visiting Knights left the city by the evening trains, others the next morning, while some journeyed to Quebec to visit the ancient capital.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF TRINITY COMMANDERY,
NO. 1, MANCHESTER, N. H.

Em. Sir Kt. Isaac L. Heath.....	Eminent Commander
Sir Kt. H. D. Soule.....	Generalissimo
" John H. Wales.....	Captain-General
" Arthur S. Bunton.....	Senior Warden
" George N. Burpee.....	Junior Warden
" James H. Weston.....	Treasurer
" Henry E. Burnham.....	Recorder
" Isaac W. Smith.....	Prelate
" Leon E. Magoon.....	Standard Bearer
" Fred. K. Ramsay.....	Second Guard
" Charles E. Ranue.....	Third Guard
" Edmund D. Goodwin.....	Warden

Judge Isaac W. Smith, Hon. Henry E. Burnham, Isaac C. Whittemore, W. H. Elliott, H. C. Clark, Carl W. Anderson, Henry W. Parker, Clarence H. Dodge,

Charles G. Ranno, Charles M. Cross, Edwin C. Paul, Frank F. Porter, Richard E. Davis, Charles S. Davis, Arthur E. Martin, Edward M. James, Joseph Fifield, Tilton F. Fifield, Frank P. Cheney, DeLafayette Robinson, Frank W. Garland, Frank W. Leeman, Eugene S. Head, Geo. E. Miller, Wm. F. Elliott, John Irwin, Edwin B. Weston, Charles E. Weaver, Warren Harvey, Joseph R. Weston, Chas. H. Anderson, Dr. Chas. E. Dodge, Frank L. Way, George W. Taylor, Dr. Chas. F. George, Otis F. Summer, J. Brodie Smith, Fred A. Shoutell, Ossian D. Knox, Horace Marshall, George S. Holmes, John Gillis, Elmer D. Godwin, Alfred E. Morse, William E. Watts, Oliver Bunker, Abram L. Gorman, Fred W. Southard, John Kneeland, Dr. Daniel S. Adams, Wm. Parry, Henry Briggs, Harry T. Lord, Geo. F. Elliott, John H. Whitten, Frank S. Bodwell, Chas. P. Porter, Wm. J. Price, Edwin A. Stratton, Chas. H. Swart, Chas. C. Hayes, Walter G. Africa, Frank T. E. Richardson, Albert E. Blanchard, Nelson M. Parnell, Joseph White, David H. Young, Dr. A. H. Hoyt, Sam. C. Lowell, James Lightbody, Roscoe K. Horne, Chas. A. Trefethem, Fred K. Ramsay, John K. Wilson, John Dickey, Geo. Colby, F. J. Shepard, T. C. Wallace, L. W. Collay, J. B. Prescott, J. A. Rogers, H. W. Quimby, E. E. Bullard, E. B. Bartlett.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LEWISTON COMMANDERY,
NO. 7, LEWISTON, MAINE.

Em. Sir Kt. A. S. Plummer.....	Eminent Commander
Sir Kt. L. O. Morse.....	Generalissimo
“ H. A. Torsey.....	Captain-General
“ C. E. Merrill.....	Senior Warden
“ F. G. Payne.....	Junior Warden
“ A. C. Sprague.....	Standard Bearer
“ J. H. Merrill.....	Warden
“ R. E. Whitman.....	Second Guard
“ C. S. Porter.....	First Guard
“ C. H. Jumper.....	Sentinel

Willie A. Knight, Horatio G. Foss, Herbert A. Goss, A. D. Barker, John F. Horne, Geo. E. M'Cann, Norris S. Tibbitts, John A. Greenleaf, Albert Haskell, W. B. Beckler, W. J. Pennall, James F. Atwood, Chas.

A. Abbott, Frank L. Lowell, Frank F. Falkner, Frank S. French, Seth D. Wakefield, Henry Free, Warren E. Wood, James T. Tarbox, Clarence V. Emerson, James M. Stevens, A. T. Murphy, R. C. M'Ilroy, C. A. Cochran, Henry Penniman, Geo. B. Bearce, J. N. Wood, A. B. Nealey, C. H. Miller, Samuel Hibbert, E. C. Wood, F. S. Neal, Otis J. Cook, A. G. Grant, Edw. W. Stetson, John N. S. Stetson, Frank L. Bartlett, H. A. Merrill, A. L. Stockbridge, Byron W. Armstrong, R. E. Attwood, Walter E. Plummer, Wm. R. Stevens, H. A. Free, Edw. F. Jackson, Otto H. Olfene, James G. Jordan, Chas. J. Gammon, C. E. Robinson, E. W. Dresser, Henry Stetson, John W. Scott, Frank Stanley, John Reed, Fred A. Porter, Richmond L. Melcher, H. C. Dunton, F. O. Walker, J. H. McKeeman, Cyrus P. Eaton, J. W. Simpson, J. F. Decosta, Arthur Hibbard, A. W. French, H. G. Ridley, R. A. Swift, W. A. Libbey, A. P. Conant, C. E. Philoon M. D., C. E. Norton M. D., Frank P. Thompson, Eben J. Ham, H. B. Isaacson, D. S. Waite, Benj. Jackson, W. H. Judkins, Geo. W. Furbush, Asa Millett, H. J. Mitchell.

CANADIAN TEMPLARS.

The following Presiding Preceptors commanded their Preceptories in the parade :

R. E. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman, Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 3, of Hamilton; Em. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman, Encampment of St. John; Em. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, of Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4, of London, Ont.; Em. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, of Montreal; Em. Sir Kt. Dr. A. M. Perrin, Yarmouth, No. 31, of Yarmouth, N. S.; Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa, No. 32, of Ottawa, and Em. Sir Kt. Geo. Ackman, of Ivanhoe, No. 36, of Moncton, N. B.

Besides the Past Preceptors and officers of the various Preceptories who attended Great Priory, the following Canadian Sir Knights not delegates to Great Priory took part in the parade and various events: Sir Knights W. G. Norris, F. H. Barr, W. Campbell, W. T. McLaurin, Geo. Carson, L. E. Trudeau, H. Higginbotham, W. J. Haire, W. S. Hume, T. A. Emans, W. J. Kerr, John Lawrence, C. A. Humphrey,

ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS, 1897-98.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Ont.....	Supreme Grand Master
R. E.	John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B.....	Deputy Grand Master
M. E.	Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Que.....	Grand Chancellor
R. E.	Rev. J. R. Bajtisby, D. D., Chatham, Ont.....	Grand Chaplain
R. E.	Joseph Tomlinson, Toronto, Ont.....	Grand Constable
R. E.	T. V. B. Bingay, Yarmouth, N. S.....	Grand Marshal
R. E.	Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E.	J. B. Tresidder, Montreal Que.....	Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E.	Wm. J. Carson, London, Ont.....	London District
R. E.	J. H. Mattice, Hamilton, Ont.....	Hamilton District
R. E.	H. B. Howson, Toronto, Ont.....	Toronto District
R. E.	Charles H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont.....	Kingston District
R. E.	Wm. M. LeMessurier, Montreal Que.....	Quebec, District
R. E.	A. I. Trueman, St. John, N. B.....	New Brunswick District
R. E.	Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth, N. S.....	Nova Scotia District
R. E.	Neville J. Lindsay, M. D., Calgary, Alberta.....	Manitoba District
R. E.	Wm. A. Downie, Vancouver, B. C.....	British Columbia District
R. E.	Roderick MacNeil, M. D., Stanley Bridge.....	Prince Edward Island District

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. E. Sir Kt.	Wm. Bowden, Ottawa, Ont.....	Grand Vice-Chancellor
V. E.	A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro, Ont.....	Grand Sub-Marshal
V. E.	Wm. J. Hallett, Barrie, Ont.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. E.	H. D. McLeod, St. John, N. B.....	Grand Almoner
V. E.	N. W. Ford, St. Thomas, Ont.....	Grand First Standard Bearer
V. E.	Wm. Simpson, Toronto, Ont.....	Grand Second Standard Bearer
V. E.	M. W. Rublee, Winnipeg, Man.....	Grand Master's Banner Bearer
V. E.	A. A. Campbell, London, Ont.....	Grand Captain Guard
V. E.	A. M. Ferrin, M. D., Yarmouth, N. S.....	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E.	R. E. Brett, Victoria, B. C.....	Grand Organist
V. E.	Wm. H. Inglis, Brantford, Ont.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. E.	Geo. Ackman, Moncton N. B.....	Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Chas. F. Mansell.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. E.	Geo. J. Bennett.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. E.	Thos. Walker, M. D.....	St. John, N. B.
R. E.	William G. Reid.....	Hamilton, Ont.
R. E.	Harry A. Collins.....	Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER

R. E. Sir Kt.	William Gibson.....	Beamsville, Ont.
R. E.	I. H. Stearns.....	Montreal, Que.
R. E.	David Taylor.....	Ottawa, Ont.
R. E.	Allan McLean.....	Kingston, Ont.
E.	Simon J. Tunstall, M. D.....	Vancouver, B. C.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson, Q. C.....	Collingwood, Ont.
M. E.	E. T. Malone.....	Toronto, Ont.
M. E.	Edmund E. Sheppard.....	Toronto, Ont.
M. E.	Will. H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Que.

And all elected Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

COMMITTEES.

WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights Allan McLean, Chairman; W. J. Carson, Jos. Tomlinson, T. V. B. Bingay, H. B. Howson.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights William Gibson, Chairman; J. B. Tresidder, Wm. G. Reid, H. A. Collins, J. H. Mattice.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights H. A. Collins, Chairman; O. S. Hillman, David Taylor, S. J. Tunstall, M. D., A. I. Trueman.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.—R. E. Sir Knight Chas. F. Mansell, Chairman; M. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, R. E. Sir Knights W. M. LeMessurier, Thomas Walker, M. D.

JURISPRUDENCE.—R. E. Sir Knights I. H. Stearns, Chairman; George W. Johnson, W. A. Downie.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—R. E. Sir Knight George J. Bennett, Chairman; M. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, R. E. Sir Knight William Gibson.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—M. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, Chairman; R. E. Sir Knights Rev. John R. Battsby, D. D., C. H. Fitzsimmons.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.—M. E. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, Chairman; E. E. Sheppard, Henry Robertson, Q.C.

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HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

- M. E. Sir Knight H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, London, England, Grand Master Grand Lodge of England, Grand First Principal Z. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and Supreme Grand Master of the United Order of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight H. I. H. Prince Demetrious Rhodocanakis, Scio, Athens, Greece, Honorary Grand Master (*ad vitam*) Grand Lodge of Greece; Sovereign Grand Commander of the Hellenic Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, 88°, and the Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Emro Holmes, K. C. T., Provincial Grand Provost, Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, Provincial Grand W. of R. N. & C. G., Past Grand Captain of the Guard, South Parade, York, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, K. C. T., Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Theodore Sutton Parvin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Iowa; and Past Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States; and Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Rev. Francis Edward Clark, LL. D., M. D., Boyle, Ireland, Deputy Grand Master of Connaught; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and Past Grand Constable of the Sovereign Great Priory of England.

REPRESENTATIVES

AT THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- M. E. Sir Knight James Kirkpatrick Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto, Ont., from the Great Priory of England and Wales.
- M. E. Sir Knight Elias Talbot Malone, Toronto, Ont., from Great Priory of Ireland.

_____ from Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

- M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q.C., LL.B., Collingwood, Ont., from the Grand Encampment of the United States.

FROM THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight R. Loveland-Loveland, London, at the Great Priory of England and Wales.
- R. E. Sir Knight (vacant) at the Great Priory of Ireland.
- M. E. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the Grand Encampment of the United States.
- R. E. Sir Knight Edward H. Williams, M. D., Melbourne, at the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.

APPOINTMENTS BY H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

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- R. E. Sir Knight James Kirkpatrick Kerr, Q.C., Toronto, Ont., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Past Grand H., Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF CANADA

- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec.
- R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N. B., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past M. P. Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick, and Illustrious Deputy for New Brunswick A. & A. S. Rite.
- R. E. Sir Knight A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Senior Warden Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Superintendent Montreal district, Grand Chapter of Quebec, and Past Grand Marshal, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough, Ont., Past District Deputy Grand Master, Ontario District, Grand Lodge of Canada; Past Grand Registrar, Grand Chapter; Past Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; and Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

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PRECEPTORIES ON THE ROLL
OF THE
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, PREMIER, Kingston, Ont. Warrant dated 12th February, 1824. Meets the second Monday in January, April, July, October, December, eighteenth day of March.

E. Sir Kt. John Hewton,
181 King Street West..... Presiding Preceptor
" Forshaw Day..... Constable
" W. J. Renton..... Marshal
" Robert Hendry, jr., 122 Johnson Street.... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. John Kerr, Kingston..... 1859
R. E. " Donald Ross, Picton..... 1877
R. E. " W. D. Gordon, Montreal, Que..... 1879
R. E. " Fleming Rowland, Kingston..... 1883
R. E. " Robert V. Matthews "..... 1884
V. E. " Wm. Waddington, jr.. "..... 1886
R. E. " Allan McLean, "..... 1889
E. " Wm. M. Drennan, "..... 1891
E. " George Sommerville, "..... 1892
R. E. " Wm. L. Hamilton, Belleville..... 1898
V. E. " Henry I. Wilkinson, Kingston..... 1894
E. " John Hewton..... 1896

GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont. Warrant dated 18th November, 1854. Meets second Friday in every month.

R. E. Sir Kt. Joseph Tomlinson,
427 Ontario Street..... Presiding Preceptor
" Spencer Love..... Constable
" W. P. Ryrie..... Marshal
" Robert Aitkin, 382 Sumach St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. James K. Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto..... 1869
V. E. " Thomas Sargant, Toronto..... 1876
R. E. " James Bower Nixon, "..... 1877
R. E. " Rich'd J. Hovenden, "..... 1877
V. E. " Wm. Hamilton, jr., "..... 1882
R. E. " Napoleon T. Lyon, "..... 1883
M. E. " E. T. Malone, "..... 1885
R. E. " Geo. S. McConkey, "..... 1886

R. E.	Sir Kt.	O. S. Hillman, Hamilton	.....	Affiliated
R. E.	"	William R. Howse, Whitby	.....	Affiliated
V. E.	"	John Heatherington, Toronto	.....	1867
R. E.	"	James Glanville,	"	.....1889
R. E.	"	H. A. Collins,	"	.....1891
R. E.	"	Benjamin Allen,	"	.....1892
R. E.	"	W. C. Morrison,	"	Affiliated.....1876
R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson,	"	.....1881
R. E.	"	James Douglas,	"	.....1884
R. E.	"	John Simpson, Niagara	"	.....1886
M. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard, Toronto,	"	.....1887
R. E.	"	Robert L. Patterson,	"	.....1888
R. E.	"	Arthur A. S. Ardagh,	"	.....1898
R. E.	"	William Roaf,	"	.....1894
V. E.	"	William Simpson,	"	.....1895
E.	"	Joseph King,	"	.....Honorary
V. E.	"	Chris. J. Hohl,	"	.....1896

3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont. Warrant dated 8th June, 1855. Meets first Friday in every month, except July and August.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	O. S. Hillman,	
		280 Queen Street South	..... Presiding Preceptor
	"	John Hooper	..... Constable
	"	T. M. Davis	..... Marshal
	"	Thomas McCallum, 197 George St.	..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John W. Murton, Hamilton	.....	1867
R. E.	"	John J. Mason,	"	.....1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson, M. P., Beamsville	.....	1878
R. E.	"	Charles Magill, Hamilton	.....	1879
R. E.	"	John H. Stone, Toronto	.....	1882
R. E.	"	Edwin A. Dalley, Hamilton	.....	1883
V. E.	"	W. J. Field, Binghampton, N. Y.	.....	1884
R. E.	"	Thomas Hood, Hamilton	.....	1885
R. E.	"	William G. Reid,	"	.....1886
R. E.	"	John Malloy,	"	.....1887
R. E.	"	John Tunstead,	"	.....1888
R. E.	"	O. S. Hillman,	"	.....1890
R. E.	"	Gavin Stewart, Woodstock	.....	1892
R. E.	"	Daniel J. Peace, Hamilton	.....	1893
R. E.	"	James H. Matrice,	"	.....1894
V. E.	"	Charles Smith,	"	.....1895

No. 8a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N. B. Instituted 1856. Meets on the second Wednesday in each month.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Arthur I. Trueman,	
	"	4 Church Street	..... N. & E. Commander
	"	Alex. R. Campbell	..... Lieut. Commander
	"	George Blake	..... Mareschal
	"	Joseph A. Magilton, 71 Germain St.	..... Registrar

Past Commanders.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John Valentine Ellis, St. John	1868
E.	"	James Gordon Forbes, "	1875
R. E.	"	Thomas Amos Godsoe, "	1876
E.	"	Trueman Wing Wisdom, "	1878
R. E.	"	Thomas Walker, M. D., "	1885
E.	"	W. H. B. Sadlier, "	1889
E.	"	F. L. Tufts, Sussex	1890
R. E.	"	John A. Watson, St. John	1891
E.	"	J. H. Leonard, " (Honorary)	1897

4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont. Warrant dated 29th May, 1857. Meets on the second Friday of each month.

E.	Sir Kt.	A. A. Campbell, Dundas St., Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Fred. E. Davis, Constable
"	"	Chas. W. Davis, Marshal
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar, 97 Warncliffe Road, Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alfred G. Smyth, London	1874
R. E.	"	D. Burleigh Burch, Lambeth	1877
V. E.	"	William Hawthorne, Detroit, Mich.	1884
R. E.	"	James Sutton, M. D., Clandeboye	1882
V. E.	"	John Ferguson, London	1884
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar, London	1885
R. E.	"	H. C. Simpson, "	1885
R. E.	"	Albert E. Cooper, "	1891
R. E.	"	Arthur Carrothers, "	1892
V. E.	"	Henry Stratfold, "	1898
V. E.	"	James B. Bishop, Hamilton	Affiliated
R. E.	"	William Walls Gray, London	Honorary
R. E.	"	Joseph Dambra, "	1885
R. E.	"	W. J. Carson	1896

5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S. Warrant dated 11th October, 1858. Meets first Friday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	William Crowe, 188 Barington Street	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	T. A. Cossman	Constable
"	"	W. M. Block	Marshal
E.	"	D. H. Campbell, 47 Argyle St.	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	James Dempster, Halifax	1880
R. E.	"	John W. Ruhland, "	1886
R. E.	"	Alexander Ross, "	1891
E.	"	Daniel H. Campbell, "	1892
R. E.	"	James Halliday, "	1894

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6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont. Warrant dated 7th June, 1861. Meets third Tuesday in each month.

R. E. Sir Kt. Samuel S. Lazier, Hotel St. Presiding Preceptor
 " Henry Pringle Constable
 " C. C. Spencer, Marshal
 " A. McGinnis, 358 George St. Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. William Doctor, Belleville. 1876
 R. E. " Samuel S. Lazier, " 1881
 R. E. " J. Parker Thomas, " 1886
 E. " J. P. Thompson, " 1889
 V. E. " J. J. Farley, M. D. " 1890

7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que. Warrant dated 5th December, 1863. Meets fourth Thursday in each month, excepting June, July and August.

R. E. Sir Kt. John B. Tresidder, Star office, Presiding Preceptor
 " Chas. S. Ellis, Constable
 " Joseph I. Phillips, Marshal
 " C. A. Humphrey, 225 Laval Avenue. Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Alexander A. Stevenson, K.C.T. Montreal, 1868-70
 R. E. " Isaac H. Stearns, K. C. T. Montreal. 1873
 R. E. " G. W. Lovejoy, M. D., " 1876
 R. E. " John McLean, " 1878
 R. E. " Alexander G. Adams, K.C.T. " 1881
 V. E. " William S. Evans, " 1884
 R. E. " William M. LeMessurier " 1885
 M. E. " William H. Whyte, " 1890
 E. " William Hill, Winnipeg, Man. 1891
 R. E. " Joseph Mitchell, Montreal. 1892
 R. E. " John B. Tresidder, " 1896

8.—PLANTAGENET, St. Catharines, Ont. Warrant dated 14th November, 1866. Meets second Monday January, April July, October and December.

E. Sir Kt. John W. Coy,
 " 189 St. Patrick St., Toronto. Presiding Preceptor
 " John A. Marquis. Constable
 " Chas. G. McGhie. Marshal
 " H. J. Johnson, 49 William St. Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. Edwin Goodman, M. D., St. Catharines. 1869
 V. E. " Isaac P. Wilson, Welland. 1872
 E. " Levi Yale, St. Catharines. 1885
 V. E. " George Burch, " 1890
 V. E. " J. H. Ingersoll, " 1892
 R. E. " Charles H. Connor, " 1893
 " Charles Burch, " 1895

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9.—SUSSEX, Stanstead, Quebec. Warrant dated 25th May, 1867.
Meets Thursday preceeding full moon in January, March,
June, September and December.

