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PROCEEDINGS

of the

Sovereign Great Priory

OF CANADA,

KNIGHTS. TEMPLAR,

at the

15th Annual Assembly

held in the

MASONIC HALL, CITY OF HAMILTON,

Tuesday, September 6th, 1898,

A. O. 780.

M. E. Sir-Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Supreme Grand Master, Barrie, Ont.

M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. White, Grand Chancellor, Montreal, Que.

Provincial Grand Conclave, formed 9th October, 1855.

Grand Priory of Canada, formed 1st May, 1868.

National Great Priory of Canada, formed 20th August, 1876.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, formed 8th July, 1884.

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WILL. H. WHYTE,
Grand Chancellor.

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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS 15th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth 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 Hall, in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, on the 6th day of September, A. D. 1898, A. M. 5898, A. O. 780.

PRESENT:

M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Supreme Grand Master.

On the Throne.

R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B., Deputy Grand Master.

GREAT OFFICERS.

M. Em. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal..Grand Chancellor
R. " " " Rev. Dr. H. S. Beavisas Grand Chaplain
R. " " " Joseph Tomlinson, Toronto...Grand Constable
V. " " " A. St. A. Smith, Peterboro...as Grand Marshal
R. " " " O. S. Hillman, Hamilton..... Grand Treasurer
R. " " " J. B. Tresidder, Montreal..... Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

R. Em. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, London..... London District
R. " " " J. H. Mattice, Hamilton.... Hamilton District
R. " " " H. B. Howson, Toronto..... Toronto District
R. " " " C. H. Fitzsimmons, Brockville, Kingston District
R. " " " W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal, Quebec District
R. " " " A. I. Trueman, St. John, New Brunswick District.
R. " " " George W. Johnson, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia District.

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden, Ottawa..Grand Vice-Chancellor
" " " J. I. Phillips, Montreal, as Grand Sub-Marshal
" " " W. T. McLaurin, Montreal, as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " John Hooper, Hamilton.....as Grand Almoner

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

	E. Sir Kt. F. L. Tufts, St. John, as Grand 1st Standard Bearer.
	" " " T. A. McLean, Charlottetown, as Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
	" " " W. J. Ryrie, Toronto, as Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
V.	" " " A. A. Campbell, London, Grand Captain of the Guard.
	" " " D. C. Fraser, Guysboro, as Grand Sword Bearer
R.	" " " D. L. Carley, Windsor... as Grand Pursuivant
	" " " Wm. Tocher, Hamilton... as Grand Guard

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. Em. Sir Kt.	Chas. F. Mansell.....	Toronto, Ont.
R. " " "	Thos. Walker, M. D.....	St. John, N. B.
R. " " "	W. G. Reid.....	Hamilton, Ont.
R. " " "	H. A. Collins.....	Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED.

R. Em. Sir Kt.	Wm. Gibson.....	Beamsville, Ont.
R. " " "	Allan McLean.....	Kingston, Ont.
R. " " "	David Taylor.....	Ottawa, Ont.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTERS.

M. E. Sir Kt.	E. T. Malone.....	Toronto, Ont.
M. E. Sir Kt.	Will. H. Whyte.....	Montreal, Que.

WELCOME TO HAMILTON.

Shortly before the hour set for the opening of Great Priory it was announced that His Worship the Mayor of Hamilton, E. A. Colquhoun, Esq., was in waiting. The Sir Knights being called to order, His Worship entered, and was introduced to the Supreme Grand Master and Sir Knights by Em. Sir Kt. John Hooper, and proceeded to give an address of welcome. He extended a hearty welcome to all the visiting Sir Knights, trusted they would one and all have an enjoyable and pleasant visit, and that again in the near future make Hamilton their place of meeting, and at least expected that the attractions of the city would persuade a number to make it their future home.

Grand Master Macwatt responded in a few happy remarks, thanking the Mayor for his courteous and cordial welcome, after which His Worship retired.

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The Sir Knights being called to order and arranged under their respective banners, the Right Eminent the Deputy Grand Master directed the escort to be formed for the reception of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master. On returning, the Arch of Steel being formed, the Supreme Grand Master, attended by his Banner Bearer and the Grand Chancellor, was received by the Deputy Grand Master, conducted to the dais, and saluted by the Sir Knights. Having taken his seat, he directed the muster roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was then opened in **ample form** at 10.30 a. m., the Acting Grand Chaplain having implóred a blessing from the Most High upon the proceedings.

WELCOME FROM GODFREY DE BOUILLON
PRECEPTORY.