E.	Sir Kt.	Chas. M. Thomas, Stanstead, Presiding Preceptor	
E.	"	Rev. W. T. Forsyth.....	Constable
E.	"	W. M. Pike.....	Marshal
R. E.	"	H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Quebec.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Edson Kemp.....	1878
V. E.	"	Charles S. Kathan, Stanstead.....	1882
R. E.	"	Sylvester Leboeufveau, Sherbrooke.....	1884
R. E.	"	H. E. Channell, Stanstead.....	1885
E.	"	M. B. Schofield, California.....	1887
R. E.	"	Fred D. Butterfield, Stanstead.....	1888
V. E.	"	George D. Wyman, Apple Gate, Cal.....	1889
V. E.	"	A. N. Thompson, Stanstead.....	1890
E.	"	R. C. Parsons, ".....	1891
R. E.	"	J. H. Graham (affiliated), Richmond.....	—
R. E.	"	I. H. Stearns, Montreal.....	—
V. E.	"	Wm. M. Pike, Stanstead.....	1892
V. E.	"	Alexander Ames, Sherbrooke.....	1893
V. E.	"	George L. Pinkham, Coaticooke.....	1894
E.	"	Charles M. Thomas, Stanstead.....	1896

10—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated 10th April, 1860.
Meets second Tuesday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	Hugh MacDonald, Dundas Road.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	A. Oelschlaeger.....	Constable
"	"	P. Anderson.....	Marshal
E.	"	H. N. Barry, Glasgow St.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson (Honorary) Collingwood.....	1869
V. E.	"	Henry Lockwood, Goderich.....	1884
R. E.	"	Hugh Walker, Guelph.....	1886
R. E.	"	F. W. Randall, ".....	1891
E.	"	Robert Gemmel, ".....	1892
E.	"	H. N. Barry, ".....	1893
V. E.	"	W. D. Tawse, ".....	1894
E.	"	Hugh MacDonald, ".....	1896

11—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B. Warrant dated 1st May,
1869. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E.	Sir Knight	Hedley V. Cooper, 179 Princess Street.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	LeBaron Wilson.....	Constable
"	"	Alfred Dodge.....	Marshal
E.	"	H. D. McLeod, 190 King St. east.....	Registrar

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Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Hon. Robt. Marshall, K.C.T. St. John, N.B.	1868
V. E.	"	James Domville, St. John, N. B.	1871
R. E.	"	Samuel F. Matthews,	1875
R. E.	"	James H. Pullen,	1887
R. E.	"	William Crookshank,	1888
R. E.	"	William H. Thorne,	1895
V. E.	"	Howard D. McLeod,	1896
E.	"	Wm. Ezra Vroom,	(Honorary).1896

12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont. Warrant dated 15th April, 1870. Meets fourth Tuesday in each month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. J. Hallet, 68 Bayfield St., Presiding Preceptor
"	"	John B. McPhee..... Constable
"	"	Warren Johnson..... Marshal
"	"	John M. Bothwell, 82 Owen St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie.....	1862
V. E.	"	Fred Wilmot, Brighton, N. Y.....	1883
M. E.	"	H. Robertson, (hon'y) Collingwood, elected.....	1884
V. E.	"	John Nettleton, " " " ".....	1885
V. E.	"	Chas. Cameron, " " " ".....	1888
V. E.	"	E. R. Carpenter, " " " ".....	1888
V. E.	"	Wm. Downie, Vancouver, B. C.....	1888
R. E.	"	Robert A. Douglas, Barrie.....	1888
R. E.	"	Samuel Wesley, " " " ".....	1885
M. E.	"	Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie.....	1886
V. E.	"	Sydney J. Sanford.....	1887
V. E.	"	James H. McKeggie, " " " ".....	1889
R. E.	"	John V. Ellis, (Honorary) St. John, N.B.....	1890
R. E.	"	Hugh A. McKay, Berlin, Ont.....	1891
V. E.	"	Robert Esteen Fletcher, Barrie.....	1892
V. E.	"	George Monkman, " " " ".....	1898
V. E.	"	James Choppen Morgan, M. A., Barrie.....	1894
V. E.	"	Daniel W. B. Spry, St. Thomas.....	1895
V. E.	"	Wm. J. Hallet, Barrie.....	1896

18—MOORE, Peterborough, Ont. Warrant dated 27th May, 1870. Meets last Tuesday in January, first Tuesday in February, April, May, November, December and 11th March.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Algernon St. A. Smith,
"	"	88 London Street..... Presiding Preceptor
"	"	John Bell..... Constable
"	"	W. H. Walkley..... Marshal
"	"	D. N. Carmichael,
"	"	cor. Water and Brock Streets..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Rev. V. Clementi, B. A.	Peterborough	.....	1870
R. E.	"	E. H. D. Hall,	"	.....	1879
E.	"	Duncan Cameron,	"	.....	1888
R. E.	"	Benjamin Shortley,	"	.....	1891
E.	"	Charles Cameron,	"	.....	1892
V. E.	"	David Spence,	"	.....	1893
E.	"	Thomas Horner,	"	.....	1895
V. E.	"	A. St. A. St. A. Smith,	"	.....	1896

14—HARINGTON, North Bay, Ont. Warrant dated 7th February 1871. Meets first Monday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. H. Thomas, North Bay	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Wm. Boucher	Constable
"	"	W. Hewitt	Marshal
"	"	R. A. Klock, Klocks	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte	.....	1885	
E.	"	David Sheppard,	"	.....	1887
E.	"	Robert Pollock	"	.....	1888
V. E.	"	John M. Munro,	"	.....	1889
E.	"	William Smith,	"	.....	1890
E.	"	Ralph Hill,	"	.....	1891
E.	"	John Ballantyne, Lisbon Falls, Maine, U.S.A.	.....	1892	
E.	"	John R. Barrie, Almonte	.....	1893	
V. E.	"	Wm. H. Burgess,	"	.....	1894
E.	"	Robert A. Klock,	"	.....	1895
E.	"	Wm. H. Thomas, North Bay	.....	1896	

15—ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, Whitby, Ont. Warrant dated 8th March, 1872. Meets second Tuesday in each month.

E.	Sir Kt.	A. G. Henderson	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Chas. King	Constable
"	"	Fred Hatch	Marshal
"	"	Joseph White, P. O. Box 52,	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	George H. F. Dartnell, Whitby	.....	1872	
V. E.	"	C. A. Jones,	"	.....	1877
E.	"	John Stanton,	"	.....	1879
R. E.	"	W. R. Howse,	"	.....	1886
E.	"	Philip Taylor,	"	1888
V. E.	"	John H. Gale,	"	1890
V. E.	"	Alexander M. Ross,	"	1892
E.	"	A. G. Henderson,	"	1896

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16—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont. Warrant dated 3rd May, 1872
Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E. Sir Kt. Thos. A. Stayner,
Ormond and Wellington Sts. Presiding Preceptor
" G. H. S. Kennedy Constable
" R. C. R. Shephard Marshal
" John Easton, M. D.,
Court House Square. Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. John Dumbrille, Maitland. 1873
V. E. " John Easton, M. D., Brockville 1875
R. E. " David Taylor, Ottawa 1884
E. " George Gale, Brockville 1885
E. " Thomas Kearns 1889
R. E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons " 1890
V. E. " Jas. A. Poulton " 1895

17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont. Warrant dated 7th
May, 1872, Meets fourth Friday of every month.

V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. H. Inglis, 20 Market St. Presiding Preceptor
" P. H. Cox Constable
" J. H. Spence Marshal
" Joe. J. Inglis, 20 Market St. Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Rev. A. W. Richardson, Brantford 1891
R. E. " F. W. Randall, Guelph (Honorary) 1895
E. " W. F. Paterson, Brantford 1896

18.—PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont. Warrant dated 31st May,
1872. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E. Sir Kt. L. E. Horning,
Victoria University, Toronto. Presiding Preceptor
" J. A. Woodhouse Constable
" Israel Humphries Marshal
R. E. " T. C. Smith, Augusta St. Registrar

Preceptors.

E. Sir Kt. James Moore Irwin, Peterboro. 1872
V. E. " Robert Nicholls 1882
E. " P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg 1888
R. E. " Robert John Craig, " 1889
E. " William Rankin, " 1890
R. E. " W. J. Robertson, Port Hope 1891
E. " J. Walker Quinlan, " 1892
E. " Robert Deyell, " 1898
R. E. " A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg 1894
R. E. " R. C. Smith, Port Hope 1895
E. " J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne 1896

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19.—ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ont. Warrant dated 16th October, 1874. Meets first Thursday in every month.

E. Sir Kt. F. J. Ramsey, Alder St..... Presiding Preceptor
 " J. C. Eccles..... Constable
 " R. G. W. Connolly..... Marshal
 " G. D. Robertson, 8 Broad St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. William F. Braund, Dunnville.....1874
 R. E. " John Parry, ".....1875
 V. E. " M. C. Upper, Cayuga.....1877
 V. E. " John Taylor, Dunnville.....1878
 V. E. " Archibald Couper, Dunnville.....1882
 V. E. " Thomas J. Galbraith, ".....1885
 V. E. " Samuel Amsden, ".....1886
 V. E. " Robert Hall, Ridgetown.....1888
 V. E. " T. L. M. Tipton, Dunnville.....1893
 E. " R. F. Lattimore, ".....1894
 E. " W. D. Swazie, ".....1895
 E. " J. B. Sheehan ".....1896

20—KENT, Chatham, Ont. Warrant dated 7th August, 1877. Meets Tuesday, on or before full moon of each month.

E. Sir Kt. George W. Sulman, Garner House
 Block, King St..... Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " Frederick Bates..... Constable
 E. " John S. Johnston..... Marshal
 R. E. " Thos. C. MacNabb, 150 King St. west, Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Thos. C. MacNabb, Chatham.....1877
 R. E. " Frederick Bates, ".....1893
 V. E. " William Ball, ".....1887
 R. E. " Rev. John R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham.....1894
 E. " Jno. E. Johnston ".....1895
 E. " Geo. W. Sulman, ".....1896

21—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont. Warrant dated 11th October, 1878. Meets fourth Monday of each month.

R. E. Sir Kt. R. A. McKay, 19 John St... Presiding Preceptor
 " T. Slater..... Constable
 " H. Roe..... Marshal
 E. " W. E. Idsardi, 86 Elgin St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Robert A. McKay, St. Thomas.....18
 E. " William H. King ".....18
 R. E. " A. N. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.....18

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R. E.	Sir Kt. Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas.....	1886
E.	" W. E. Idsardi, "	1889
V. E.	" Luke Slater, "	1890
V. E.	" N. W. Ford, "	1894
V. E.	" J. G. Graham, "	1895
V. E.	" D. W. B. Spry, "	(affiliated).....1896

22.—ST. ELMO, Stratford, Ont. Warrant dated 18th March, 1880. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

E. Sir Kt.	H. Fred Sharp, St. Marys... Presiding Preceptor
"	J. Russell Stewart..... Constable
"	W. J. Mooney..... Marshal
"	E. E. C. Kilmer, Stratford..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt. Richard Radcliffe, Goderich.....	1888
R. E.	" Joseph Beck, Salford.....	1884
R. E.	" Charles A. Humber, Goderich.....	1888
V. E.	" M. Nicholson, "	1892
E.	" J. A. Morton, Wingham.....	1894
V. E.	" John E. Harding, Stratford.....	1896

23.—RHODES, Port Arthur, Ont. Warrant dated 9th March, 1880. Meets first Wednesday in every month.

V. E.	Sir Kt. R. E. Mitchell, Port Arthur, Presiding Preceptor
"	William Henry Demuth..... Constable
"	..... Marshal
V. E.	William J. Clarke, Cumberland St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt. Thomas Sargant, Toronto.....(Charter)	1880
R. E.	" John Ross Robertson, "	1880
R. E.	" James Bower Nixon, "	1880
V. E.	" James Wilson, C. P. R. "	1880
V. E.	" S. Wellington Ray, Port Arthur.....	1880
V. E.	" William J. Clark, "	1883
V. E.	" Robert E. Mitchell, "	1887
V. E.	" John James Jackson, "	1894

24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Warrant dated 27th April, 1880. Meets second Tuesday of each month.

E. Sir Kt.	C. H. Enderton, Manitoba Hotel,	Presiding Preceptor
"	A. W. Chapman.....	Constable
"	T. H. Billman.....	Marshal
"	D. McIntosh, 471 Main St.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. G. Conklin, Winnipeg	1880
R. E.	William G. Bell, "	1887
R. E.	Thomas W. Taylor, "	1889
R. E.	A. H. VanEtten, "	1890
R. E.	H. S. Westbrooke, "	1891
R. E.	James Haddock, "	1892
R. E.	William Hall, "	1893
V. E.	Thos. H. Billman, "	1894
V. E.	M. W. Rublee, "	1895
E.	Thomas Clouston, "	1896

25.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, Quebec, Que. Warrant dated 1st May, 1880. Meets fourth Wednesday of every month.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Chas. Knowles, Artillery St., Presiding Preceptor
	J. P. Hicks..... Constable
E.	David S. Rickaby..... Marshal
	Ed. A. Evans, Quebec..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec	1882
R. E.	Henry Griffith, "	1884
R. E.	Charles Knowles, "	1885
E.	David S. Rickaby, "	1886
V. E.	Carl L. A. Kühring, "	1888
V. E.	Henry Walters, "	1889

26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont. Warrant dated 9th September, 1882. Meets first Tuesday of every month.

V. E. Sir Kt.	A. H. Clarke,	
	149 Victoria Ave.....	Presiding Preceptor
	Joseph S. Edgar.....	Constable
	R. S. McDonald.....	Marshal
	John Sale, 119 Bruce Avenue.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Joseph Park, Windsor	1882
R. E.	Joseph W. Barringer, Windsor	1884
R. E.	George Duane Adams, Detroit, Mich	1885
R. E.	Robert McGuire, Windsor	1887
R. E.	Thomas Robinson, "	1888
V. E.	Peter A. Craig, "	1889
R. E.	David L. Carley, "	1890
V. E.	A. H. Clarke	1896

27.—MALTA, Truro, Nova Scotia. Warrant dated 1st November, 1885. Meets second Monday of every month.

E. Sir Kt.	D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow.. Presiding Preceptor
	G. W. Henderson..... Constable
	John Stanfield..... Marshal
R. E.	L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen St. Truro... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S.	1885
R. E.	"	T. V. Cooke, Moncton, N. B.	1887
R. E.	"	S. J. Waddell, Truro, N. S.	1888
R. E.	"	W. E. Logan, "	1889
R. E.	"	W. B. Alley, "	1890
V. E.	"	John Hay, "	1891
V. E.	"	H. W. Yuill, "	1892
E.	"	C. F. W. Bell, "	1893
E.	"	A. H. Holland, "	1894
V. E.	"	George McLeod, Bible Hill, Truro.	1895
E.	"	A. H. Learmont, Truro.	1896

29—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont. Warrant dated 12th July, 1887
Meets third Friday of every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	H. B. Howson,	
		110 Wellington Place.....	Presiding Preceptor
		E. C. Davies.....	Constable
		J. G. Gibson.....	Marshal
V. E.	"	Wm. Walker, 175 Dowling Avenue.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson, Toronto (Charter).....	1887
R. E.	"	Geo. J. Bennett, " ".....	1887
R. E.	"	Geo. G. Rowe, M. D., " ".....	1887
R. E.	"	Charles F. Mansell, " ".....	1889
V. E.	"	C. W. Postlewaithe, " ".....	1890
R. E.	"	H. L. Stillson, Bennington, N. Y. (Honorary).....	1890
R. E.	"	Wm. James Hughan, Torquay, Eng., ".....	1890
R. E.	"	F. F. Manley, Toronto.....	1891
V. E.	"	Fred. M. Morson, ".....	1892
E.	"	Geo. S. Ryerson, M. D. ".....	1893
V. E.	"	John Hetherington, ".....	Affiliated
R. E.	"	James Glanville, ".....	Affiliated
E.	"	John A. Cowan, ".....	1894
V. E.	"	William Walker, ".....	1895
R. E.	"	H. B. Howson, ".....	1896

30.—WESTERN GATE, Victoria, British Columbia. Dispensation
dated 28th May, 1891. Warrant dated 21st July, 1891.
Meets second Tuesday in each month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	R. E. Brett, 18 Rupert St....	Presiding Preceptor
		A. Milne.....	Constable
		T. B. Pearson.....	Marshal
E.	"	C. E. Renouf, Battery St., P.O. Box 86..	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alex. Roland Milne, C.M.G., Victoria, B. C..	1891
R. E.	"	Angus McKeown, ".....	1892
R. E.	"	William J. Quinlan, ".....	1894
V. E.	"	W. A. Richardson, M. D., ".....	1895
E.	"	C. E. Renouf, ".....	1896

81.—YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Dispensation dated 1st March, 1892. Warrant dated 19th July, 1892. Meets fourth Monday of every month.

V. E. Sir Kt. A. M. Perrin, M. D.,
 247 Main St. Presiding Preceptor
 " Arthur Rogers Constable
 " Ed. D. Moulton Marshal
 R. E. " Geo. W. Johnson, P. O. Box 246 Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Edward F. Clements, Yarmouth 1892
 R. E. " George W. Johnson, " 1894
 R. E. " T. V. B. Bingay, " 1895
 E. " N. J. B. Tooker, " 1896

82.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont. Dispensation dated 24th February, 1898. Warrant dated 18th July, 1898. Meets third Wednesday of each month.

V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden,
 177 Florence St. Presiding Preceptor
 " W. H. G. Garrioch Constable
 " W. A. Bangs Marshal
 " T. E. Burnside, care McKay Milling Co., Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa (Charter) 1898
 R. E. " David Taylor, " 1898
 M. E. " E. T. Malone, Toronto (Honorary) 1898
 V. E. " A. A. Henderson, Ottawa 1895

83.—CYPRUS, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T. Dispensation dated 2nd July, 1891. Warrant dated 23rd August, 1895. Meets last Friday of each month.

E. Sir Kt. James Walker, Calgary Presiding Preceptor
 " George Macdonald Constable
 " E. Nelson Brown Marshal
 R. E. " Neville J. Lindsay, M. D.,
 Stephen Avenue East Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Bell, Winnipeg Affiliated 1894
 V. E. " R. N. Kirkpatrick, Calgary 1895
 R. E. " Neville J. Lindsay, M. D., 1896

84.—COLUMBIA, Vancouver. Dispensation dated 4th May, 1894. Warrant dated 23rd August, 1894. Meets fourth Thursday of every month.

E. Sir Kt. S. J. Tunstall, M. D.,
 1088 Robson St. Presiding Preceptor
 " H. H. Watson Constable
 " Thomas Clouston Marshal
 " C. H. Gatewood, 152 Cordova St. Registrar

LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. J. Carson, London.

No. 4, Richard Cœur de Lion, London	County Middlesex
" 20, Kent, Chatham	" Kent
" 21, Burleigh, St. Thomas	" Elgin
" 22, St. Elmo, Stratford	" Huron
" 26, Windsor, Windsor	" Essex
" 37, St. Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia	" Lambton

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. James H. Mattice, Hamilton

No. 3, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton	County Wentworth
" 8, Plantagenet, St. Catharines	" Lincoln
" 10, Victoria, Guelph	" Wellington
" 17, Odo de St. Amand, Brantford	" Brant
" 19, St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville	" Monck

TORONTO DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. H. B. Howson, Toronto.

No. 2, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto	County York
" 12, Mount Calvary, Barrie	" Simcoe
" 14, Harington, North Bay	" Nipissing
" 15, St. John the Almoner, Whitby	" Ontario
" 18, Palestine, Port Hope	" Durham
" 23, Rhodes, Port Artnur	" Algoma
" 29, Cyrene, Toronto	" York

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Charles Harding Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Ont.

No. 1, Hugh de Payens, Premier, Kingston	County Frontenac
" 6, King Baldwin, Belleville	" Hastings
" 12, Moore, Peterborough	" Peterboro'
" 16, Gondemar, Brockville	" Grenville
" 32, Ottawa, Ottawa	" Carleton

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. M. LeMessurier, Montreal.

No. 7, Richard Cœur de Lion, Montreal	County Montreal
" 9, Sussex, Stanstead	" Stanstead
" 25, William de la More the Martyr, Quebec	" Quebec

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman, St. John, N. B.

No. 3a, Encampment of St. John, St. John	County St. John
" 11, Union de Molay, St. John	" "
" 36, Ivanhoe, Moncton	" Westmorland

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Geo. W. Johnson, Yarmouth N.S.
 No. 5, Nova Scotia, Halifax..... County Halifax
 " 27, Malta, Truro..... " Colchester
 " 81, Yarmouth, Yarmouth..... " Yarmouth

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Neville J. Lindsay, M. D.,
 Calgary, N. W. T.
 No. 24, Albert Edward, Winnipeg..... County Selkirk
 " 88, Cyprus, Calgary, Alberta..... Northwest Territory

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. A. Downie, Vancouver, B.C.
 No. 80, Western Gate, Victoria..... County Victoria
 " 84, Columbia, Vancouver..... " Burrard

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Roderick MacNeill, M. D.,
 Stanley Bridge.
 No. 85, Prince Edward, Charlottetown, P. E. Island... County
 Queens.

RECAPITULATION.

1—London District.....	886	Members,	6	Preceptories.
2—Hamilton District.....	248	"	5	"
3—Toronto District.....	884	"	7	"
4—Kingston-Ottawa District.....	168	"	5	"
5—Quebec District.....	101	"	3	"
6—New Brunswick District.....	207	"	2	"
7—Nova Scotia District.....	128	"	3	"
8—Manitoba District.....	128	"	2	"
9—British Columbia District....	62	"	2	"
10—Prince Edward Island District	22	"	1	"
	1764		86	

ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS JANUARY, 1897.

No.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens, Prem	Kingston, Ont.	1st Feb., 1824	2nd Monday in Jan., April, July, Oct. Dec., and 18th March.	John Hewton.	Robt Hendry, jr.
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldem'r	Toronto, Ont.	8th Mar., 1854	2nd Friday of each month.	Jos. Tomlinson.	Robert Aitk.
3	Geoffrey de Bouillon.	Hamilton, Ont.	25th Oct., 1855	1st Friday of each month.	O. S. Hillman.	Thos. McCallum
3a	Encampment of S. John	St. John, N. B.	May, 1856	2nd Friday of each month.	A. I. Trueman.	G. Gordon Boyne
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	20th May, 1858	2nd Friday of each month.	A. A. Campbell.	John S. Dewar.
5	Clava Scotia	Hallifax, N. S.	11th Oct., 1858	1st Friday of each month.	William Crowe.	D. H. Campbell.
6	Kinga B. win.	Bellefleur, Ont.	9th June, 1861	3rd Tues. in Jan., Apr., July, Oct. Dec.	S. S. Bazer.	A. McGinnis.
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que.	5th Dec., 1866	2nd Monday in each month.	John W. T. resider.	C. A. Humphrey
8	Plantagenet.	St. Catharines O.	14th Nov., 1866	2nd Monday in Jan., Ap., July, Oct. Dec.	John W. T. resider.	C. A. Humphrey
9	Sussex.	St. Catharines O.	14th Nov., 1866	2nd Monday in Jan., Ap., July, Oct. Dec.	John W. T. resider.	C. A. Humphrey
10	Victoria	Guilford, Que.	30th May, 1867	Thurs. b. i. mn. Jan. Mar. Jun. Sep. Dec.	Chas. M. T. resider.	H. E. Johnson.
11	Union de Molay.	St. John, N. B.	10th April, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month.	Hugh McDonald.	H. N. Hannell.
12	Mount Calvary.	Barrie, Ont.	21st May, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month.	W. J. Hallet.	L. M. Bothwell.
13	Marlington.	Peterboro, Ont.	27th May, 1869	4th Tuesday of each month.	Hedley Cooper.	H. D. Marry.
14	Goodwin.	North Bay, Ont.	14th April, 1871	1st Monday in Jan., Feb., Ap., May, Nov. Dec.	A. St. A. Smith.	D. N. Carmichael
15	John the Almoner.	Whitby, Ont.	8th March, 1872	2nd Tuesday in each month.	W. H. Thomas.	Wm. Hewitt.
16	Goodwin.	Brockville, Ont.	3rd May, 1872	4th Thursday in each month.	Thos. A. Steyer.	Joseph White.
17	Odo de St. Amand.	Port Huron, Ont.	7th May, 1872	4th Thursday in each month.	W. H. Inglis.	John Easton.
18	Palestine.	Port Huron, Ont.	7th May, 1872	4th Thursday in each month.	L. E. Horning.	R. C. Inglis.
19	St. Bernard de Clairv's	Dunham, Ont.	16th Oct., 1874	1st Thursday in each month.	F. J. Ramsay.	G. D. Robertson.
20	Kent.	Chatham, Ont.	7th March, 1874	Tues on or bef. f. moon each month.	Geo. W. Sulman.	W. E. Idsard.
21	Burleigh.	St. Thomas, Ont.	11th Oct., 1876	1st Monday in each month.	R. A. Mackay.	W. E. Idsard.
22	St. Elmo.	Stratford, Ont.	8th March, 1880	1st Wednesday in each month.	H. F. Sharp.	E. C. Kilmer.
23	Rhodes.	Pt. Arthur, Ont.	9th April, 1880	1st Wednesday in every month.	R. E. Mitchell.	E. A. Evans.
24	Albert Edward.	Winnipeg, Man.	27th April, 1880	1st Wednesday in every month.	C. H. Enderton.	D. E. McIntosh.
25	Wm. de la More the M.	Quebec, Que.	1st May, 1880	4th Wednesday of every month.	Chas. Knowles.	E. A. Evans.
26	Windsor.	Windsor, Ont.	9th Sept., 1882	2nd Monday of every month.	Hon. D. C. Fe.	John Sale.
27	Malson.	Truro, N. S.	1st Dec., 1885	3rd Friday of every month.	Wm. Walk.	Wm. Walk.
28	Western Gate.	Victoria, B. C.	28th July, 1887	2nd Tuesday of every month.	H. H. Howson.	Wm. Walk.
29	Yarmouth.	Yarmouth, N. S.	1st March, 1892	2nd Tuesday of every month.	R. E. Brett.	C. E. Renaud.
30	Cyrene.	Winnipeg, Man.	24th Feb., 1893	3rd Wednesday of every month.	A. M. Perrin.	Geo. W. Johnston
31	Ottawa.	Ottawa, Ont.	24th Feb., 1894	3rd Wednesday of every month.	Wm. Bowden.	T. E. Burnside.
32	Cyprus.	Calgary, Alberta	and July, 1894	Last Friday of every month.	Samuel Walker.	N. J. Lindsay.
33	Cyprus.	Vancouver, B. C.	4th May, 1895	4th Thursday of every month.	D. Dranshall.	C. H. Gatewood.
34	Prince Edward. (Charl)	Ottawa, P. E. I.	12th Nov., 1895	3rd Wednesday of every month.	Geo. Ackman.	Duncan McLean
35	Ivanhoe.	Moncton, N. B.	16th Nov., 1895	1st Monday of every month.	Geo. Ackman.	F. N. Hall.
36	Simon of Cyrene.	Sarnia, Ont.	9th April, 1896	4th Thursday of every month.	T. G. Johnston.	F. J. Winlow.

RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURN OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1897.

Preceptories established.....	89
" Affiliated.....	1
" ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.....	40
" ".....	8
Number on the roll.....	87

DEGREES CONFERRED.

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896-7
Red Cross.....	64	54	109	90	211	135	218	184
Templar.....	82	71	107	106	208	150	218	170
Malta.....	54	62	90	80	194	135	210	186

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 31st March, 1896	1548
Admitted to 30th June, 1897.....	307
Joined from other Preceptories.....	16
Restored.....	5
".....	1876
Withdrawn	45
Suspended, non-payment dues.....	45
Deaths.....	22- 112
Members in good standing 30th June, 1897.....	1764
Increase 1896-7	216

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	NO. PRECEPTORIES.				NO. MEMBERS.			
	1894	1895	1896	1897	1894	1895	1896	1897
Alberta, N. W. T.....	1	1	1	1	20	22	21	23
British Columbia.....	1	1	2	2	24	26	61	62
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	1	115	118	110	100
New Brunswick.....	1	1	2	3	85	87	70	207
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	3	3	119	123	122	123
Ontario.....	22	22	23	23	896	954	1054	1126
Quebec.....	3	3	3	3	84	88	94	101
Prince Edward Island..	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	22
	82	82	86	87	1298	1368	1548	1764

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STATISTICAL RECORD.
PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year.	Preceptories.	Members.	Receipts.			Expenditure.		
			£29	Os	Od	£29	Os	Od
1855.....	3	48						
1856.....	3	59						
1857.....	4							
1858.....	4		£22	0s	0d	£13	11s	3d
1859.....	5		10	8	2	4	8	9
1860 (no meeting)			81	15	5	27	14	3
1861.....	6							
1862.....	6		16	12	5	13	9	9
1863.....	6		2	12	4		12	6
1864.....	6							
1865.....	6							
1866.....	6		18	15	5	4	18	0
1867.....	7		\$67	54		\$56	89	

GRAND PRIORY FORMED 1ST MAY, 1868.

Year.	Precep's.	Memb's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1868.....	8						
1869.....	10						
1870.....	13					\$430	\$ 254
1871.....	13					357	174
1872.....	17					596	753
1873.....	16					990	944
1874.....	19					762	685
1875.....	19	58	4	68		911	1220

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1867.

Year.	Precep's.	Memb's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1876.....	19					\$785	\$ 428
1877.....	20	420	45			810	842
1878.....	21	587	40			374	346
1879.....	21	606	37	21		596	785
1880.....	25	686	74	28		650	598
1881.....	25	676	86	50		1089	1042
1882.....	26	710	78	34		1146	958
1883.....	26	795	105	51		912	757
1884.....	26	795	107	34		980	1105

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY FORMED 8TH JULY, 1884.

Year	Precep's	Memb's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1885.....	26	855	145	60		\$ 928	\$ 787
1886.....	28	880	102	35		848	987
1887.....	31	918	108	38		842	875
1888.....	31	990	104	72		1191	1004
1889*	28	944	85		46	981	1006
1890.....	28	990	82	46		822	766
1891.....	29	1008	86	13		1278	1381
1892.....	30	1058	151	50		1297	786
1893.....	31	1116	132	61		1071	1224
1894.....	32	1273	105	157		1207	909
1895.....	33	1368	172	95		1466	1223
1896.....	36	1548	281	180		1789	1021
1897.....	37	1764	328	216		1877	1516

*Three Preceptories withdrew to form Great Priory, Victoria, Australia.

MEMORIAL CIRCULAR.

MOST EMINENT SIR KNIGHT
DANIEL SPRY, Grand Chancellor.

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 Knights Templar of Canada :

Sorrowful Greeting.

Dear Fratres,

It becomes my sad duty to communicate the mournful intelligence that the dark shadow of death has crossed our threshold, entered our circle and called into the great and silent majority our dearly beloved Frater and Most Eminent Sir Knight

DANIEL SPRY, G. C. T.

Past Honorary Supreme Grand Master and Grand Chancellor.

Our dearly beloved Frater had been in failing health for some time, but strong hopes were entertained that he would recover. Up to a very short time before his death he was preparing as usual for the Annual Assembly of Great Priory on the 19th of August, but the final summons came a week before, and on the 18th instant he passed away at his home in London, surrounded by his sorrowing family. The Supreme Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and many of the officers and members of the Great Priory attended the funeral which took place the following day at the town of Barrie, where he formerly resided, and where he was interred by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada with Masonic honors. At the cities of London and Toronto, when the funeral cortege passed through, as well as at the final place of interment, many prominent members of all branches of the Masonic fraternity paid their last sad token of respect to the memory of their distinguished Comrade.

Most Eminent Sir Knight Daniel Spry was born November 29th, 1835, near Burritt's Rapids, County of Carleton, Ontario. For many years he was an efficient officer of the post office de-

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partment and filled the position of Inspector for the divisions of Toronto, Barrie, and London, Ont., which latter position he held at the time of his death.

For nearly forty years our Most Eminent Frater had been actively connected with the Masonic fraternity, and had held many high and important positions therein.

Initiated in King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto, on March 11th, 1858, he afterwards became the Worshipful Master and held the office for several years. He was:

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), A. F. & A. M., in 1882 and 1888.

Grand First Principal Z of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1879 and 1880.

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Canada in 1872 and 1878.

He was an active member of the Supreme Council 33° of the A. & A. S. Rite for the Dominion of Canada, and at the time of his death held the office of Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council.

For many years he was actively connected with the Knights Templar of Canada, and up to the time of his decease was the very devoted and efficient Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Great Priory. He received the decoration of the Grand Cross of the Temple some years ago from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order of the Temple in England, and was created an Honorary Grand Master of both the Great Priors of Victoria (Australia) and Canada. He was a zealous and enthusiastic Knight Templar, and his cheery greeting, kindly smile and wise counsels will be much missed by the members of the Order of the Temple.

Now, therefore —As a token of our love and esteem, and in memory of our dearly beloved Frater and Most Eminent Sir Knight, it is hereby directed that this Communication be read in the Assemblies of our Constituent Preceptories, and that each Preceptory of our obedience be draped in mourning for the period of three months.

‡ D F MACWATT,
Supreme Grand Master.

Attest: ‡ WILL. H. WHYTE,
Grand Chancellor.

Montreal, August 28th, 1897.

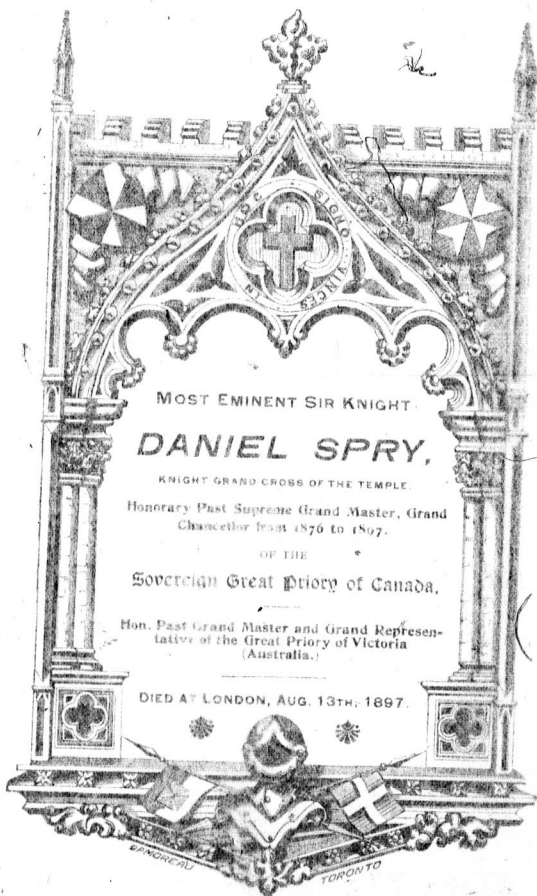
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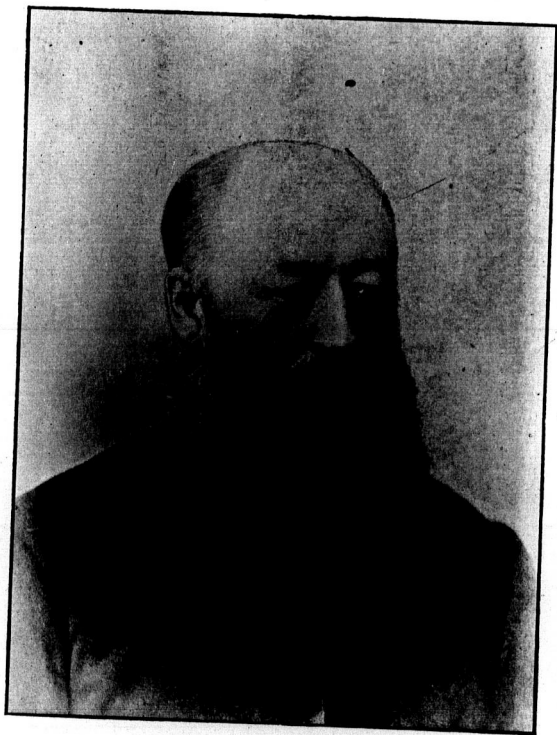
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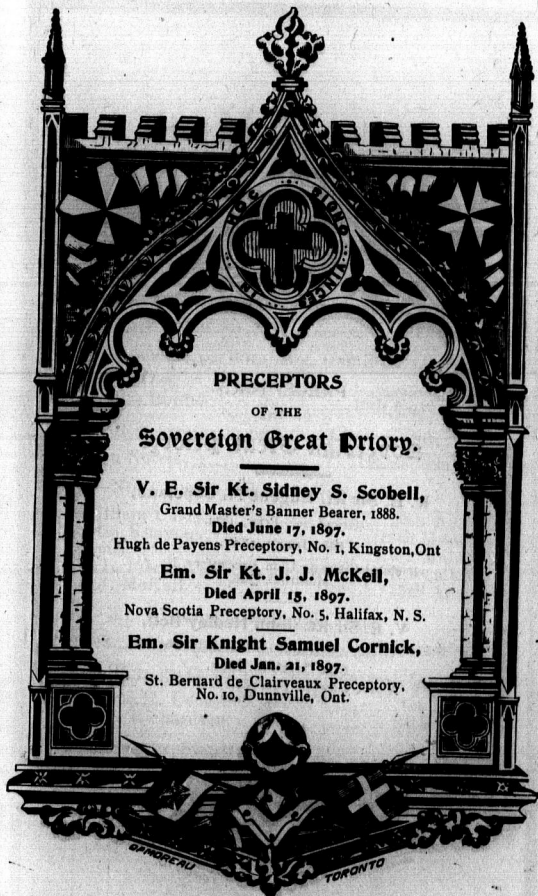
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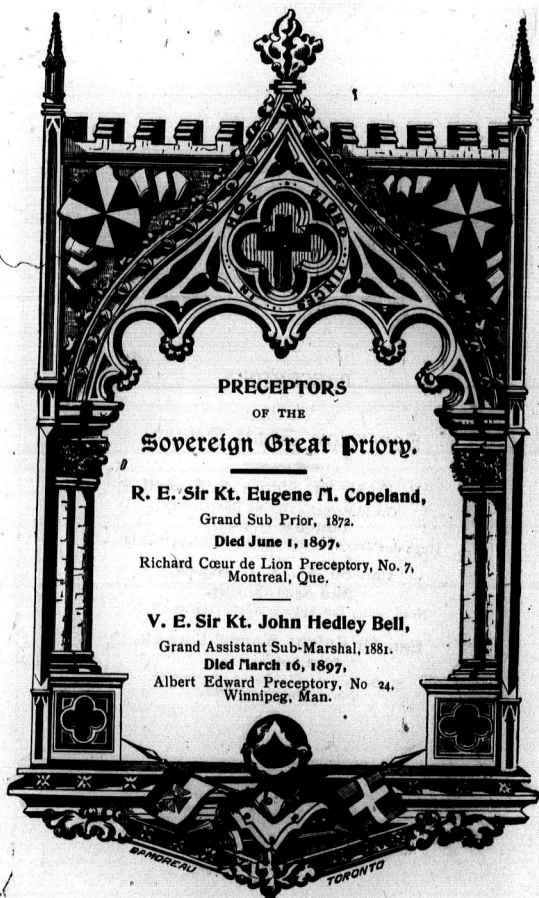
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IN MEMORIAM.

- No. 1.—HUGH DE PAYENS, Premier, Kingston, Ont.
Sidney S. Scobell.....17th June, 1897
- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
Jethro Worden.....16th February, 1897
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
James Hobbs10th May, 1896
Charles Burden.....15th November, 1896
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
John Norris.....11th September, 1896
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
William Curry.....20th April, 1895
John Kenyon.....17th March, 1896
James Tracy.....5th March, 1896
E. L. Foster.....19th November, 1896
J. J. McKeil.....15th April, 1897
- No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
Alex. Sutherland22nd December, 1896
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que.
Eugene M. Copeland.....1st June, 1897
J. H. Richardson.....24th May, 1897
- No. 9.—SUSSEX, Stanstead, Que.
Squire W. Taylor.....2nd December, 1896
- No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
Charles Upham Hanford.....6th February, 1897

IN MEMORIAM.

- No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
 A. Clifford Thompson.....9th December, 1896
- No. 15.—ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, Whitby, Ont.
 Thomas Huston.....19th April, 1896
- No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
 William Roope.....30th May, 1897
- No. 19.—ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, Dunnville, Ont.
 John Edgar Croly.....3rd June, 1896
 Samuel Cornick.....21st January, 1897
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 A. Greenwood.....25th May, 1897
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 John Hedley Bell.....16th March, 1897
 William Crawford.....3rd April, 1897
- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 William Booth.....17th July, 1896
- No. 27.—MALTA, Truro, N. S.
 James William Miller.....
- No. 30.—WESTERN GATE, Victoria, B. C.
 Charles H. F. Heisterman.....29th August, 1896
 Roderick McIver.....July, 1896
- No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.
 Thomas Kennedy.....22nd April, 1896
- No. 33.—CYPRUS, Calgary, N. W. T.....
 Harry W. C. Myer.....5th February, 1897

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WITHDRAWALS.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 J. E. Harding 12th June, 1896
 H. Fred Sharp
 A. E. Curran 18th November, 1896
 J. E. Hanaford
 R. F. Williams
 F. B. Lockwood
 E. M. Campbell 12th February, 1897
 A. L. Malone
 W. A. Harp
 Ed. Merritt
 No. 8.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 Charles Packert 2nd October, 1896
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 Robert Irwin
 No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
 A. G. Hesslein 7th June, 1898
 Henry Winter 4th October, 1895
 Henry Grier 2nd April, 1897
 James Foster 7th May, 1897
 No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
 William McKeown 20th October, 1896
 No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.
 J. H. Livisey 19th January, 1897
 T. F. Livisey 19th January, 1897
 A. B. Thom 16th March, 1897
 F. W. Randall 16th June, 1897
 D. L. Schultz 81st May, 1897
 No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
 George Wilson 24th February, 1897
 Duncan S. Harper
 John C. Hathaway
 James A. McLean
 John Gillies Jones
 Malcolm Patterson
 Oliver C. Diaper
 J. L. Harris
 No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
 Thomas Andrew Brown 28rd April, 1896
 No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ontario.
 Thomas C. Fleming 27th November, 1896
 J. J. Inglis, Sr. 27th November, 1896
 James G. Liddell 21st December, 1896
 No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 J. E. Sanagan 26th August, 1896

- No. 23.—RHODES, Port Arthur, Ont.
James Alan Fraser.....1st July, 1896
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
C. B. Deacon 11th August, 1896
H. G. Woodside 10th November, 1896
John Saunderson
- No. 25.—WILLIAM DE LA MORE, Quebec, Que.
S. Wilson Drum..... 11th March, 1896
- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
J. R. Spragge 16th October, 1896
R. J. Hovenden 20th November, 1896
F. B. Robbins 20th November, 1896
A. R. Symons 19th February, 1897
- No. 31.—YARMOUTH, Yarmouth, N. S.
C. S. P. Robbins 27th July, 1896
- No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.
Wm. R. White 9th September, 1896
Wm. G. S. Reynolds.....
Rev. Walter Witten 17th March, 1897
Robert A. Klock
- SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.
- No. 2.—GROFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
S. G. Allen 18th November, 1896
H. J. Craig
D. A. M. Brien
C. E. McDonald.....
W. G. Parsons.....
- No. 8.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
J. H. Crompton 5th February, 1897
Arthur Eastcourt.....
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
Alfred Hirst 12th February, 1897
John Patterson.....
- NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
Charles F. Vose 4th December, 1891
James R. Tupper 5th February, 1897
George S. Grant
Clarence J. Spike
J. W. Bradshaw
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No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.

H. Lockwood.....	81st May, 1897
J. Haugh.....	" "
J. A. Nelles.....	" "
W. Watson.....	" "
J. J. Mahony.....	" "
W. Marcroft.....	" "
J. J. Kelso.....	" "
Thomas New.....	" "

No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.

John E. Taylor.....	10th December, 1896
James G. Liddell.....	" "
Charles F. Jackson.....	" "
Levi B. Frandenberg.....	" "
William D. Jones.....	" "
Samuel F. Passmore.....	" "
Robert D. Park.....	" "

No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.

E. H. Raymour.....	22nd March, 1897
J. W. Barringer.....	" "
A. J. Clark.....	" "
A. Caughill.....	" "
E. Bennett.....	" "

No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.

C. F. Forrest.....	10th November, 1896
D. H. Purden.....	" "
W. W. Matthews.....	" "
N. H. Jackson.....	" "
F. W. Ross.....	" "
R. D. Foley.....	" "

No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.

James W. Riggs.....	2nd February, 1897
William Clement.....	" "
Donald Grant.....	" "
John Morrow.....	2nd March, 1897

No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.

Samuel S. Young.....	20th November, 1896
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No. 30.—WESTERN GATE, Victoria, B. C.

George Samuel Russell.....	
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No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.

Charles Soden Shaw.....	19th May, 1897
F. A. McGuinness.....	" "
Joseph H. Salmon.....	" "
John Abel Clark.....	" "

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RESTORATIONS.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
J. E. Harding.....12th June, 1896
H. Fred. Sharpe.....
No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION. London, Ont.
J. E. Burgess.....11th December, 1896
No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
James G. Liddell.....18th December, 1896
No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
S. R. Armstrong.....2nd March, 1897

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ROLL OF PAST OFFICERS AND PRESENT MEMBERS
OF SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

FROM ITS FORMATION, 10TH AUGUST, 1876, TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1897.

MEMO—Sir Knights whose names appear in the following lists are members of Great Priory so long as they remain members in good standing of a Preceptory. Only the highest office held is named, and names of those who have withdrawn from the Order are omitted.

Preceptor is the rank and title of a Knight who has presided over a Preceptory. Presiding Preceptor is the title while in office.

A

- Ackman, George, Presiding Preceptor, 1897; Grand Guard, 1897,
I. C. Railway., Moncton, N. B.
- Adams, A. G., K.C.T., Grand Marshal, 1881, 89 Mackay Street,
Montreal.
- Adams, George D., Prov. Grand Prior London District, 1885,
227 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- Alley, W. B., Prov. Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1892,
Truro, N. S.
- Allen, Benjamin, Grand Constable, 1894, 82 Colborne Street,
Toronto, Ont.
- Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursuivant, 1898, Sherbrooke, Que.
- Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunn-
ville, Ont.
- Archibald, L. B., Prov. Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1887,
11 Queen Street, Truro, N. S.
- Ardagh, A. A. S., Grand Constable, 1896, 57 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ont.
- Atkins, T. E., Preceptor, 1896, Thurlow Street, Vancouver.
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- Ball, William, Preceptor, 1887-88, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
- Ballantyne, John, Preceptor, 1892, Lisbon Falls, Maine.
- Barre, John A., Preceptor, 1898, Almonte, Ont.
- Barringer, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1892,
Windsor, Ont.
- Barry, Harvey N., Preceptor, 1898, 66 London Road, Guelph, Ont.
- Bates, Frederick, Grand Chaplain, 1886-91, Chatham, Ont.
- Battisby, D. D., Rev. John R., Grand Chaplain, 1894-97, Park
Street, Chatham, Ont.
- Beck, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1887,
Salford, Ont.
- Bell, C. F. W., Preceptor, 1893, Truro, N. S.
- Bell, Wm. George, Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1887-88,
Winnipeg, Man.
- Bennett, George J., Grand Registrar, 1889, 86 Melbourne Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.
- Bishop, James B., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1881, Hamilton, Ont.
- Billman, Thos. H., Grand Organist, 1895, James Street, Winni-
peg, Man.
- Bingay, T. V. B., Grand Marshal, 1897, 61 William Street,
Yarmouth, N. S.

- Bowden, William, Presiding Preceptor, 1897; Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1897, 177 Florence St., Ottawa, Ont.
- Braund, W. N., Grand Pursuivant, 1881, Dunnville, Ont.
- Brett, R. E., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Grand Organist, 1897, 18 Rupert Street, Victoria, B. C.
- Burch, D. B., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1878-82, Lambeth, Ont.
- Burch, Charles, Preceptor, 1895, Thorold Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Burch, George, Grand Pursuivant, 1891, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Burgess, W. H., Grand Organist, 1898, Ottawa, Ont.
- Butterfield, Lieut.-Col. F. D., Grand Marshal, 1889, Stanstead, Que.
- Butterworth, E. B., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1890, Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ontario.
- C
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Collingwood, Ont.
- Cameron, Charles, Preceptor, 1892, 502 George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Cameron, Duncan, Preceptor, 1888, Dublin Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Campbell, A. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Grand Captain Guard, 1897, London, Ont.
- Campbell, Daniel H., Preceptor, 1898, 47 Argyle St., Halifax, N.S.
- Carley, David L., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895-6, London District, Sandwich Street, Windsor, Ont.
- Carpenter, E. R., Grand Assistant Sub-Marshal, 1877, Collingwood, Ont.
- Carrothers, Arthur, Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1898, P. O. Dept., London, Ont.
- Carson, William J., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1897, London, Ont.
- Channel, H. A., Preceptor, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
- Channel, H. E., Grand Marshal, 1888, Stanstead, Que.
- Chambers, E. T. D., Grand Constable, 1882, Quebec, Que.
- Clarke, W. J., Grand Guard, 1888, Cumberland and Arthur Streets, Port Arthur, Ont.
- Clarke, A. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, Grand Sub-Marshal 1896, 49 Victoria Avenue, Windsor, Ont.
- Clementi, Rev. V., Grand Chaplain, 1876-85, Aylmer Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Clements, Edward F., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1894, Collins Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
- Clouston, Thos., Preceptor, 1896, P.O. Box 658, Winnipeg, Man.
- Collins, Harry A., Grand Registrar, 1892, 20 Major Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Conklin, E. G., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1881, Winnipeg, Man.
- Connor, Charles H., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1895, Queen Street, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Cook, T. V., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1888, Moncton, N. B.

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- Cooper, Albert E., Grand Marshal, 1892, Princess Avenue, London, Ont.
- Cooper, Hedley V., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, 179 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.
- Couper, Archibald A., Grand Pursuivant, 1882, Dunnville, Ont.
- Cowan, John A., Preceptor, 1894, Custom House, Toronto, Ont.
- Coy, John W., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, 189 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Craig, Peter A., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
- Craig, Robt. J., Grand Constable, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
- Crookshank, R. W., Deputy Grand Master, 1898, 141 Sidney Street, St. John, N. B.
- Crowe, William, Presiding Preceptor, 1897, 183 Barrington St., Halifax, N. S.
- D
- Dalley, Edwin A., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1884, Hughson Street, Hamilton, Ont.
- Dambra, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1896, Dundas Street, London.
- Darrach, Donald, M. D., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Kensington, P. O., P. E. I.
- Dartnell, Judge, G. H. F., Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1877, Whitby, Ont.
- Dempster, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1883-85, Halifax, N. S.
- Dewar, John S., Grand Registrar, 1885, "Free Press," London, Ont.
- Deyall, Robert, Preceptor, 1893, Walton Street, Port Hope, Ont.
- Doctor, William G., Grand Warden of Regalia, 1877, Belleville, Ont.
- Domville, James, Grand Captain Guard, 1894, St. John, N. B.
- Douglas, James, Grand Marshal, 1885-86, Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Downie, William A., Provincial Grand Prior, British Columbia District, C. P. R., Vancouver, B. C.
- Drennan, William M., Preceptor, 1891, 28 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.
- Dubber, S. Wilson, Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Dumbrille, John, Grand Organist, 1888, King Street, Maitland, Ont.
- E
- Easton, John, M. D., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1886, King Street, Brockville, Ont.
- Ellis, John V., M. P., Deputy Grand Master, 1897, "The Globe" St. John, N. B.
- Elliott, John, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
- Enderton, Chas. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Manitoba Hotel, Winnipeg, Man.
- Evans, W. S., Grand Pursuivant, 1883, 38 Argyle Ave., Montreal, Que.

- F
- Farley, J. J., M. D., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1886, Bridge Street, E., Belleville, Ont.
- Ferguson, John, Grand Guard, 1884, London, Ont.
- Field, William J., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1884, Binghampton, N. Y.
- Fitzgerald, Jno. R., Preceptor, 1896, Church Street, Colborne, Ont.
- Fitzsimmons, C. H., Provincial Prior Kingston District, 1895-7, James St., Brockville, Ont.
- Fleming, H. B., Grand Organist, 1896, 24 Alma St., Moncton, N. B.
- Fletcher, Robert Esten, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1892, 18 High Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Ford, N. W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1897, 38 St. George Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Fraser, Hon. D. C., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, New Glasgow, N. B.
- G
- Galbraith, T. J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, Dunnville, Ont.
- Gale, John H., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1893, Whitby, Ont.
- Gale, George, Preceptor, 1893, Brockville, Ont.
- Gemmell, R., Preceptor, 1892, 75 Liverpool Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Gibson, Wm., M. P., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1885, Beamsville, Ont.
- Glanville, James, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1892, 18 Cumberland Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Goodman, Edwin, M. D., Grand Sub-Marshal, St. Catharines, Ont.
- Gordon, Lieut.-Col. W. D., Provincial Prior Ontario East, 1891, Montreal, Que.
- Graham, J. H., LL.D., Grand Treasurer, 1869, Richmond, Que.
- Graham, J. G., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1895, 70 Elysian Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Gray, W. W., Honorary Preceptor, London, Ont.
- Griffith, Henry, Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1894-95, 6 Stanislaus Street, Quebec, Que.
- H
- Haddock, James, Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1898, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hall, E. H. D., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1885-6, Hunter Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Hall, Robert, Grand Sword Bearer, 1888, Ridgetown, Ont.
- Hall, William, Provincial Prior Manitoba District, 1895, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hallet, William J., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1897, 68 Bayfield Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Halliday, James, Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, 229 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

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- Hamilton, jr., William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1882,
89 McDonnell Avenue, Toronto.
- Hamilton, W. L., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, P. O. Box 404,
Belleville, Ont.
- Hargraft, A. R., Grand Marshal, 1895, King and Division Sts.,
Cobourg, Ont.
- Harding, John E., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1896, cor. Shrewbay
and Centre Streets, Stratford, Ont.
- Hawthorn, William, Grand Second Aide-de-Camp, 1880, Detroit,
Mich.
- Hay, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1891, Truro, N. S.
- Henderson, Dr. A. A., Grand Sword Bearer, 1896, 414 Albert
and Bay Streets, Ottawa, Ont.
- Henderson, A. G., Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, Whitby, Ont.
- Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle
Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Hewton, John, Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, 181 King Street,
Kingston, Ont.
- Hill, Ralph, Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
- Hill, William, Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg,
Man.
- Hillman, Oliver S., Hon. Deputy Grand Master, 1897, Grand
Treasurer, 1892-97, 75 Hughson St. North, Hamilton, Ont.
- Hohl, Chris. J., Grand Director Ceremonies, 1896, 61 Victoria
Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Holland, A. N., Preceptor, 1894, Truro, N. S.
- Hood, Thomas, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886,
Hamilton, Ont.
- Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, 880 London Street, Peter-
borough, Ont.
- Horning, L. E., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Victoria University,
Toronto, Ont.
- Hovenden, R. J., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1891,
91 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
- Howse, W. R., Grand Constable, 1887, Hamilton, Ont.
- Howson, H. B., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1897,
110 Wellington Place, Toronto, Ont.
- Humber, C. A., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1891,
Victoria Street, Goderich, Ont.
- Idsardi, W. E., Preceptor, 1889, P. O. Box 447, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Ingersoll, J. H., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1896, St. Cath-
arines, Ont.
- Inglis, William H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Grand Pursui-
vant, 1897, 78 Chatham Street, Brantford.
- Irwin, James M., Grand First Captain Guard, 1878, Peter-
borough, Ont.
- Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port
Arthur, Ont.
- Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa,
Ont.

- Johnson, Geo. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1897, Main Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Johnston, John E., Preceptor, 1895, 87 King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Johnston, T. G., M. D., Grand Pursuivant, 1896, Christina St., Sarnia, Ont.

K

- Kathan, C. H., Grand Chamberlain, 1870, Rock Island, Que.
 Kearns, Thomas, Preceptor, 1889, Park Street, Brockville, Ont.
 Kemp, Edson, Grand Registrar, 1876, Stanstead, Que.
 Kerr, John, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, 1870, 155 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Kerr, J. Kirkpatrick, Q. C., G. C. T., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario Centre, 1876, 23 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ont.
 King, Joseph, Honorary Preceptor, 84 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Ont.
 King, W. H., Preceptor, 1871-93, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Kirkpatrick, R. N., Grand Guard, 1896, Angus Avenue East, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Klock, Robert A., Preceptor, 1895, Aylmer, Que.
 Knowles, Charles, Grand Marshal, 1891, 28 Artillery Street, Quebec, Que.
 Kuhring, C. L. A., Grand Almoner, 1889, Garneau Street, Quebec, Que.

L

- Lattimore, R. F., Presiding Preceptor, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Lazier, S. S., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1888-84, Hotel Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Learmont, A. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1896, Truro, N. S.
 Lebourveau, S., Grand Marshal, 1884, Sherbrooke, Que.
 LeMessurier, William M., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896-97, 48 Common Street, Montreal, Que. Box 306.
 Lightbourne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Lindsay, N. J., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1897, Stephen Avenue East, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Logan, W. E., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N. S.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M. D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2204 St. Catharine Street, Montreal, Que.
 Lyon, N. T., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1890, 141 Church Street, Toronto, Ont.

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- McConkey, George S., Grand Registrar, 1888, 28 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 McGuire, Robert, Grand Constable, 1891, Windsor, Ont.
 McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 McKeown, A., Grand Registrar, 1896, 811 Yale Street, Victoria, B. C.
 McLean, Allan, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1898, The Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
 McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Montreal, Que.

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- McLeod, H. D., Grand Almoner, 1897, A. R. G. Office and 180 King Street, St. John, N. B.
 McLeod, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1896, Bible Hill, Truro, N. S.
 Macdonald, Hugh, Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, Charles Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Mackay, Hugh A., Provincial Grand Prior Ontario West, 1897, Berlin, Ont.
 Mackay, Robert A., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Macnabb, Thomas C., Grand Registrar, 1881, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 MacNeill, Roderick, M. D., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896-97, Stanley Bridge, P. E. I.
 Macwatt, Daniel F., Supreme Grand Master, 1897, 8 Owen Street, Barrie, Ont.
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- Mansell, Chas. F., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, 359 Berkley Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Magill, Lieut.-Col. Charles, Grand Constable, 1880, Hamilton, Ont.
 Manley, Fred F., Grand Constable, 1898, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ont.
 Malloy, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
 Malone, Elias T., Supreme Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Marshall, Hon. Robert, K. C. T., Provincial Grand Prior, 1893-95, New Brunswick, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.
 Mason, John J., Grand Registrar, 1877, Hamilton, Ont.
 Matthews, E. V., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1887, Kingston, Ont.
 Matthews, S. F., Provincial Grand Prior, New Brunswick, 1889-91, Charlotte Street, St. John, N. B.
 Mattice, James H., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1897, "The Globe" Office, Hamilton, Ont.
 Milne, Alex. R., C.M.G., Provincial Grand Prior British Columbia, 1891-95, Victoria, B. C., H. M. Customs.
 Mitchell, Robert E., Preceptor, 1892-98-97, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Mitchell, Joseph, Grand Marshal, 1898, 810 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, Que.
 Monkman, George, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1898, 92 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Morgan, James C., M. A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1894, Barrie, Ont.
 Morrison, W. C., Grand Marshal, 1878, 16 King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Morson, Judge F. M., Grand Pursivant, 1892, 5 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Morton, J. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
 Munro, John McN., Grand Guard, 1888, Almonte, Ont.
 Murton, John W., Provincial Grand Prior, 1871, Hamilton, Ont.

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- Nettleton, John, Grand First Aide- de Camp, 1879, Collingwood Ont.
 Nicholls, Robert, Grand Organist, 1881, Hagerman St., Port Hope, Ont.
 Nicholson, M., Grand Guard, 1892, West St., Goderich, Ont.
 Nixon, J. Bower, Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1892, 16 Lakeside Ave., Toronto, Ont.

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- Park, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1889, Windsor, Ont.
 Parry, John, Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Parsons, R. C., Preceptor, 1891, Rock Island, Quebec.
 Paterson, Wm. F., Preceptor, 1896, Drawer 76, Brantford, Ont.
 Patterson, Robt. L., Grand Constable, 1889, 7 Jordan St. Toronto, Ont.
 Peace, D. J., Preceptor, 1893, 107 King St. east, Hamilton, Ont.
 Perrin, A. M., M. D., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Grand Sword Bearer, 1897, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Pettit, A. N., Grand Constable, 1884, Windsor, Ont.
 Pinkham, George L., Grand Almoner, 1894, Coaticooke, Que.
 Pike, William M., Grand Almoner, 1892, Stanstead, Que.
 Pollock, Robert, Preceptor, 1888, Almonte, Ont.
 Postlewaithe, C. W., Grand Sub. Marshal, 1890, 506 Board of Trade Buildings, Deputy Harbor Master, Toronto, Ont.
 Poulton, James A., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1896, P.O. Box 89, Brockville, Ont.
 Pullen, James H., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, St. John, N. B.
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- Quinlan, J. Walker, Preceptor, 1892, Walton St., Port Hope, Ont.
 Quinlan, William J., Provincial Grand Prior British Columbia District, 1896, 5 Michigan Street, Victoria, B. C.

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- Radcliffe, Richard, Grand Constable, 1885, Goderich, Ont.
 Randall, F. W., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1892, 8 Reeve Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Rankin, William, Preceptor, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
 Ramsay, F. J., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Dunnville, Ont.
 Ray, Lieut.-Col. S. Wellington, Grand First Captain Guard 1890, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Reid, William G., Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District, 1886, Hamilton, Ont.
 Renouf, C. E., Preceptor, 1896, 304 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.
 Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Jubilee Hospital, Box 49, Victoria, B. C.
 Rickaby, D. S., Preceptor, 1896, Quebec, Que.
 Roaf, William, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1895, 28 Adelaide Street west, Toronto, Ont.

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- Robertson, J. Ross, Provincial Grand Prior, Ontario Centre, 1882, Telegram, King Street West, Toronto, Ont.
 Robertson, Henry, Q. C., Grand Master, 1891, Collingwood, Ont.
 Robertson, W. J., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1898, John Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Robinson, Thomas, Grand Marshal, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
 Ross, Alexander, Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1898, 11 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.
 Ross, Andrew Miller, Grand Almoner, 1895, Whitby, Ont.
 Ross, Donald, Provincial Grand Prior Ontario East, 1879-80, Picton, Ont.
 Rowe, George G., M. D., Grand Constable, 1888, 1829 Queen St. West, Parkdale, Ont.
 Rowland, Fleming, Grand Registrar, 1888, 160 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Rublee, M. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1897, 175 Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.
 Ruhland, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1891, Halifax, N. S.
 Ryerson, George G., M. D., M. P. P., Preceptor, 1898, 60 College Street, Toronto, Ont.
- s
- Sadlier, W. H. B., Past Commander. St. John, N. B.
 Sanford, Sydney James, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1890, Court House, Barrie, Ont.
 Sargant, Thomas, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1876, P. O. Box 517, 41 Avenue Road, Toronto.
 Scofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887.
 Sharp, H. Fred, Presiding Preceptor, 1897, St. Marys, Ont.
 Sheehan, James B., Preceptor, 1896, Dunnville, Ont.
 Sheppard, Edmund E., Supreme Grand Master, 1898-94, 9 Adelaide St. West, Toronto, Ont.
 Sheppard, David, Preceptor, 1887, Almonte, Ont.
 Shortley, Benjamin, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1892, George Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Simpson, H. C., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1888, London, Ont.
 Simpson, John, Grand Guard, 1887, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
 Simpson, William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1897, 82 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of the Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Algernon St. A., Presiding Preceptor, 1896-7, Grand Sub Marshal, 1897, Peterborough, Ont.
 Smith, Charles, Grand Almoner, 224 Mary St. North, Hamilton, Ont.
 Smith, Robert C., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896, Augusta Street, Port Hope, Ont.
 Smith, William, Preceptor, 1890, Almonte, Ont.
 Smith, Alfred G., Grand Registrar, 1880, London, Ont.
 Sommerville, George, Preceptor, 1892, 281 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.

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- Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Bethune Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Spry, Daniel, W. B., D. D. S., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1895, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878, Whitby, Ont.
 Stayner, Thomas A., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Amonde and Wellington Streets, Brockville, Ont.
 Stearns, I. H., K.C.T., Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1878-88, 27 Belmont Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, Lieut.-Col. A. A., Provincial Grand Prior Quebec District, 1878, 122 Mackay Street, Montreal, Que.
 Stevenson, J. McL., Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1885, Barrie, Ont.
 Stewart, Gavin, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1898, Woodstock, Ont.
 Stone, J. Henry, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1888, Hamilton, Ont.
 Stratfold, Henry, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1898, London, Ont.
 Sulman, George W., Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, Garner House Block, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Sutton, James, M. D., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1888, Clandeboye, Ont.
 Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.

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- Tawse, William Donald, Grand Guard, 1894, 88 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Taylor, David, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1889, 204 Bridge Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Taylor, John, Grand Chamberlain, 1879, Dunnville, Ont.
 Taylor, Philip, Preceptor, 1888, Whitby, Ont.
 Taylor, T. W., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1890-91, Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.
 Thorne, W. H., Grand Constable, 1895, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.
 Thomas, J. Parker, Grand Marshal, 1887, Bridge Street West, Belleville, Ont.
 Thomas, Chas. M., Presiding Preceptor, 1896-97, Stanstead, Que.
 Thomas, William H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, North Bay, Ont.
 Thomson, A. N., Grand Captain Guard, 1895, Stanstead, Que.
 Thompson, J. P., Preceptor, 1889, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Tipton, T. L. M., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1895, Dunnville, Ont.
 Tomlinson, Joseph, Grand Constable, 1897, 427 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Tooker, N. J. B., Preceptor, 1896, P. O. Box 484, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Tresidder, John B., Grand Registrar, 1897, "Star" office, Montreal, Que.
 Trueman, A. I., Provincial Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1897, St. John, N. B.

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Tufts, Frank L., Past Commander, Sussex, N. B.
 Tunstall, Simon J., M. D., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, 1008 Rob-
 son Street, Vancouver, B. C.
 Tunstead, John, Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District,
 1889, Hamilton, Ont.

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Upper, Martin C., Grand Asst. Chamberlain, 1878, Cayuga, Ont.

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VanEtten, Albert H., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, Winnipeg,
 Man.
 Vroome, Wm. E., Honorary Preceptor, 1896, Halifax, N. S.

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Waddell, S. J., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District,
 1890, Truro, N. S.
 Waddington, jr. Wm., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1887,
 Princess Street, Kingston, Ont.
 Walker, Hugh, Provincial Grand Prior, Hamilton District,
 1888, 47 Wyndham Street, Guelph.
 Walker, James, Presiding Preceptor, 1897, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Walker, Thomas, M. D., Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, 1897, St.
 John, N. B.
 Walker, W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1895, 175 Dowling
 Ave., Toronto.
 Walters, Prof. Henry, Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1894,
 Ann Street, Quebec, Que.
 Watson, John A., Hon. Prov. Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N. B.
 Watson, William, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1890, 134
 Quebec Street, Guelph, Ont.
 Westbrook, H. S., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District,
 1892, Winnipeg, Man.
 Wesley, Samuel, Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1889.
 "The Advance," Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Whyte, William H., Supreme Grand Master, 1895-96, Grand
 Chancellor, 1897, P. O. Box 1207, Montreal, Que.
 Wilkinson, Henry J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, 180
 Wellington Street, Kingston.
 Wilmot, Fred, Grand First Captain of Guard, 1888. P. O. Box
 48, Brighton, N. Y.
 Wilson, Isaac P., Grand Captain of Guard, 1870, Welland, Ont.
 Wilson, James, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1879, C. P. R.,
 Toronto, Ont.
 Wisdom, F. Wing, Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Wyman, George D., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1889,
 Applegate, California.

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Yale, Levi, Preceptor, 1885, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Yuill, Hiram W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1894, Truro, N. S.
 Forbes, J. G., Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Godsoe, T. Amos, Hon. Provincial Grand Prior, 1897, St. John,
 N. B.
 Leonard, J. Henry, Hon. Preceptor, 1897, St. John, N. B.


DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS.
 ALSO CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS SINCE LAST REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERIES	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF OR- LAST MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama.....	Dec. 1, 1862	May 13, 96	R. L. Douglas, Mobile.....	H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery	George F. Moore, Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Nov. 14, 1893	Nov. 11, 96	John M. Ormsby, Tucson.....	George J. Roskrugs, Tucson.....	Archibald J. Simpson, Prescott.
Arkansas.....	Mar. 25, 1872	Apr. 20, 97	Geo. G. Latta, Hot Springs.....	James A. Henry, Little Rock.....	Oliver C. Gray, Little Rock.
California.....	May 10, 1858	Apr. 27, 97	Geo. D. Williams, San Francisco.....	F. H. Caswell, San Francisco.....	Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Mar. 14, 1870	May 10, 97	Wm. D. Williams, Denver.....	E. B. Parmelee, Denver.....	Warner N. O'Rhood, Denver.
Columbia Dist.....	May 10, 1870	May 10, 97	Rozin W. Durdley, Washington.....	Wm. A. McLean, Washington.....	Wm. A. McLean, Washington.
Connecticut.....	Sept. 13, 1827	Mar. 16, 97	Samuel M. Bronson, Hartford.....	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden.....	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden.
Florida.....	April 25, 1850	May 14, 96	Wilbur P. Webster, Jacksonville.....	W. A. McLean, Jacksonville.....	W. A. McLean, Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Oct. 25, 1850	May 12, 97	Chas. M. Wiley, Macon.....	Gilbert W. Barnard, Savannah.....	Roland B. Hall, Macon.
Illinois.....	May 16, 1854	Apr. 21, 97	John E. Redmond, Loganport.....	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.....	Nicholas K. Ruckle, Indianapolis.
Indiana.....	May 10, 1855	Aug. 18, 96	James W. Humphrey, Pursell.....	Al. E. Bigate, Indianapolis.....	J. C. W. Coxe, Washington.
Indian Territory.....	Aug. 29, 1868	May 11, 97	W. C. Chaffee, Topeka.....	A. M. Callahan, Topeka.....	A. M. Callahan, Topeka.
Kansas.....	Oct. 5, 1847	May 19, 97	E. A. Robinson, Maysville.....	L. D. Coninger, Covington.....	Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Apr. 4, 1864	Feb. 12, 97	Robert Strong, New Orleans.....	Rich'd Lambert, New Orleans.....	J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans.
Maine.....	May 5, 1854	May 6, 97	F. H. Twitchell, Bath.....	Stephen Berry, Portland.....	Stephen Berry, Portland.
Massachusetts.....	May 2, 1857	Oct. 24, 96	Wm. R. Walker, Boston.....	E. H. Milby, Baltimore.....	R. J. S. Gargas, B. D., Baltimore.
Michigan.....	Jan. 16, 1857	May 18, 97	Albert Stiles, Jackson.....	John A. Gerow, Detroit.....	John A. Gerow, Detroit.
Minnesota.....	Oct. 28, 1865	June 24, 97	Beni F. Farmer, Spring Valley.....	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul.....	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Jan. 22, 1868	Apr. 20, 97	John Gillies, Monett.....	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.....	E. Geo. Delap, Natchez.
Missouri.....	May 22, 1860	Sept. 14, 96	Ed. Cornelius Hedges, Helena.....	Edward D. Helli, Helena.....	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Dec. 21, 1860	Apr. 23, 97	John Hatch, Gretna, Neb.....	Wm. Bowen, Omaha.....	Wm. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	Aug. 21, 1860	May 11, 97	John E. Rowe, Newark.....	Chas. Bechtel, Trenton.....	Chas. Bechtel, Trenton.
New Jersey.....	Feb. 14, 1813	Sep. 8, 96	John A. Hapes, New York.....	John F. Shafer, Albany.....	Jesse B. Anthony, New York.
New York.....	June 10, 1881	May 11, 97	Joseph H. Hackburn, Newbern.....	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.....	John C. Chase, Wilmington.
North Carolina.....	Feb. 10, 1859	July 1, 97	Dr. B. S. Valley, City.....	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.....	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
North Dakota.....	Oct. 2, 1890	Feb. 10, 96	Cassius M. Barnes, Guthrie.....	Huper S. Cunningham, Guthrie.....	E. T. Carson, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	Feb. 10, 1896	Feb. 10, 96	Cassius M. Barnes, Guthrie.....	Huper S. Cunningham, Guthrie.....	E. T. Carson, Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	April 13, 1887	Oct. 8, 96	R. S. Bean, Salem.....	James F. Robinson, Eugene.....	J. M. Holsen, Portland.


Pennsylvania..... May 11, 1844 May 25, 97 H. M. Van Zandt, Harrisburg.....
 South Dakota..... May 14, 1884 June 12, 97 J. T. Morrow, Mitchell.....
 Tennessee..... Oct. 12, 1859 May 12, 97 Wm. F. Ely, Clarksville.....
 Texas..... Jan. 9, 1855 Apr. 21, 97 L. T. Noyes, Houston.....
 Virginia.....

Lee S. Smith, Philadelphia.
 Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen.
 Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville.





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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1897.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master and the Great Priory of Canada :

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following report :—

They have examined all the Proceedings that have been received, and present such extracts therefrom as have been deemed interesting and instructive.

A list of the Proceedings reviewed will be found at the end of the report.

ALABAMA.

Thirty-sixth Conclave, Montgomery, May 13, 1896.
Fletcher J. Cowart, G. C.

The reports of the visiting Grand Officers do not indicate much progress, but a healthy tone is prevailing in most of the subordinates. On the Triennial, the Grand Commander says :—

Although as a pageant the Grand Encampment was without precedent in the annals of Masonry, as a legislative body it accomplished little of general moment. Indeed its action, or rather its lack of action, has called forth caustic criticism from high authorities. There seemed to be an inclination toward recreation rather than business.

The conclusion of the address of the Grand Commander is excellent.

In conclusion, Sir Knights, permit me a parting thought—a plea for the consideration of the principles and the observance of the spirit of Templarism. I cannot admit that any temporal institution is founded upon finer or sounder principles. It is in truth a high calling, and he to whom the vows of Knighthood are but a jargon of rhetorical, though meaningless, phrases—necessary only as a form of admission to a social club—is out of his place in a Commandery of Knights Templar. He is incapable of perceiving the high and holy beauties of truth, that divine attribute upon which our institution is planted. A

Knight Templar should be of the highest order of men, a constant exponent of the world's true chivalry, an ideal Chevalier Baynard: in morals without fear, and in action without reproach. Let us be careful that our profession does not dwindle into formal show and ceremony—a mere matter of ritualism, conviviality and dress parade.

A revised Constitution was adopted.

The Grand Commandery approved of the topical form of last year's report on Correspondence, but Frater George F. Moore was unable to complete his report for this year in the same shape.

Commanderies, 10; members, 382; increase, 6.

Robert L. Douglass, (Mobile), G. C.

H. Clay Armstrong, (Montgomery) G. R.

ARKANSAS.

Twenty-fifth Conclave, Little Rock, April 20, 1897.

George Thornburgh, G. C.

The following resolution was referred to a committee of Past Grand Commanders:—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the organic law of the Grand Encampment ought to be modeled after that of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and should embody the principle that the several Grand Commanderies are entitled to the sole government and control of their subordinates, subject only to the regulation of the Grand Encampment in the matter of the ritual, uniform nomenclature, rank of officers and such matters as appertain exclusively to the general welfare of the Order, and leaving every matter and thing of local concern to the exclusive regulation of the Grand Commanderies.

There is no report on Correspondence this year.

Commanderies, 12; members, 492; decrease 18.

George G. Latta, (Hot Springs), G. C.

James A. Henry, (Little Rock), G. R.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-ninth Conclave, San Francisco, April 22, 1897.

Trowbridge H. Ward, G. C.

The Order is in good condition, and the reports of the Grand Officers show considerable improvement over last year. The Grand Commander ruled that an

English Templar, after he had taken all the necessary preceding degrees in the Chapter, could be obligated as a Knight of the Red Cross, and then admitted to the Commandery as a visitor.

The division of the jurisdiction into Departments, with Commanders and Inspectors in each, has had its first trial, and appears to be a success in every particular. The reports of these officers are very thorough and satisfactory.

The following amendment was adopted:

14. That any Sir Knight hereafter elected to the office of Eminent Commander shall not be inducted into office unless he shall have obtained from the *Department Commander* of his district a certificate of his proficiency in the ritual, manual of the sword and the work upon the floor of the Asylum, in the opening and closing ceremonies.

Canada for 1896 receives an extensive notice. Extracts are given from the address of the Grand Master, and the following complimentary remarks on our report:

The Report on Correspondence is again from the able pen of the chairman, Frater Henry Robertson. All the Grand Templar Bodies have been reviewed by him save the the three jurisdictions of Mississippi, Nebraska and Texas, and he notes in his introduction the following as the prominent topics of discussion: Enforced Membership, The Liquor Question, Perpetual Jurisdiction, Life Membership, The Ritual, Observance of Days, The Doctrine of the Trinity. Our frater writes down his opinions upon each of these subjects, and with nearly all the propositions we are in entire harmony with him, although we believe in enforced membership and would leave the liquor question in all its forms where we think it belongs, to the court of first instance—the Master Mason's Lodge; but our frater's summing up is so conservative, fair and charitable that we quote and commend it as containing much good timber for a platform.

Commanderies, 37; members, 3033; increase, 92.

George D. Metcalf, (Oakland), G. C.

Thos. H. Casswell, (San Francisco), G. R.

COLORADO.

Twenty-second Conclave, Denver, June 1, 1897.

Eugene P. Shove, G. C.

We quote one of his opening paragraphs:

Only one discord among our Subordinates has threatened, which was amicably adjusted through my council and the moderation and good judgment of an Eminent Commander, and

peace and harmony prevail throughout our beloved jurisdiction. Although the year has been one of great business depression, financial troubles and individual distresses, still I find the glow of Christian Knighthood undimmed, the willing bonds of brotherly love more cemented, and Christ is the Grand Commander.

He reports the issue of an edict against the use of keys to the work.

The "Official Drill Master" could not make a favorable report. No wonder, with such a name as that. He recommended that it be changed to "Inspector General," but without success.

Canada for 1896 receives due mention.

Commanderies, 25; members, 1667; increase, 16.

George J. Dunbaugh, (Pueblo), G. C.

Ed. C. Parmelee, (Denver), G. R.

CONNECTICUT.

Seventieth Conclave, New Haven, March 16, 1897.

Lyman H. Johnson, G. C.

The Grand Commander is to be congratulated upon the fact that no decisions were required of him during the year, nor were any complaints brought to his attention.

The Grand Inspector reports as follows:—

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that, as a whole, these Bodies in the last two years have improved very much in the manner in which the orders are conferred, as well as in other particulars, and I am satisfied that they have received great benefit from the yearly inspections ordered by this Grand Body; and so long as the criticisms and suggestions of the Inspecting Officer are received in the spirit in which they are made, the future will show greater improvement than has the past.

The work performed before your Inspector during the year has been the conferring the Order of the Temple; but, for the purpose of being able to inform this Grand Body more fully regarding the efficiency of its Subordinate Commanderies, it is his intention in the coming year to pay particular attention to the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

Frater Hugh Stirling has a very good report on Correspondence. He is very properly opposed to enforced affiliation:

If the Commandery is the attraction to the profane, and he cares only to maintain active membership in that body or perchance cannot afford to keep his membership in the other bodies,

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it seems to us that he should have that privilege. To force a brother to retain his connection with his Lodge against his wish will not add one particle to the welfare of that organization.

Canada for 1896 has a good notice.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 2363 ; increase, 65.

Samuel M. Bronson, (Hartford), G. C.

Eli C. Birdsey, (Meriden), G. R.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Second Conclave, Washington, May 10, 1897.

Frank H. Thomas, G. C.

The uttermost good feeling and complete harmony exist in all the subordinates, and the presiding officers take pride in keeping informed on Templar custom, practice and law. The Grand Commander visited all the Commanderies and witnessed the conferring of the Orders. The work was done conscientiously and impressively. The Grand Commander says :—

The reports show a less amount of work done than last year, and also a larger number suspended for non-payment of dues to Lodge, Chapter or Commandery. The grand total will show a net shrinkage in our membership as compared with last year.

The lesser work done is explained by the unsatisfactory conditions of trade and change of National Administration, which always produces a feeling of uncertainty among our citizens, who are largely dependent upon the Government for a livelihood.

The suspensions are, to me, an indication of that process of healthy pruning our Templar bodies have so long needed. Prior to the formation of this grand body some of our Commanderies paid no attention to the status of a Sir Knight in Lodge and Chapter. A closer investigation disclosed the fact that many Sir Knights had been suspended from Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues. An observance of the law in that particular has resulted in the temporary separation, at least, of quite a number of Sir Knights from their Templar bodies.

Commanderies, 5 ; members, 1534 ; decrease, 31.

Rezin W. Darby, (Washington), G. C.

A. B. Bennett, (Washington), G. R.

GEORGIA.

Thirty-sixth Conclave, Rome, May 12, 1897.

William H. Fleming, G. C.

The Grand Commander recounts his official visitations and then says :—

In every instance the work was well done—above what I am sure, was the average a few years ago. In several instances the proficiency was most admirable.

I would earnestly impress upon every Commandery in our Jurisdiction the great benefit to Templarism generally in having our Orders conferred in a proficient and impressive manner. I do not underate the importance of a knowledge of the military tactics and sword exercise, etc., but these things are not of equal worth with fine ritualistic work. Our ceremonials are capable of splendid dramatic effect, limited only by the capacity of the actors, and the fitness of the Asylum appointments. The Red Cross and Temple Order, in the hands of acknowledged tragedians, and with appropriate scenery and costumes, would hold, with intense interest, any intelligent audience in any theatre in the land.

Of course, such professional excellence is not attainable by us, but even in the average Asylum, and with the average talent of our members, a high degree of efficiency can be reached by study and practice that will give to the newly dubbed Sir Knight some fair conception of the real beauty and power of the ceremonials of the Order. That such effect, in large degree, can be produced, I have seen verified more than once in my visitations during the past year. More than one candidate was surprised and profoundly gratified at finding in Templarism additional evidence of the higher ideals for which he had been looking in Masonry. Our Commanderies can do no better service to themselves or to the order at large than by striving for the highest attainable efficiency in the work of conferring the Orders. It is then and there that the most beneficial and lasting impression is made on the mind of the new Sir Knight, and every repetition of it in after after years is a pleasure and an inspiration.

The proceedings contain matters of local interest only.

The social features of the gathering were very enjoyable. They had a banquet, a reception, a ball, and wound up with a barbecue among the green hills and babbling brooks at Mobley Springs. Surely it was good to be there.

Frater Roland B. Hall gives several extracts from the address of our Grand Master Whyte in 1896, and he pays us a high compliment by copying the whole of our introduction.

Commanderies, 10 ; members, 719 ; increase, 27.

Charles M. Wiley, (Macon), G. C.

Samuel P. Hamilton, (Savannah), G. R.

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ILLINOIS.

Fortieth Conclave, Chicago, Oct. 27, 1896.

Augustus L. Webster, G. C.

They mourn the loss of one of their most distinguished and honored members in the death of M. E. Frater Vincent L. Hurlbut, P. G. C., and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment since 1878.

A new Commandery was opened at Watseka.

The system of inspection of the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction appears to be very complete and efficient, including as it does private reports from the inspecting officers to the Grand Commander. On this subject the Grand Commander says:—

The feature inaugurated by my immediate predecessor in office of specifying in detail, in the order dividing the state into inspection districts, the form to be observed in conducting inspections I found very beneficial in my experience as Inspecting Officer of the First District last year, and the private reports made this year by Inspecting Officers confirm the hope entertained of its great aid, both to the officers and the Commanderies.

This portion of General Orders No. 1, relating to inspections, taken in connection with General Orders No. 2, looking to securing greater uniformity in equipments, and General Orders No. 3, regarding asylum tactics, has been made an important feature with every Grand Officer this year, and from their uniformly favorable reports I am confident much good has been accomplished on these important lines in the past year, and predict still greater results in the future.

I wish to express my thanks to every officer of my staff for their hearty co-operation in carrying out these General Orders, which have added no little to their duties.

This Grand Jurisdiction has grown to such proportions that the duties of Grand Officers are something more than nominal.

In addition to the usual annual reports submitted by the Inspecting Officers, which often are more in the nature of compliments than otherwise, I have called them to a conference the afternoon of the 26th inst., for the purpose of reviewing the year's work, and to discuss prospects and plans for the future in the light of past experience. The results of their deliberations will be made known to you in the form of "Recommendations," over their own signatures.

I cannot too highly commend the plan of making private reports to the Grand Commander after each inspection. I consider the system highly beneficial, and recommend its continuance.

Chicago Commandery passed a series of resolutions creating 110 of its members Life Members, and appro-

prising \$5500 of its funds to pay for these life memberships. The Grand Commander ruled that this action was illegal and his decision was approved by the Grand Commandery. The committee on jurisprudence say:—

The action of this Grand Commandery, at its last annual conclave, shows very clearly what our law is, and how it should be construed, in accordance with the code of the Grand Encampment of the United States. This Committee does not believe that an act, prohibited by law, can or ought to be done indirectly. As the Right Eminent Grand Commander correctly observes, "a fixed sum of money must be paid into the treasury of the Commandery by each individual Sir Knight, in order to lawfully constitute him a life member." In the action sought to be had under these resolutions, no such payment has been made. The funds of the Commandery have not been increased by a single dollar, and \$5,500 of the common funds of the whole membership have been diverted for the special benefit of about one-sixth thereof, and no pretense is made that this was done, because that any one of these 110 Sir Knights was in an impoverished condition.

The sum of \$500 was voted to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

The Reprint of the Proceedings from 1857, the date of organization of the Grand Commandery, is now complete.

The History of the Grand Commandery is also finished up to date. It contains 380 pages, which are devoted to a synopsis of American Templarism, a history of the Order in Illinois, a complete record of events of the first 53 Commanderies in the State, engravings of Past Grand Officers, biographical sketches, etc., making the volume interesting, reliable, and full of information to every Templar.

Frater John Corson Smith continues his very interesting reports. In his introduction, he says:—

Few are the questions calling for any special mention in this introduction and we are glad of it. But two seem of any prominence: the first of which is the Grand Encampment law of perpetual jurisdiction, and the earlier that is repealed the better. The claim over a rejected candidate is indefensible. Does a carpenter claim a stick of timber he has refused to receive from his lumber merchant? Does an operative mason lay claim to a stone which has never been taken from the quarry and that he has even refused to have turned over from its native bed? Or does a girl have perpetual claim for alimony upon a rejected suitor? As much justice in one as in the other. The idea of perpetual claim upon anything never paid for, and rejected when presented, is

too absurd for any reasonable person to present and the sooner stricken from the code the better.

The other question is the penalties a few grand lodges would have follow into Chapter and Commandery, the dropping from the roll of a member in arrears for dues without even the pretense of charges and a Masonic trial. We are in favor of a continuous membership in all the lower bodies to retain membership in the Commandery, but cannot subscribe to punishment and deprivation of all Masonic rights without first giving the frater a hearing by his peers.

Canada for 1895 has very courteous mention.

We would like to copy the whole of the General's account of his visit to Bonnie Scotland, and his numerous receptions by his Masonic brethren there, but space forbids. It is a charming addition to his valuable report.

Commanderies, 66; members, 9518; increase, 132.

Edward C. Pace, (Ashley), G. C.

Gilbert W. Barnard, (Chicago), G. R.

INDIANA.

Forty-third Conclave, Anderson, April 21, 1897.

Winfield T. Durbin, G. C.

Peace reigns supreme. No complaints or disturbances reached the ears of the Grand Commander, and notwithstanding the business depression and the National Campaign, they gained in membership. Two new Commanderies were formed.

The following report was adopted:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the circular from the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, which recommends the abridgement of the constitutional and legislative powers of the Grand Encampment, respectfully report, that the committee believe that the great success of Templary in the United States is greatly due to the National organization, which has created a uniform law for the regulation of the constitutional and statutory rights of Knights Templar, in every jurisdiction of the United States.

Under the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, every State Commandery has such representation in the National organization as will enable it to take part in any legislation that may be necessary to protect the rights of Grand Commanderies, subordinate Commanderies, or of individual Knights Templar, or promote the general prosperity of the order.

Your committee courteously report that in their opinion the proposition from the Grand Commandery of Mississippi should not be adopted.

Canada for 1896 receives a good notice at the hands of Frater Nicholas R. Ruckle.

Commanderies, 38; members, 3526; increase, 33.

John E. Redmond, (Logansport), G. C.

William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis), G. R.

KANSAS.

Twenty-eighth Conclave, Junction City, May 11, 1897.

W. C. Holmes, G. C.

More than one-half of the Commanderies were visited and inspected by the Grand Officers. On their membership, the Grand Commander says :—

We live in a State whose population is fluctuating. It is greater or less with conditions. Favorable, the population increases; unfavorable, the population decreases. Last year there was business and financial depression. More: there was fought one of the most bitterly contested political battles in the history of political campaigns. Altogether, the year was unfavorable to any expense which was not urged by necessity. Unrest and uncertainty paralyzed the nerves of confidence, and whether one believed in the benefits of gold or of silver, he felt the poverty of "hard times." This, in a measure, accounts for the decrease in our membership during the past year. We report thirteen less names than one year ago. Of course this is not many, when our membership runs up into the thousands; still it is a decrease of thirteen. And, must I say it, in a measure, to do so is humiliating, but the fact is, eighty were suspended. And another fact is equally apparent—all these suspensions were for the trifle of yearly dues.

The death is announced of their distinguished Past Grand Commander, Owen A. Basset, who for many years had been a prominent figure in their Councils, and whose Masonic reputation was widely extended.

Life membership was prohibited by the Grand Encampment in 1892. The following was adopted as a standing regulation in order to preserve the status of those created before the prohibition :—

Resolved, By the Grand Commandery, that all Knights Templar who were duly created life members prior to August 12, 1892, shall be recognized as such and be exempt from payment of annual dues from and after the date of their having been initiated life members, and that Subordinate Commandery

this jurisdiction be and the same are hereby authorized to continue the life members on their rolls as such; *Provided, however,* That nothing herein shall be construed to exempt any subordinate Commandery from the payment of Grand Commandery dues on each and every member thereof.

A standard uniform was adopted in full detail and the following resolutions were passed:—

Resolved, That on and after the publication of the amendment to Section 5, Chapter II, of the By-Laws, each Eminent Commander shall be charged with the duty of seeing that no new uniform is purchased by any member of his Commandery which is not strictly in conformity with every detail of the provisions of said Section 5, Chapter II, of the By-Laws of the Grand Commandery of Kansas as amended.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and he hereby is directed to have prepared in pamphlet form the full specifications of the standard uniform as recited by Section 5, Chapter II, of the By-Laws, and send copies thereof to each subordinate Commandery of the State and to each known manufacturer of uniforms in the United States.

Resolved further, That he shall notify each known manufacturer of uniforms of the adoption of a standard uniform by this Grand Commandery, and request them to furnish to no Knight Templar in this jurisdiction any uniform which does not strictly conform with the provisions of Section 5, Chapter II, of the By-Laws, assuring them that any uniform furnished contrary thereto, after notifications, will be a subject for censure, and that all inspecting officers will be instructed to order uniforms returned to the manufacturer where they do not conform strictly to the regulation, making report of such fact to this Grand Commandery.

The "card" system was adopted for the preservation of individual records.

Frater A. M. Callahan reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1896 very fully. He has a "Topical Department" in which about all of the subjects discussed in the Order appear under separate headings.

Commanderies, 46; members, 3234; decrease 13.

Will. C. Chaffee, (Topeka), G. C.

A. M. Callahan, (Topeka), G. R.

KENTUCKY.

Fiftieth Conclave, Hopkinsville, May 19, 1897.

Reginald H. Thompson, G. C.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the past year has been crowned with an unusual degree

of prosperity. Zeal and activity have characterized the work of the subordinate Commanderies. No dispute or appeal has arisen requiring the action of the Grand Commander.

On the improper solicitation of candidates, the Grand Commander says:—

The custom of soliciting Masons to apply for the Orders of Knighthood, sometimes before they have taken the Third degree, and then rushing them through the Chapters, in order to get into the Commandery in the shortest possible time, is an evil greatly to be deprecated. It lowers the dignity of Knighthood and degrades the Templar Orders. It is grossly unjust to Capitular Masonry; and equally so to the unfortunate victim of that zeal without knowledge, which hurries him through the whole system of Masonry—with no opportunity to learn its mysteries, or see its beauty, and with no end in view but the poor gratification of wearing a Templar charm dangling at his watch chain. It is a violation of the Ancient Landmark, which requires the postulant to come of his own free will and accord.

Between neighboring Commanderies, in place of that generous spirit of courtesy, fragrant with the dew of Paradise, which alone should characterize the intercourse of Knights Templar, it awakens the demon of jealousy, the fiercest fiend that Hell has sent to plague humanity. Every gracious and noble impulse is consumed in the fire of his rage; and envy, hatred and malice usurp the throne of love; and discord and dissension take the place of peace and harmony, involving in wretchedness every one who entertains this visitor from Hell in the secret chamber of his heart. Can anything be more adverse to the spirit of Templar Masons?

Let us do nothing that can awaken in our fratres a feeling of jealousy; but rather let us forbear with one another in love, in honor preferring one another, for love is the fulfillment of the law, and by this we know that we are the sons of God, that we love one another.

Fratr Charles R. Woodruff presented his twenty-fourth report on Correspondence. Canada for 1896 receives due notice.

Commanderies, 25; members, 2020; increase, 89.

Eugene A. Robinson, (Maysville), G. C.

Lorenzo D. Croninger, (Covington), G. R.

LOUISIANA.

Thirty-fourth Conclave, New Orleans, Feb. 12, 1897.

Robert Strong, Acting Grand Commander, in the absence of the Grand Commander, M. L. Scovell,

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whose address was read and from which was taken the following on the state of the Order in Louisiana:—

I regret to say that the Commanderies of this jurisdiction have not been fairly prosperous during the past year. The returns indicate that we have 322 Sir Knights in four Commanderies. A loss of six over the preceding year. I am unable to account for the apparent lack of interest taken in Templar Masonry by our fratres generally throughout the State, and sincerely hope that my successor will have a better report to make in this direction at our next regular Conclave than I have been permitted to make at this.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the Ascension Day be celebrated by this Grand Commandery on that day, or such other day as the Grand Commander may order, and in such manner as he may deem proper.

Resolved, That the subject of uniforms be referred to a Special Committee of five, consisting of the R. E. Grand Commander and the Eminent Commander of each Subordinate Commandery, with instructions to report at next session of this Grand Body.

Commanderies, 4; members, 322; decrease, 6.

Robert Strong, (New Orleans), G. C.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. R.

MAINE.

Forty-sixth Conclave, Portland, May 6, 1897.

Albro E. Chase, G. C.

The Grand Commander delivered an excellent address, from which we make the following extracts:—

I have urged the Committee on Costume to make a report of some kind this year. Many a time and oft during the year I have been consulted with reference to this matter. Within the past few years the cost at which one can properly clothe himself has materially decreased and Sir Knights are anxious to appear in the proper costume. I do not mean that the costume should be made obligatory, but if any costume is to be adopted by any Commandery, it should be the one authorized by this Grand Commandery. There are no Templar laws which prevent action on the part of this Grand Commandery. On the other hand, full power and authority is given to each Grand Commandery to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except the insignia of rank. While the white uniform has the sanction of authority, yet it is also permitted to a Commandery to wear the black uniform, so that this is not a question of change of uniform, but the proper costume to be worn with any uniform. Nearly every Grand Commandery under the Grand Encampment have now legislated

upon this subject, and I trust that at this conclave the question may be settled to the peace and harmony of the jurisdiction.

If I was to judge of the condition of Templar Masonry by the notices of conclaves sent to me by the Recorders of the subordinate Commanderies, I should decide that nearly one-third of the Commanderies of this jurisdiction were dead, as no notice has been received. I cannot understand how it is that a Recorder who receives from the Grand Recorder a circular requiring the Grand Commander to be notified of each and every conclave and council, can be so negligent in his duty. Probably the Recorder thinks it is of no material use, but the Grand Commander, by this means, knows if any notices are issued, the purpose for which issued, and to a certain degree can judge of the condition of the Commandery.

More than a majority of the Commanderies have had a prosperous year, with a sufficient number of candidates to work in an intelligent manner. But there are a few that are doing no work and are struggling to keep life in them, and unless their financial methods are speedily changed, they will be numbered among the dead. I wish I could state that all Commanderies were in a prosperous condition, but it is not so, although, as a whole, Templar Masonry in this jurisdiction has had its share of prosperity during a year when the hard times have been quite severely felt.

Bradford Commandery has completed and furnished a new asylum at Biddeford, and St. Elmo, at Machias, has arisen from the ashes and is nearly ready to resume its work.

But never will Templary flourish as it should until each Commandery places its fees for the Orders at a price sufficiently large to uniform the Sir Knight at the time he receives the Order of the Temple. We are called a semi-military Order, but seeing the members of the majority of our Commanderies in attendance at the conclaves, one would decide that it was not semi-military, but an assemblage of persons under the charge of guards, who in variegated costume were to watch lest any one escaped: and when the Sovereign Master "founds a new Order" he would have good reason to believe that it really was an Order new to nearly every one present, and that many for the first time were being created and constituted companions of that new Order.

It was resolved that the form of model by-laws recommended to Commanderies should be changed so as to require a fixed hour or hours for meetings of stated conclaves.

The following report of the Committee on Uniform was adopted, except as to the Eminent Commanders and officers of higher rank, and the committee was continued to report a costume for them:

We recommend the adoption of a regulation coat, cut military style, single breasted, with nine buttons in front, for all below

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the rank of E. C., double breasted with eight buttons on each side of breast, in groups of two each, for E. C. and P. C., having the appropriate cross upon the cuff, and the gauntlet be dispensed with.

Gloves to be buff, of either kid, leather or lisle thread, as each Commandery may determine.

That the wearing of fringe upon baldric or apron be discontinued.

That each Commandery be allowed to continue the uniform now worn, except so far as changed by the foregoing.

That any new Commandery that may hereafter be formed be allowed to adopt either of the uniforms worn in this state.

That the swords of those Commanderies wearing the black uniform shall have black or metallic scabbards, and for those Commanderies wearing the white shall have metallic scabbards, the hilt of each to be black for all below the rank of E. C. and white for E. C. and P. C.

It was resolved that the button worn in this State be the black button, and that changes of uniform be not obligatory until new ones are purchased.

The twenty-second report of the Grand Recorder on Correspondence is full of interesting matter. Several extracts are given from the address of Grand Master Whyte in 1896, with the following comment:—

He had evidently been a diligent and efficient officer, and his courtesy and promptness is well known and appreciated on this side of the river.

On the matter of Masonic homes, Frater Berry has the following very sensible remarks:—

It is a very serious question about masonic homes. A fund of one hundred thousand dollars put into a masonic home will only maintain from ten to twenty inmates, while the same income distributed judiciously will maintain one hundred among their kindred. In a small jurisdiction the wider distribution is the better. In a large jurisdiction both methods may be employed. In England there are rich old foundations which support a small number of beneficiaries and a great number of high-salaried officials. Although there is little danger of masonic charities falling into that error, it is a tendency to be guarded against.

On the other hand a larger amount can be raised for a home than for direct charity, but that is attended with disadvantages. The pressure, especially if a tax is imposed, depletes the membership, and thus lessens the ability. We were startled to see the falling away of members when the first Grand Lodge tax of one dollar a head was laid for the support of a masonic home. We wondered that so many should quit rather than pay one dollar a year for charity. But consideration showed that another

element entered in; no doubt many had opposed that particular form of charity from the first, and when their successful opponents said "now we will see how you can help yourselves," they refused to submit to compulsion.

Commanderies, 19; members, 3152; increase, 86.

Fritz H. Twitchell, (Bath), G. C.

Stephen Berry, (Portland), G. R.

MARYLAND.

Twenty-sixth Conclave. Baltimore, Nov. 24, 1896.

William H. Clark, G. C.

A careful inspection of the work in the various subordinate Commanderies shows a most creditable and praiseworthy rendering. About sixty per cent of the membership have procured the regulation uniform.

A beautiful design for the "Coat of Arms" of the Grand Commandery was adopted, and an appropriate Grand Commandery Banner was also procured.

Frater Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas submitted his twentieth report on Correspondence, in which the proceedings of 41 Grand Templar bodies are reviewed, including Canada for 1896. On the Grand Representative system he says:—

So far as the Representative system is the means of bringing Grand Bodies into closer communion with each other, as this system undoubtedly does, we regard it as be so far useful. No one will deny that a Grand Representative regards the Body he represents as being in closer relationship to him than any other except his own Grand Body, and is ready at all times, when occasions may require, to act as its champion and promote its interests. We have evidences of this warmer fraternal feeling at every reception held during the sessions of the Grand Encampment, where the welcome extended to Representatives by the Sir Knights they represent, is not only cordial, but most sincere, and akin to that extended to their own fratres.

Commanderies, 12; members, 1132; increase, 45.

George Cook, (Baltimore), G. C.

John H. Miller, (Baltimore), G. R.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Ninetieth Conclave, Boston, October 29, 1896.

Eugene H. Richards, G. C.

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have occurred in the jurisdiction during the year. The several Commanderies have paid prompt and earnest attention to their duty, and the condition of the Order throughout is highly commendable.

Under the head of Inspections, the Grand Commander says:—

The Commanderies of this jurisdiction have all been inspected by officers of this Grand Commandery to whom they were assigned. The reports of the inspecting officers are generally favorable, and with few exceptions the Commanderies are prospering and in good financial condition. The old trouble of a large number of Sir Knights without uniforms still exists, and it would seem as if some action should be taken to remedy this state of affairs. The uniform is an important part of the institution, and should be procured and worn by every candidate on receiving the Order of the Temple. The number knighted during the past year is 628, which, in view of the great additions just before the Triennial, and the dull state of business, is very encouraging. It is within eight per cent. of the average for the five years from October, 1889, to October, 1894.

I suggest that there be a legislation adopted requiring all notices of conclaves, regular or special, sent out by Commanderies, to be placed in sealed envelopes.

I also recommend that the title of Grand Lecturer be changed to Grand Inspector, it being much more appropriate to the duty performed.

A pleasing feature of this volume is the publication of the photographs of all the Representatives of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

A splendid report on Correspondence is presented by Fratres Henry W. Rugg and Thomas E. St. John. On the abuse of the ballot, Frater Rugg very sensibly says:—

There is no more perplexing question to deal with in a Masonic or Templar body than an alleged improper use of the secret ballot. Thus it may happen that a candidate is rejected who stands well in the community and would be acceptable to nearly every member, consequently not a little of disturbed feeling arises. When such an exceptional case occurs it seems every way the best course for the friends of the candidate to accept the result and let matters take their course. Perhaps the one objecting member has knowledge of the character or career of the applicant which other members do not possess. Perhaps the adverse ballot has been cast with the purest motives and with regard for the best interests of Lodge or Commandery. When, however, there are several such cases, and worthy

petitioners, one after another were rejected, some action seems called for.

Then is the time for conference among members, for enquiry and suggestion, perhaps for admonition. In most instances where we have had personal knowledge of the improper use of the ballot, the member responsible for the act disclosed his identity and boasted of his purpose to stop work until some grievance of his had been settled. In such a case there is no difficulty in checking the abuse. The offender should be dealt with for his wrong doing and made to suffer a penalty. If he does his base work in absolute secrecy, taking no one into his confidence and making no expression of his purpose, there will be something more of delay and trouble, but even then there is likely to be ere long some development, or new departure, which will set matters right and restore good feeling in the body.

Canada for 1895 has special attention.

As to the Creed of a Templar, Frater Rugg has the following:—

Another question just now attracting attention pertains to the recognition of a Templar creed. Shall such a creed be established? If so what precise doctrines and definitions of doctrine ought it to include? What tests of faith should the Templar profession require? In one of the jurisdictions membership in an Evangelical Church is affirmed to be a proper prerequisite into the Order of Knights Templars. From other jurisdictions come the avowal that belief in the Trinity ought to be maintained as an essential test in fixing the eligibility of candidates for the Order. Others intimate that this or that amount of religious faith should be cherished by Templars, else it were well for them "to tear the crosses from their regalia, and lay them away as relics of superstition." We hold that it is neither practicable nor desirable for the Templar Body to formulate a special creed. It may well be content to stand on its present broad and ample platform, requiring every candidate to avow himself a *firm believer in the Christian religion*, and, being admitted to the Order to conduct himself ever afterward as a Christian gentleman. He must have belief in the eternal verities pertaining to God and His moral government over the human world, belief in Christ as Immanuel, divinely commissioned to bless and save mankind, belief in the resurrection and in the life to come, else he would be no proper candidate to kneel in the Asylum and take upon himself the pledges of a Knight Templar. But having so much of qualification, having a sincere purpose to take service under the Great Captain of our Salvation and to walk obediently to His precepts, why should the candidate be asked to subscribe to the technical doctrines of a creed? Why should he be required to define his thought and faith respecting doctrines, very differently understood by schoolmen and theologian? Our Order is Christian—permeated all through and through—in its ritual, symbolism and declared principles—by the spirit and power of Christ our Lord. If we

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can but realize what is thus taught and implied, we shall indeed stand in a large place and on a solid foundation, as workers together in that applied Christianity for which the world of to-day so anxiously watches and waits.

Commanderies, 46; members, 11,789; increase, 293.

William R. Walker, (Pawtucket,) G. C.

Benjamin W. Rowell, (Lynn,) G. R.

MICHIGAN.

Forty-first Conclave, Detroit, May 18, 1897.

Edward D. Wheeler, G. C.

In his address, we find the following:—

The following report of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, upon the pilgrimage to London, Ont., authorized by special dispensation September 9th, being of international interest, I herewith submit:

DETROIT COMMANDERY, NO. 1, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
Stationed at Detroit, Michigan,

October 7th, 1896.

*Right Eminent Sir Knight E. D. Wheeler, Grand Commander
Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan, Manistee, Mich.:*

Right Eminent Sir—Acting under the special dispensation granted by you, Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, made a pilgrimage to London, Ont., about ninety swords, on Wednesday, September 16, for the purpose of exemplifying the Order of the Temple before Sovereign Grand Master Will. H. Whyte, and his staff of officers and associates of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and also to give an exhibition of the Templar drill and tactics at the Great Western Fair. Our pilgrimage was a successful one and was, without exaggeration, an honor for the Commandery and I believe a credit to the grand body to which we so proudly claim allegiance.

The Eminent Sirs of Great Priory were pleased to say that the work done merited their heartiest commendation and the drill before 20,000 people was received with popular marks of enthusiasm. The beauties of the American Templar ritual were much enjoyed by the Sir Knights assembled, and the drill received honored attention from Lord Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada, and the vice-regal party, the Governor soliciting the honor of personally inspecting the lines and later thanking the Commandery and personally complimenting Capt. Gen. Findlater for its work in the field. It was a glorious victory for the Grand Jurisdiction over which you exercise control and will, I believe, redound to the credit and honor of our craftsmen and ritual.

All of which is respectfully submitted as a report of what

was accomplished on the pilgrimage for which you granted the special dispensation.

Attest:

I. H. WAKEFIELD,
Recorder.

LOU BURT,
Eminent Commander.

After recounting his official visitations, the Grand Commander says:—

In visiting these Commanderies officially I have endeavored in each case to make the inspection as thorough and complete as possible. I have criticized quite freely, and I hope and believe that my criticisms and instructions have been received in the same kindly spirit in which I endeavored to make them, and if they result in the correction of some of the faults and errors, I am content. I have found many question books that do not conform to the ritual; in all such cases I have ordered that their use be discontinued and others procured that were correct. In some of the Commanderies I have found that the records do not show a constitutional number present at all conclaves, and was assured that the fault would be corrected. Some Commanderies have no Hermit's robes, which are very necessary to the correct rendition of the work. But the most serious criticism I had to make was the practice of electing a Sir Knight to an office simply because he was a "good fellow," and the Commandery desired to honor him; not taking into consideration his fitness or unfitness for the position.

Another international event is thus stated:—

On February 24th Detroit Commandery, No. 1, tendered a reception and banquet to the Grand Commander and staff and to the Sovereign Grand Prior of Canada and his staff and their ladies, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large company of guests, and being of an international character, attracted much attention from the Templar world. It was especially pleasant for the Michigan Knights, as it gave them an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the officers of the Canadian jurisdiction, and for myself, because I had the pleasure of welcoming to our jurisdiction that valiant Knight and genial gentleman, M. E. Sir Will. H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

I believe that this affair will contribute largely to a closer relationship with our fratres over the border. At this time I was presented with the beautiful badge of Detroit, No. 1, and with a certificate of honorary membership in the Commandery, which I prize very highly. It goes without saying that Detroit No. 1, fully sustained their well-earned reputation as hosts, and in many respects outdid their previous efforts.

The Grand Recorder announced that M. E. Sir Elias Talbot Malone, Past Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, was in waiting and would be pleased to visit this Grand Commandery. The

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Grand Commander ordered a proper escort and the distinguished Canadian Templar was escorted to the Asylum and received in a manner befitting his exalted rank, to which M. E. Sir Knight Malone responded in a happy and cordial manner.

The report of the special committee on Masonic Home was adopted:—

That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated from any funds in the Treasury of this Grand Commandery, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home, be approved.

Your committee feels that in times of financial stringency, when other sources of revenue are closed, or diminished, there is all the more necessity for liberal appropriations on behalf of this beneficent institution.

We believe that under the new system of maintenance, the dawn of a brighter day is at hand for the Home, and most earnestly hope that it may speedily be established upon a firm and enduring foundation.

In his review of our Proceedings of 1896, Frater John A. Gerow gives a large number of extracts and numerous complimentary remarks, with which we are greatly pleased.

Commanderies, 45; members, 5523; increase, 66.

Albert Stiles, (Jackson,) G. C.

John A. Gerow, (Detroit,) G. R.

MINNESOTA.

Thirty-second Conclave, Minneapolis, June 24, 1897.

The lines were formed by the Grand Captain-General and the Grand Commander was received under the arch of steel. Then followed rehearsal, inspection and review.

The Grand Commander reports that there were fewer requests for dispensations than usual, and no questions that were not capable of being answered at once by a reference to the Templar Digest. A request to confer the degrees on a companion who had lost his left arm was properly refused. The Grand Commander visited and inspected all the Commanderies in the jurisdiction except two. He sums up the situation as follows:—

In all my visits I have been received with all the honors due the Grand Commander of this jurisdiction, and the utmost courtesy has been shown to me and the Sir Knights accompanying me. It has been a task of no little magnitude to travel over the entire State, but I have in this way, acquired a knowledge of the actual condition and prospects of each subordinate Commandery that could have been obtained in no other way. There has appeared in a few Commanderies to be a lack of enthusiasm and a deficiency in drill, but from the instructions given, where the need was apparent, I trust some lasting benefit may result. Wherever work has been done, it has been uniformly of a high order. In most cases the opening ceremonies have been very satisfactory. The financial condition of all Commanderies has been found to be sound, and while the work done is small in amount as compared with some preceding years, owing, perhaps, as much to the prevailing financial depression as to any other cause, yet the outlook for the future is bright and promising. New material is constantly being added to the lodges and chapters, and some of it will in time reach our Asylums. In most Commanderies the conclaves have been regularly held. In one Commandery but one conclave had been held up to the time of my visit, and the records for that one had not been written up.

The occasion noted below must be one of surpassing interest and great credit must be given to the Sir Knights of Minneapolis for their energy and faithfulness:

The knightly courtesy of Zion Commandery, No. 2, has given to the members of this Grand Commandery another opportunity to witness the conferring of the Order of Malta in full form and with every known accessory. On the evening of March 31, 1897, in the large and elegant drill rooms in the Masonic Temple in Minneapolis, 1,500 Sir Knights assembled and witnessed a ceremonial that had required months to prepare and a large expenditure of time and money to properly and completely present. It was done at my request, and the Grand Commandery of this state acted as honorary guard to the banner of the Order. This Grand Commandery has every reason to be proud of Zion Commandery, and much credit is due to Past E. Sir Hingeley and his able assistants for the almost faultless presentation of this beautiful degree.

The new Grand Commandery of Oklahoma was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is prefaced with a portrait of the author, Frater Thomas Montgomery, who was Grand Commander in 1887, and Grand Recorder since 1889. He is beginning, like the rest of us, to part his hair in the middle. Our proceedings of 1896 receive extended mention. We are glad to receive his approval of our platform.

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In his review of Massachusetts he has the following remarks on the conferring of the Order of Malta :—

Both he and Sir Knight Rugg are decidedly opposed to conferring the Order of Malta at the same conclave in which the Order of the Temple has been worked. We understand their opposition is to the use of the long form as detracting from, or rather perhaps dissipating, the sublime teachings associated with the impressive scenes just witnessed. And in this they with others are doubtless right; but as under our laws no Knight Templar is a member of the Order until he has also received the Order of Malta, and as our laws also favor his receiving it immediately after that of the Temple, on the same evening, we believe it ought to be communicated at once in short form, as has ever been the custom, so that the recipient may have lawful standing as a member of the Order. The time required need not be over a few minutes, nor need the essentials communicated seriously divert the thoughts of the candidate from that which preceded. A whole evening may once a year be devoted to its exemplification—in full form if desired.

Commanderies, 25; members, 2448; increase, 37.

Benjamin F. Farmer, (Spring Valley,) G. C.

Thomas Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

Thirty-sixth Conclave, Jackson, February 18, 1896.

F. P. Jenkins, G. C.

On the state of the Order, he says :—

Harmony has prevailed throughout the borders of the jurisdiction. We have had a year of great prosperity. We are entering upon an era in our history that will be the brightest this commonwealth has ever experienced. It seems that the tide of immigration is flowing towards our Sunny Southland, and ere long our broad acres will again be yielding a golden harvest. This sterling manhood that caused the waste places of other sections of our great Republic to blossom like the rose, is entering Mississippi. We extend to all who may visit us, either for pleasure or profit, a most cordial welcome. We assure them that the road to wealth leads through the South, and that Mississippi embraces the richest section of this road. Numerically, Templarism is not progressing in this state as we should like to see it. Let us not be discouraged; let us rather redouble our efforts to elevate those already in our ranks; let us set up a standard of morality as high as our knighthood is ancient and chivalric; let us be just and fear not; "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy Country's, thy God's and Truth's."

The Grand Treasurer, Frater Gus. J. Bahin, was created an honorary Past Grand Commander.

The following report was adopted :—

The Special Committee to whom was referred sundry portions of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, most heartily approve and commend his suggestion that Knights Templar, professing faith in the Christian virtues, should in all fitness and propriety illustrate and exemplify that *faith* by active membership in an Evangelical Church—finding in that relation a wider field and broader opportunity for having their "lights so shine that others taking knowledge of their good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven."

In regard to that portion of the address which refers to the signing of liquor petitions, while your committee, or members thereof, as applying to their individual action, may feel that the Grand Lodge of Masons having declared the selling of liquor a Masonic offense, that an act such as the signing of a petition which enables another to do an immoral act, that is to commit a Masonic offense, would make them *particeps criminis* in any and all evils which may, or do, follow such a traffic, they are yet constrained to admit that underlying this proposition is the great Masonic principle of "liberty of conscience," and that it is the privilege of every Mason, laying aside prejudice, on this and other moral questions, to act according to the dictates of his individual conscience and so pattern his conduct as shall be to the best interest and highest development of the community in which he may live.

Frater E. G. DeLap submitted his sixteenth report on Correspondence. We take the following from his notice of Connecticut :—

He dedicated and "*sanctified*" a new Asylum. We note this fact for the purpose of remarking that just now and for some time back there is and has been a considerable strain on the words "*Sanctify*," "*Sanctification*," "*Holiness*," "*Second Blessing*," and such, but this is the first time we have heard the poor tired, distorted and abused word used in Templar literature. Not that the word used in the address is not perfectly proper, because it is, and the sense conveyed there is the one most generally intended by its use in God's word, *i. e.*, a setting apart for a certain specified purpose. That the inspired writers ever intended to teach, by the use of the word, the doctrine of what is familiarly known as the "*Second Blessing*," is an absurdity.

Some of the "*Mutuals*" will, no doubt, rise to inquire what a Correspondence report has to do with the "*Second Blessing*" fad, and we are compelled to reply : nothing at all but the hope that some one might raise a row about it and make things a trifle less monotonous, induced us to put it in.

Canada for 1895 has a good notice, with numerous extracts.

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1896.

Thirty-seventh Conclave, Biloxi, February 9, 1897.

J. M. Buchanan, G. C.

The death of Frater Robert Brewster, Grand Recorder of Texas, leaves Frater J. L. Power, the Grand Recorder of Mississippi, the oldest Grand Recorder in the world. He has served twenty-six years. May he be able to serve at least twenty-six years more.

The returns from the Commanderies do not indicate very active work, but they are to be congratulated on two new subordinates.

Past Grand Commander Frederic Speed offered the following, which was adopted:—

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States has had under consideration a proposed draft for a new Constitution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the organic law of the Grand Encampment ought to be moulded after that of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and should embody the principle that the several Grand Commanderies are entitled to the sole government and control of their subordinates, subject only to the regulation of the Grand Encampment in the matter of Ritual, uniform, nomenclature, rank of officers and such matters as appertain exclusively to the general welfare of the Order and leaving every matter and thing of local concern to the exclusive regulation of the Grand Commanderies.

Resolved further, That the Representatives of this Grand Commandery to all the other Grand Commanderies; be and they are hereby directed to bring the subject matter to the attention of the bodies to which they are commissioned, with a request that they consider the same, and instruct their Representatives at the next Triennial Conclave regarding their vote upon said proposed new Constitution; and that said Representatives be directed to report the action to the bodies to which they are Commissioned, to the Grand Commander, as soon as may be after the same has been under consideration.

In reply to a query from Frater DeLap, we may say that a "serving frater," (the nomenclature "serving Knight" is wrong,) is one who has had the degrees conferred on him free of charge for the purpose of enabling him to "serve" as Guard, (or Janitor.)

Commanderies, 14; members, 478; increase, 37.

James T. Harrison, (Columbus,) G. C.

James L. Power, (Jackson,) G. R.

MISSOURI.

Thirty-sixth Conclave, St. Louis, April 20, 1897.

Ira V. McMillan, G. C.

The improvements on the Masonic Home have been completed :—

There are now in the Home, 50 girls, 81 boys, 9 old ladies and 8 old Brothers.

The new building is nearly ready for occupancy and will be a very great convenience. The basement floor has a large sewing room, kitchen, several storage rooms, rooms for hired help and coal room. The first floor has a dining room 86 x 86 feet, two cloak rooms, office and bath room. The second floor has two large nurseries and nine dormitories. The third floor has fifteen dormitories. Each floor has suitable closets for clothing, etc., and bath rooms. The old dining room has been changed into a play and storage room.

The infirmary has been changed so as to be used exclusively for hospital purposes, with separate rooms for contagious diseases.

All the old coal houses, etc., on the north side of the property have been removed and frontage remodeled so as to present a very attractive appearance on the Von Verson avenue front. This will add to the value of the lots which we have for sale on Von Verson avenue.

We feel satisfied the fraternity will be pleased with the improvements.

A very neat design for a new seal was adopted.

A committee was appointed to prepare a new Service for the observance of Easter Sunday.

The Grand Recorder presented his twentieth report on Correspondence and it is as usual excellent. Canada does not appear to have been received by him.

Commanderies, 56; members, 4237; increase, 85.

John Gillies, (Monett,) G. C.

William H. Mayo, (St. Louis.) G. R.

MONTANA.

Ninth Conclave, Butte, September 14, 1896.

Edward D. Neill, G. C.

On the religious aspect of the Order, the Grand Commander gives the following interesting disquisition:

I have been asked to define the words "Christian Religion," and though in my mind the answer to this question is very clear, the Order has ever been conservative, and, as we think, rather

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shirked the courage of its own convictions, in refusing to give any general definition.

I find in the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1895 the following: "But we consider the belief in the Trinity so interwoven into every atom of the Templar Ritual and structure as to leave no room whatever for discussion or argument. If there be no firm belief in the Trinity, then to a certainty is our house builded on sand."

And again, quoting from the address of the Grand Commander of Texas for 1894: "It is the earnest desire of my heart that prompts me thus to exhort you on this occasion, rather than consume the hour on what we call Ancient Templarism, clad in sanguinary robes, and immortalized in history for daring and heroic deeds to secure an empty sepulchre; but to inspire your hearts to a nobler welfare, and secure a fadeless crown, which He, who rose triumphant from that tomb, has promised to place upon your brow, if faithful to the end.

Again, quoting from the address of the Grand Master of Victoria for 1895, we find the following: "The religious aspect of our Order requires more serious consideration. That grand cosmopolitan society—Freemasonry—assures every candidate on his entering it, that no vow will be required of him contrary to his religious belief, but at the very portal of our Holy Order, he is asked to declare his belief in the Holy Trinity."

The following is the expression of the Grand Encampment on this all-important question, and is to be found on page 87 of the printed proceedings of that body for 1888: "To the question, What is the exegesis of, or what is the Christian religion which as Knights Templar we are pleased to defend? I replied: The Ritual contains those things which a Knight obligates himself to believe and perform. The Grand Master has no authority to give additional definitions or theological views on the subject. The entire body of Sir Knights who are connected with the Order have the existing obligation to the satisfaction of their own consciences, and it is fair to presume that those who may hereafter be elected will find no difficulty in following the same course."

The Grand Encampment was pleased to approve the above expression of Grand Master Dean, for which see page 268 of the same volume, report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Decision No. 5, made by Grand Master H. L. Palmer, see proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1868, page 17, and approval of the same by the Committee of Jurisprudence, page 70 of the same volume, is as follows:

"No one can properly be a member of our Order, 'which is founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues,' who is not a firm believer in the religion of Jesus Christ; no one who does not acknowledge Him as the Saviour of mankind, and believe in the atonement offered up by Him on Calvary, can be a worthy Knight Templar. The rules of the Order, however, do not require any further or more de-

finite profession of faith than is comprehended in the ritual. One who ridicules or makes light of the Holy Bible, or scoffs at religion, is an unworthy member of the Order."

In view of the above, and calling to my mind some of the many passages of the Ritual, as follows: "The Immaculate Word," "The human skull resting on the Word of God," "The lesson by the Senior Warden," "The ascension scene," "The Prelate's address," "The Presentation of the baldric," and finally, "The entire Order of Malta," I give my answer by stating "a full belief in the Apostles' Creed," which we recite upon occasions of public worship.

The Commanderies are in a healthful and prosperous condition and in most of them great activity prevails. In some of his visits, the Grand Commander finds a lack of paraphernalia, but the records are now in excellent condition.

That portion of the address referring to the Christian religion was referred to a special committee, who reported expressly approving of it, but an amendment was carried to re-commit the report with instructions to report at next Conclave.

The Ascension Day observance was made a permanent ceremony and a committee was appointed to prepare a complete ritual of services and ceremonials to be used on such occasions.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Be it Resolved, That annually there shall be appropriated the sum of \$100, to be set apart and known as the "Grand Commander's Contingent Fund," subject to his order, for the payment of the expenses of inspection and visitation, and that he include in his report the amount expended from such fund, the unexpended balance, if any, to be covered back yearly into the General Fund.

Be it Resolved, By the Knights Templar of Montana, in Grand Commandery assembled, that we have heard with anguish and horror of the barbarous war of extermination waged by the fanatical Turks against that ancient people, the Armenians, apparently for no other reason than that they are Christians.

Resolved, That as soldiers enlisted for the defense of the Christian religion, it becomes us with united and earnest voice to appeal to all nations of Christendom to join in an effectual protest against this inhuman persecution, and to urge them to secure the setting apart of a sufficient portion of ancient Armenia for their exclusive occupation, under a government of their own and under the protection of the Christian powers.

Resolved, further, That we believe it the duty of the Christian nations conjointly to secure a complete severance of ancient

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Palestine from Turkish occupation and control, that it may be repossessed and restored to its ancient beauty and fertility by Christian and Jew alike, attracted by its sacred associations and governed by its own people, under the joint guarantee of all Christian nations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Montana members of Congress, and to the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States.

Frater Cornelius Hedges has another very excellent report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1895 finds a place.

We congratulate Frater Hedges on his elevation to the principal office. He and Frater Neill exchanged places with ease and grace.

Commanderies, 8 ; members, 348 ; increase, 25.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena,) G. C.

Edward D. Neill, (Helena,) G. R.

NEBRASKA.

Twenty-fourth Conclave, Omaha, April 16, 1896.

Charles B. Finch, G. C.

We copy the opening paragraph of the address:—

The year last past has not been a period marked by a phenomenal growth of the membership of our Order. Financial depression has been visited upon our land, and this jurisdiction has keenly felt its effects. Business of every kind has suffered from the light crops which followed upon the heels of the failures of 1894. Perplexities have come into the lives of our countrymen as never before, and the people of this state have been compelled to bear their share of the burdens caused by this depression. Such conditions are not favorable for a rapidly growing membership. But Sir Knights, these conditions are the fertile soil out of which bloom and blossom the flower of genuine, true-hearted knighthood. We turn away gladly from these material discouragements, and fix our eyes upon the hearts of men. Trials which are common to all arouse the deepest sympathies of our nature, and weld into a more perfect bond the chain of our fraternal fellowship. Thus it is that the primary principles which prompted our Order are brought into greater prominence, and made, as never before, the ruling motives of our lives. Material conditions are transient, and the cloud of our adversity will soon lift its gloom. The standard of Knight Templary, however, will surely have been elevated, and the character of knighthood will have attained greater excellence by this experience.

It was ordered that all officers of subordinate Commanderies should commit their work to memory and

dispense with the use of the printed Ritual or notes in conferring the degrees.

A committee was authorized to arrange for the holding of a Field Encampment during the summer of 1897.

The state of the funds would not permit of the publication of the usual report on Correspondence.

1897.

Twenty-fifth Conclave, Lincoln, April 29, 1897.

Richard P. R. Millar, G. C.

On the State of the Order, he says:

Following in the wake of three years of crop failures, the year has not been one of prosperity, and our Order has felt the effects, as have all other branches of society. But He who orders all things for the best, the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, has graciously smiled on us, and the most abundant crops in the history of the state were harvested in 1896. And, although low prices prevail, it is now bringing money into the state, and all feel the sun of prosperity has already arisen; and I feel that our beloved Order will receive in time its full share of returning prosperity. The trying times through which we have passed should have the effect of more closely cementing us together, and bringing forth the grand characteristics of our magnificent and noble Order.

The business transacted was entirely local. The Committee on Field Encampment was continued another year.

Commanderies, 23; members, 1679; decrease, 33.

Edwin C. Webster, (Hastings,) G. C.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha,) G. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Thirty-seventh Conclave, Concord, September 29, 1896.

Daniel C. Roberts, G. C.

The Grand Commander made official visits to all the Commanderies and reports a great forward movement in accuracy and beauty of work, suitable quarters, furniture and equipment. "There are none that are not creditable and some are a joy to behold."

The following report was adopted:—

The recommendations of the R. E. Grand Commander, regarding the wearing of uniforms at all conclaves meets with the hearty approval of your committee.

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of proper dress on different occasions suggested in the Grand Commander's address, to report at the next annual conclave.

That the question of changes in the seal of the Grand Commandery be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Grand Commander, with instructions to report at the next annual Conclave.

In relation to the matter of dispensations for drill, your committee deem it inexpedient to take action.

We recommend that the office of Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery terminate at each Triennial of the Grand Encampment.

Canada for 1895 receives very courteous treatment at the hands of Frater Albert S. Wait, the chairman of Correspondence.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 2060 ; increase, 67.

John Hatch, (Concord,) G. C.

George P. Cleaves, (Concord,) G. R.

NEW JERSEY.

Thirty-ninth Conclave, Trenton, May 11, 1897.

John E. Rowe, Acting Grand Commander.

They met in the shadow of a great sorrow, their Grand Commander, Robert Dingwall, having passed over to the silent majority within a few months after his election.

The visiting Grand Officers report the subordinates in good condition, a marked improvement in the work and very little need of instruction.

The business transacted was local in interest.

Frater Peter McGill reports on Correspondence, and has a good notice of our Proceedings of 1896. In his review of Mississippi, he quotes the report of the special committee (which we have copied under "Mississippi,") and then says :—

We are at a loss to understand Frater DeLap in this matter. His views on the right of the Grand Lodge to regulate non-affiliates to the ranks of Masons not in good standing are well known. If the Grand Lodge can do this, pray, why can the Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment not place traffickers in liquor and their supporters in

the same category, "not in good standing as Knights Templar?" Is the "great Masonic principle of 'liberty of conscience,' which allows every Mason to act according to the dictates of his individual conscience, and so pattern his conduct as shall be to the best interests and highest development of the community in which he may live," so different in its bearings as to compel one to affiliate or be placed in bad standing in the one body, and yet allow him to bear the Passion Cross on his breast and dispense liquid damnation and remain in good standing in the other? Is the trafficker in liquors, or his supporter, patterning his action or "conduct in a way to be of the best interest and highest development of the community in which he may live"? Frater DeLap never hesitates to place himself on record in his support of the Christian religion and its handmaid, Temperance. Why should he stultify himself in this matter? Better, ten thousand times, Knights Templar who are unaffiliated Masons (obeying the dictates of their individual consciences and exercising their "liberty of conscience") than members of any Masonic body engaged in or supporting the damnable liquor traffic. We do not think we have misread Frater DeLap in his report. We would heartily like to think we do, but we cannot see it.

Commanderies, 16; members, 1779; increase, 43.

John E. Row, (Newark,) G. C.

Charles Bechtel, (Trenton,) G. R.

NEW YORK.

Eighty-third Conclave, Utica, September 8, 1896.

Horace A. Noble, G. C.

The Grand Commander only reports one decision. Since the publication of their Templar Handbook, containing a complete series of the laws, the presiding officers of the subordinations do not seem to require much assistance in interpreting the law.

The Grand Commander declined to authorize a new Commandery to the injury of an old one. In appointing Grand Representatives, he pursued a new course by recommending Past Commanders who had not had the honor. We make the following extract from his excellent address:—

The subject of Representation in the Grand Encampment is one that in my opinion is of great importance, and deeply affects our Grand commandery. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment provides that each Grand Commandery is entitled to four votes in that Grand Body, without regard to the numerical strength of the Body; and as a result, the Grand Commandery of New York, with a membership of over eleven

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thousand, has no more voice in the Grand Encampment than a Grand Commandery with a membership of less than two hundred. There are several Grand Commanderies whose membership is less than five hundred, each of which has the same number of votes as New York.

The revenue derived by the Grand Encampment is on an entirely different plan, the several Grand Commanderies paying a "per capita" tax or dues, and in this way New York pays more money into the Grand Encampment Treasury than perhaps a score of these smaller ones combined. This appears to me to be all wrong and entirely contrary to all rules of consistency and fairness. If the Grand Encampment takes the position that all Grand Commanderies be considered equal in regard to representation, it should, to be consistent, require each to pay the same amount of dues into its Treasury. According to the present condition of affairs, it is certainly a striking example of "Taxation without Representation," and should be remedied. I strongly recommend that a committee be appointed to take this matter under consideration, and adopt such course of action as to present before the next Conclave of the Grand Encampment, an amendment to the constitution which, in their judgment, will correct this unjust discrimination.

On the same subject the following report was adopted:—

We agree with the Grand Commander in his remarks concerning the unfairness of the present method of representation by Grand Commanderies in the Grand Encampment, and, while admitting the necessity of a change, the expression at the last Triennial Conclave is a warranty that the opposition to any amendment, which would base the voting capacity in the proportion of multiples of membership, is so universal that it cannot, at the present time, be carried on its merits.

To show the feeling in reference thereto we quote the expression of one correspondent, "it is a dead issue, and hence needs no further consideration."

Having failed to obtain what would seem to be the right of every Grand Commandery, viz: a voting power proportionate to its numerical standing, we claim it to be a fair inference that a majority hold that all Grand Commanderies are to be considered as equal in the councils and legislation of the Grand Encampment.

Such being the principle established, we believe that it should be carried further, and apply with the same strictness to the taxation on the several Grand Commanderies for the maintenance of the Grand Encampment.

To be consistent, the Grand Encampment should adopt the plan already in practice in another grand body, and require each Grand Commandery to pay as an annual tax—a specific sum—equal to each Grand Commandery. This would be in harmony with the principle governing the present plan of representation.

Nothing to our minds can be fairer than the proposition, that each Grand Commandery, being allowed an equal number of representatives and the same voice in the Grand Encampment, should pay for this equal privilege, the expenses of the Grand Encampment in equal proportion.

The tenacity with which the Grand Encampment clings to some of the old methods, does not, in the judgment of your committee, promise any great measure of success in an amendment of the character suggested.

We nevertheless deem it to be our right to protest against what is manifestly "unjust discrimination," and hence coincide with the Grand Commander, that the subject be taken into consideration by a committee with a view of formulating and presenting to the Grand Encampment, at its next Triennial Conclave, an amendment to its constitution making the taxation of the Grand Commanderies equal in amount.

The report of the committee on changes in the uniform was presented in full detail and was laid over for consideration at the next Conclave. The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That gauntlets, wristlets and cuffs be and they are hereby abolished as part of the uniform of a Knight Templar in this jurisdiction, except for mounted Commanderies and knights on duty requiring them to be mounted.

The report on Correspondence is again by Frater Jesse B. Anthony, and contains a courteous review of our Proceedings of 1895. We quote a portion of his introductory remarks:—

The anticipation that the Grand Encampment, at its last Triennial, would solve some questions upon which there is an element of uncertainty, an apparent conflict with recent enactments by Grand Lodges, and also to perfect the much needed revision of the constitution and digest of the Grand Body, did not materialize, and from all along the line dissatisfaction is expressed at this seeming neglect of matters of grave importance to the Order. The Triennial was a magnificent success in its festivities and pleasures, but a failure in all other respects.

The tidings from the several camps are of the most encouraging character, and the reputation of the Order to-day is of a more elevated character than ever before. To maintain its high prestige demands of its followers—from the Sir Knight to the Grand Commander—a strict conformity to the obligations enjoined, obedience to the elevating teachings of Templarism, practical exemplification of the duties of pure charity and beneficence, a correct walk and deportment in harmony with the spirit of Christian Knighthood, and a laudable ambition for its

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Commanderies, 58; members, 11,037; increase, 327.

John A. Mapes, (New York,) G. C.

John F. Shafer, (Albany,) G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Seventeenth Conclave, Wilmington, May 11, 1897.

William A. Withers, G. C.

The system of Grand Visitations was continued by the Grand Commander and his Council with good results. The committee on the address quietly suggest that the Commanderies from which no answers are received to communications sent them regarding official visits, are the ones that need to be visited.

Frater John C. Chase again has an excellent review of the various Proceedings. In his notice of Canada for 1896, he has the following comment on one paragraph of the address:—

They are also beginning to have an attack of "fuss and feathers," desiring to imitate their fratres across the border, whose uniform and drill are prominent features. He is rather disposed to favor more attention being paid to uniform and drill, but hopes that when the present uniform is remodelled, it will be made "distinctively Canadian." Well, we are not going to quarrel with him, but we are disposed to believe in working for uniformity rather than individuality.

Commanderies, 11; members, 349; increase, 2.

Joseph H. Hackburn, (Newbern,) G. C.

Horace H. Munson, (Wilmington,) G. R.

OHIO.

Fifty-fourth Conclave, Dayton, October 14, 1896.

John P. McCune, G. C.

Peace and harmony prevail. The year has been a prosperous one and the officers deserve credit for the prevailing peace and the absence of internal dissensions.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to print a new edition of the Ascension Day Service, and also to prepare and print a special Service for Easter Day and Good Friday.

The sum of \$1000 was donated to the Ohio Masonic Home.

The following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That hereafter Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be required, except when it is contemplated at some future time to use full Ceremonials, to confer at least the essentials of the Order of Malta upon all candidates at the same Conclave at which the Order of the Temple shall be conferred, but in all cases the Order shall be conferred before the close of the Temple year."

Frater E. T. Carson submitted his twenty-first report on Correspondence, covering 158 pages and written with all the ability that invariably characterizes the author. Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1895.

Commanderies, 55 ; members, 8071 ; increase, 157.
Barton Smith, (Toledo,) G. C.
John N. Bell, (Dayton,) G. R.

OKLAHOMA.

Words of welcome are in order for this new creation, the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

Under the authority of the Grand Master of Templars, Frater W. LaRue Thomas, the representatives of the three Commanderies in Oklahoma met in the City of Guthrie, on the 10th day of February, 1896, and duly organized the new body.

A constitution was adopted, officers elected and an address was delivered by the Grand Commander, from which we make the following extract :—

Masonry in Oklahoma will now be thoroughly organized, with a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter and a Grand Commandery, with the subordinate Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, it will henceforth be an important factor in molding the character of our people, and influential in establishing a state founded upon the eternal principles of truth and justice.

In my judgment Templar Masonry has already been the means of accomplishing more good feeling, more harmony of sentiment, more lasting and valuable attachments of individuals, one to another, than any other one thing in Oklahoma, and it is the mission of the Grand Commandery to strengthen these bonds of attachment where they now exist and to enlarge and extend them to all parts of the Territory. The inherent strength and power of Templar Masonry is found in the confidence and trust that it inspires in the breast of its votaries, and a Templar

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that would basely betray the trust and confidence reposed in him as such would be void of all sense of honesty and integrity, and all honorable men would turn from him with all the scorn and contempt that the heart is capable of feeling. Let us, therefore, guard well the approaches to our Asylums and see that none are admitted that are not worthy to occupy the highest place in the honor and esteem of all good men, for thus only can we maintain that high standing among our fellow men which is and ought of right to be accorded to the true Templar everywhere.

Cassius M. Barnes, (Guthrie,) G. C.

Harper S. Cunningham, (Guthrie,) G. R.

OREGON.

Tenth Conclave, Portland, October 8, 1896.

B. E. Lippincott, G. C.

His official acts were few, "owing to the thorough knowledge of the law by the Sir Knights and their willingness to cheerfully obey its mandates."

The drill corps banner ordered last year was procured and placed in the custody of DeMolay Commandery, No. 5, at Salem. This banner is to be the subject of competition in drill under rules promulgated by the Grand Commander.

The following constitutional amendment was adopted:—

No Commandery shall expel or suspend a member for non-payment of dues, but in case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of one year, he may be notified by the Recorder that unless at the next stated Conclave either his dues be paid, or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of refusal or neglect, he will be dropped from the roll and deprived of all the rights and privileges of a Knight Templar. But any Knight Templar thus dropped from the roll, may at any time restore himself by paying the arrearages due at the time he was dropped from the roll, and such other dues as may be imposed upon him by law.

In future, all commissions of Grand Representatives are to be for three years, terminating with the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

Fratr J. M. Hodson reports on Correspondence, and reviews our Proceedings of 1895.

Commanderies. 6; members, 415: increase, 11.

Robert S. Bean, (Salem,) G. C.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene,) G. R.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Fourteenth Conclave, Mitchell, June 11, 1897.

James J. Casselman, G. C.

He visited all the Commanderies and reports peace and prosperity. He decided that it is not necessary that a candidate should be an affiliate in Lodge and Chapter. He concludes as follows:—

The Christmas exercises and Easter services were generally observed throughout this Jurisdiction. The circular for the Christmas observance was not issued in the form of an order, and was without any special injunctions, as I think the manner of observing Christmas Day ought to be left to each Sir Knight to decide for himself. I know that many prefer to spend the day with their families and friends, and the Templar exercises ought to be merely permissive, and no Sir Knight should be required to attend who prefers to spend the time otherwise.

During my visits to the Commanderies this year, I have noticed the absence of wine from the banquet tables. Sir Knights, if this was in deference to my wishes in this matter, I thank you. If, on the other hand, it shows a change in the sentiment in regard to the use of wine at our banquets, then we have reason to rejoice. I am pleased to see the stand that has been taken by a large number of Commanderies throughout the United States in regard to the use and the sale of intoxicating liquors by Knights Templar.

The business transacted was local in interest.

Fratr Samuel H. Jumper again reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings of 1896 with several extracts and approving remarks. We quote his opening and conclusion:—

We commence our Second Annual Report in midwinter. The old year, freighted with its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, has journeyed into the dim past, and we can hear but the faint rumble of its rolling wheels as it goes out of sight forever.

Outside of our comfortable home the snow covers the prairies to a depth never before known. Drifts are larger and wider and deeper than a church. In many places houses are buried so deep, tunnels through the hard, white snow have been excavated from door and window for egress and light.

In our snow-bound home, the drear monotony will be pleasantly broken as we receive the reports from New England seasoned with the salt spray of the dear old Atlantic; from the South, laden with the perfume of the magnolia and the palm; from the West, with the sweet breath of the Pacific breezes; and for a while we shall forget the cold and the snow and the angry blizzard.

Our report is merely routine. Peace and harmony prevails in every Jurisdiction.

Our task is completed.

Since we started out on our fanciful journey around the states the deep snows we described have melted into floods, and the floods have subsided, and spring sunshine has warmed the earth, causing the grain which the husbandman has planted to clothe the broad prairies with waving green, promising a harvest that will feed the world. Our work is in your hands. The judgment is yours.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 756; increase, 38.

Joseph T. Morrow, (Mitchell,) G. C.

George A. Pettigrew, (Flandreau,) G. R.

TENNESSEE.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, Clarksville, May 12, 1897.

Robert W. Haynes, G. C.

The rules for the guidance of official visitors were framed by a committee last year, and on this subject the Grand Commander says :—

In regard to the system of inspection, I desire to say that it is very severe, and both the Commanderies and Inspectors take hold of it with diffidence. Besides, there are important points that escape observation of the Commandery officers, until in the progress of the examination. I am persuaded, however, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances surrounding my administration, by reason of my personal afflictions and the want of a full appreciation of all the system means, on the part of the Commandery officers, that there is much of good in it to the Order within the next few years, and so believing, I most heartily recommend a continuance of the system, by express order of the Grand Commandery.

I present herewith the reports of the Inspectors handed me, with the score cards, so far received. I do not think it best to print the reports in full, but possibly a committee might be appointed to tabulate the results shown by the Inspectors.

A new Commandery was opened at Greenville.

The system of inspection was adopted and continued.

The following preamble and resolution on the subject of the use of the Maltese Cross by other societies was adopted :—

WHEREAS, The Maltese Cross has for centuries been the official insignia of our Order; and

WHEREAS, We note with much regret the appropriation of this emblem by other secret orders and religious societies, and

knowing as we do that their action in thus using an emblem the very name of which is significant of our Order, is absolutely unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Such conduct on their part is only calculated to mislead, and has already caused unnecessary confusion; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Grand Commandery protests against the action of other secret orders and religious societies in thus unnecessarily appropriating our time-honored significant emblem.

2. That our Grand Commander take such action as may be necessary to memorialize the Grand Encampment on this subject, with the view of bringing about a moral influence that will stop other orders and societies from misleading the public by the use of our emblem.

3. That our Grand Master correspond with our sister Jurisdictions on this subject, and send them a copy of these resolutions.

In his review of Canada for 1896, the Grand Recorder has the following:—

Tactics, drill and uniform seem to be topics upon which the Canadian Templar is not enthusiastic, and the Grand Master recommends with some apparent hesitation, that a Manual of Sword Exercise, etc., be adopted, based upon the Canadian militia drill. He says that "in many particulars the American and Canadian differs." The Canadian "is a quiet, modest fellow as a rule," who has not been brought up from childhood to take part in public processions. Nevertheless, he perceives a feeling gaining strength among the younger men, and to some extent even with the older members, that a uniform must be a part of Templar Masonry in Canada. In this he can see no harm, provided the "neat and not expensive" uniform heretofore adopted by Great Priory be remodeled to make it distinctively Canadian.

Commanderies, 16; members, 1091; increase, 1.

William J. Ely, (Clarksville,) G. C.

Wilbur F. Foster, (Nashville,) G. R.

TEXAS.

Forty-fourth Conclave, Houston, April 21, 1897,

J. F. Brinkerhoff, G. C.

Nearly all the Commanderies are in a prosperous condition.

The state is in mourning for their beloved Grand Recorder, Robert Brewster, who died in Houston, on the 25th of July, 1896. He was elected Grand Recorder

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in 1863 and served in that position until his death. He was born in Ireland in 1812 and came to Texas in 1839.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the R. E. Grand Commander, or V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, that any Commandery in his Jurisdiction shall have failed to hold a stated Conclave for six consecutive months, that he shall issue a general order reprimanding such Commandery for its failure to meet and notifying it of the fact that a failure to hold its stated Conclave for a year, will work a forfeiture of its Charter.

The sum of \$500 was voted to the Orphans' Home.

Fratr Robert M. Elgin has an excellent report on Correspondence, in which appears our Proceedings of 1896.

Commanderies, 31 ; members, 2115 ; decrease, 14.

L. T. Noyes, (Houston,) G. C.

J. C. Kidd, (Houston,) G. R.

VERMONT.

Fifty-fifth Conclave, Burlington, June 8, 1897.

Robert J. Wright, G. C.

Notwithstanding the dull times consequent upon a Presidential election and the uncertainty of the finances of the country, their subordinates have been fairly prosperous, peace and harmony have prevailed and their relations with their sister Jurisdictions have been most cordial.

The Grand Commander made a number of official visitations and found the attention good and much attention given to the work, making it more and more impressive.

Canada for 1896 receives very courteous notice at the hands of Fratre Kittridge Haskins, with numerous extracts and approving remarks. On the doctrine of enforced membership, he well says:—

Masonry is a voluntary institution. The receiving of the several Orders is a voluntary act on the part of both the candidate and the Lodge, Chapter or Commandery. His withdrawal from one or all is equally so. The condition of membership in the several Masonic bodies is entirely unlike that of the state to the Federal Union. A Mason cannot, lawfully, be coerced into a continuation of his membership. If he is in

good standing and desires to "secede" we are bound, by the very nature of our institution, to let him "slide." And it is entirely wrong to say that such an one shall retain his membership in *all* or none.

Commanderies, 11 ; members, 1499 ; increase, 41.

Robert J. Wright, (Newport,) G. C.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington,) G. R.

VIRGINIA.

Seventy-fourth Conclave, Richmond, November 26, 1896.

John T. Parham, G. C.

His address opens with words of congratulation upon the prosperous condition of the Order. Their numbers continue to increase and their ranks are filled with valiant Knights, whose trumpets sound in unison.

The Grand Commander announces the death of the Grand Prelate, Dr. George W. Dame, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was Grand Prelate for 32 years and was greatly beloved and esteemed.

From the report of the Committee on Education at the Masonic Home, we take the following :—

SCHOOL.

Your committee opened school on September 1, 1896, reorganizing and regrading the classes. The school is now composed of four classes in Arithmetic, three classes in Grammar, two classes in Geography, four classes in Spelling and four classes in Reading ; each of which are divided into four different grades suitable to the ages of the respective scholars. The text-books used are of the latest approved editions. The grade of scholarship during the year averaged 85%, several of the scholars averaging 95%.

Your committee being of the opinion that the children of the Home should be thoroughly grounded in the rudiments of English education, decided not to attempt instructions in higher branches such as are taught at academies and colleges, Algebra, Ancient and Modern Languages. Where the proficiency of the scholars demanded instruction of the higher branches, we arranged to send them to the academies and colleges convenient in the city. We report with pleasure that ample provisions for instruction in these higher branches of education were secured through the instrumentality of our President, he securing free tuition at Richmond College and a perpetual scholarship from the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College for the use of the Home. This graceful recognition of our noble charity was communicated to the President of the Home by H. B. Smith,

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Secretary of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, in the following complimentary resolution, which was offered by a member of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, Brother Robert M. Hughes, Esq., of Norfolk, Va., to-wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary, impressed by the connection of its past history with that of the Masonic Order, as exemplified in the fact that from John Blair, its first Grand Master, to William B. Taliaferro, its alumni have been actively identified with the Order, and have filled the highest positions with credit to themselves and honor to the fraternity, and being desirous of testifying their sympathy with the benevolent objects of the Order, hereby places at the disposal of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home for Orphans a scholarship, entitling the holder to free tuition at the college. This scholarship shall be bestowed either upon an inmate of the Home, or upon any son of a Master Mason, as the said board shall deem best.

The school at present is composed of thirty-one pupils in regular daily attendance, twenty boys and eleven girls. This number is exclusive of five inmates of the Home, three of whom are employed in the city during the day and are instructed in arithmetic at night at the Home. And is also exclusive of Berry Stainback, who is attending Richmond College, and Smith Acree, who is attending McCabe's School. With the standing of Berry Stainback at Richmond College, your committee is particularly pleased, which, while in some studies is ninety-five per cent., yet he obtained in all of his studies an average of eighty-eight per cent., which we consider commendable.

The moral of the school is considerably better this year than last; better order and better work.

MANUAL LABOR.

Your committee, with the approval of the Board of Governors, has appropriated one hour each day out of the school hours for the purpose of manual labor. The children are taken out of the school and put to work, the girls by the matron and the boys by the teacher of the school, under whose supervision an hour of manual labor is daily performed, accruing not only to the benefit of the Home, but also to the development of the children along the line of industry. A regular monthly report is made as to the amount of work done.

MUSIC.

The donation of a handsome piano by the Ladies' Auxiliary Association enables your committee to give the girls of the Home the benefit of a primary musical education, which we have lately commenced, with the following teachers from the city of Richmond, who render their services once a week gratuitously: Miss Mary Osterbind, the daughter of Brother H. C. Osterbind, of St. John's Lodge, No. 36, and Miss Freda Jacobs, daughter of Mr. Ben. Jacobs, who has repeatedly manifested his kindness towards the Institute in liberal donations, although he is not a Mason. His wife is an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary Association.

SOCIETIES.

We have organized three societies among the children:

A literary society among the girls, known as "The Pearl Band," which meets every Friday evening in the library. A debating society among the boys, which meets every Saturday in the school-room. And a missionary society, organized for the purpose of teaching the children the grace of giving. At one meeting their contributions amounted to one dollar, and at a lawn party given by this society they made seventeen dollars. This fund is collected for foreign missionary societies.

We commend the efforts of Mrs. Boggs, the wife of our teacher, in the behalf of these organizations; she obtaining many donations for the lawn party.

These societies prove quite beneficial in encouraging diligence, reading, and independent thinking.

Commanderies, 20; members, 1481; increase, 24.

E. H. Miller, (Danville,) G. C.

James B. Blanks, (Richmond,) G. R.

WASHINGTON.

Tenth Conclave, Tacoma, June 2, 1897.

George E. Dickson, G. C.

The growth of the Order exceeded the expectations of the Grand Commander and harmony prevails.

It was ordered that after the present year, the report on Correspondence should be reduced to sixty pages.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest and calls for no special comment.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder and reviews the Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada for 1896.

In his review of Ohio, we find the following:—

Yes, Sir Carson, we are willing to refer to the Holy Bible and also to acknowledge that did we practice more of its teachings we would be all the better for it, and would suggest that had you read the first twelve verses of the second chapter of First Kings, and heeded the lesson taught therein, during your younger days, you might not be saying, as did one of old in your reference—Ecclesiastes, first chapter, verse 2—"All is vanity, etc." The "Masonry which you have practiced for more than fifty years" seems to have little effect in teaching you to "subdue your passions," the result of which, from your writings on certain subjects, we must judge your condition to be at present. It is not the fault of the Order of the Eastern Star that you regard all things as vanity, and you should not

think all men are so base and vulgar as to place woman on the degraded plane to which you have assigned them.

We who live "out west" among the savages have a few of the principles of enlightenment and honor within us which our beloved Order teaches, and which, we are sorry to say, some of our brethren living on the eastern side of the river appear to have lost sight of.

We deny the assertion that the "indiscriminate mingling of males and females in a secret organization," such as we refer to, will in any way cause scandal, and still insist that the principles taught in the Order of the Eastern Star, "if sown in good ground," will bring forth good results and be elevating to the mind, but if planted among the wreck caused by "tares" no effect can come of it.

Commanderies, 10; members, 626; increase, 22.

Jacob Weatherwax, (Aberdeen,) G. C.

Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla Walla,) G. R.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Twenty-third Conclave, Wheeling, May 12, 1897.

John C. Riheldaffer, G. C.

The Grand Commander congratulates the members on the prevailing harmony and on the absence of any dissension or grievance. He issued one dispensation for a new Commandery. He decided that a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason was eligible for knighthood. On the result of his official visitations, he says:—

The officers are as a rule proficient and the Commanderies in generally good condition, showing an active, healthy growth, as will appear in the tabulated reports.

I would call attention to the deplorable lack of proficiency in tactics and drill, and suggest that all Commanderies pay more attention to such sword exercises and movements as are necessary to a proper conducting of the ceremonies.

I note also some irregularity in uniform, which should be corrected. And in some of the Commanderies the conferring of the Order of Malta is deferred to a more convenient season, which in some instances I fear never comes. This should be corrected.

The following resolution was adopted, and thereupon Frater Hugh Sterling was unanimously elected Grand Inspector for the term of five years. This is the first instance we have seen of such a long term of office. It will certainly have its advantages in securing uniformity of inspection, and avoiding contradictory rulings:—

This Grand Commandery shall elect a Sir Knight for the term of five years, whose title shall be "Grand Inspector," and whose duties shall be, at least once during each year, to visit each subordinate Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction and thoroughly inspect the work, drill, equipments and appointments and general condition of the subordinate Commanderies, and to offer such suggestions and criticisms as in his judgment may have a tendency to elevate the standard or be of benefit to such subordinates, and to each annual Conclave hereafter make a complete report of his doings to the Grand Commandery, and the necessary expense of such official visitations shall be paid from the treasury of the Grand Commandery.

Canada for 1896 occupies no less than nine pages of the review of Fratre W. W. VanWinkle, about one-tenth of the whole, so that it may easily be perceived that we are in high favor. Many thanks.

Commanderies, 12; members, 937; increase, 59.

Lewis N. Tavenner, (Parkersburg,) G. C.

Robert C. Dunnington, (Fairmont,) G. R.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Milwaukee, October 13, 1896.

George H. Hopper, G. C.

He reports a new Commandery at Baraboo. Five District Rendezvous were held, at which all the subordinates were expected to be present and to exemplify the work. Nearly all attended, and every degree of proficiency was displayed from very excellent to very poor. After giving the details, the Grand Commander says:—

In regard to this experiment of district inspections, tried for the past two years, I have only this to say: You have had an opportunity to judge of its feasibility and desirability, and must decide whether it shall be continued, or discontinued.

If a majority of the Sir Knights here representing subordinate Commanderies conclude that there are more benefits derived from the custom, than there are losses entailed, let them decide accordingly; but if greater benefits can be secured to greater numbers by some other arrangement, then it is your duty to adopt a different method.

Personally I feel that much good has resulted from the coming together of the different Commanderies.

The ladies have taken increased interest in these gatherings and with characteristic energy have, in every instance, made

them socially successful, and perhaps in some cases personal prejudices have been overcome.

It is for you to judge whether there is yet more advantage to be gained by the plan, or if the impetus already given will be sufficient for a time.

If the increased expense to individual Sir Knights is likely to deprive any one of the benefits that should be gained from inspections, it may not be well to legislate against such individual privilege.

The special committee to whom this question was referred reported recommending that the system be discontinued. An amendment was offered that it be continued with certain modifications, and especially providing that no expense whatever be incurred by the Commandery where the rendezvous is held, but this was rejected and the report adopted.

The following was then passed:—

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be requested to appoint an Inspector General, as is now provided for by the statutes, under such rules and restrictions as he may see fit to adopt.

Fratre William C. Swain presented another of his excellent and very readable reviews. Canada for 1895 has due mention.

Commanderies, 27; members, 2902; increase, 53.

Edmond C. Deane, (Racine,) G. C.

John W. Lafin, (Milwaukee,) G. R.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

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PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

Arizona, 1896; Indian Territory, 1896; Iowa, 1897;
North Dakota, 1897; Pennsylvania, 1897; Wyoming,
1897.

All which is courteously submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,
August 19, 1897.