Immediately after the opening, Eminent Sir Knight John Hooper, Presiding Preceptor of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, advanced and read an address of welcome:

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

I have the honor of representing the Fratres of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3, and of expressing their gratification in having the honor of receiving the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada on this occasion, and of extending to you, Sir, and through you to the officers and members of Great Priory, a sincere and courteous welcome. We venture to express the hope that your deliberations will redound to the honor, dignity and interest of our beloved Order, and that your sojourn amongst us will be of such an enjoyable nature as to enable you to carry away with you pleasant memories of your brief visit to the Ambitious City.

By the programmes distributed this morning you will find an outline of to-day's as well as to-morrow's proceedings, which we trust will meet with your approbation, and receive your hearty co-operation, more particularly as we have been disappointed in the non-attendance of several Preceptories whom we expected would participate. We therefore trust that every Sir Knight will remain over to-morrow and assist us to form as large a parade as possible, if only to demonstrate the fact that Canadian Knights Templar have that *esprit de corps* which is the life of any institution of this nature, and which has for

past years been so carefully cultivated by our earnest and active workers.

Again let me welcome you on behalf of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3.

The Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, on behalf of Great Priory, returned thanks to the members of Godfrey de Bouillon for their cordial greeting, and trusted the visit of the Sovereign Body would prove both an incentive and a benefit to the Order of the Temple in the Royal City of Hamilton

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Council, as required by the statutes, having appointed R. Em. Sir Knights Wm. G. Reid, Wm. Roaf, and D. L. Carley a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Preceptories, before the election of officers was held, presented the following report:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that thirty-seven Preceptories are entitled to be represented at the present annual Assembly. Of these fifteen are represented by their duly qualified officers, thirteen by proxy, and nine are not represented. There are forty-five Preceptors present not presiding officers, making a total vote of 126 entitled to be cast at this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. G. REID,
WM. ROAF,
D. L. CARLEY, } Committee.

Hamilton, September 6th, 1898.

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 Preceptor
" W. T. Renton Constable
- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
E. Sir Kt. W. P. Rylie Presiding Preceptor
" Spencer Love Constable
R. E. " Joseph Tomlinson Preceptor
M. E. " E. T. Malone "
R. E. " H. A. Collins "
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R. E. " James B. Nixon "
E. " Joseph King "

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- No. 8. GODFREY DE BOUILLON, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.
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| " | T. M. Davis | Constable |
| " | James Hooper | Marshal |
| R. E. | O. S. Hillman | Preceptor |
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| R. E. | Wm. Gibson | " |
| R. E. | John Malloy | " |
| R. E. | J. J. Mason | " |
| R. E. | John Tunstead | " |
| R. E. | Charles Smith | " |
| R. E. | W. R. Howse | " |

- No. 8A. ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
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| | Sir Kt. W. B. Wallace | Marshal |
| R. E. | John V. Ellis | Preceptor |
| R. E. | Thomas Walker, M. D. | " |
| R. E. | A. I. Trueman | " |
| E. | F. L. Tufts | " |

- No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.
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| | Sir Kt. C. W. Davis | Constable |
| | A. T. Cooper | Marshal |
| R. E. | A. A. Campbell | Preceptor |
| R. E. | Joseph Dambra | " |
| R. E. | W. J. Carson | " |
| R. E. | John S. Dewar | " |

- No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.
- M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal..... Proxy

- No. 6. KING BALDWIN, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.
- Not represented.

- No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, MONTREAL, P. Q.
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| " | W. T. McLaurin | Constable |
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| R. E. | J. B. Tresidder | " |
| R. E. | W. M. LeMessurier | " |

- No. 8. PLANTAGENET, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.
- Not represented.

- No. 9. SUSSEX, STANSTEAD, QUEBEC.
- R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, Montreal..... Proxy

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- No. 10. VICTORIA, GUELPH, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. A. Oelschlager Presiding Preceptor
- No. 11 UNION DE MOLAY, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, St. John Proxy
- No. 12. MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt (Proxy) Preceptor
- No. 13. MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.
 V. E. Sir Kt. A. St. A. Smith, Presiding Preceptor
- No. 14. HARRINGTON, NORTH BAY, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. Macwatt, Barrie Proxy
- No. 15. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 16. GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.
 Sir Kt. W. W. Wood Constable
 R. E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons Preceptor
- No. 17. ODO DE ST. AMAND, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Peter H. Cox Presiding Preceptor
 " John H. Spencer Constable
- No. 18. PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 19. ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 20. KENT, CHATHAM, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas C. McNab Preceptor
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. R. A. Mackay (Proxy) Preceptor
- No. 22. ST. ELMO, STRATFORD, ONTARIO.
 R. E. Sir Kt. C. A. Humber, Goderich Preceptor
- No. 23. RHODES, PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO.
 Not represented.
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.
 Not represented.

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No. 23. No. 86. R. E. Sir

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No. 25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, QUEBEC.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Henry Griffith.....(Proxy) Preceptor
 V. E. " Carl L. Kuhring.....Preceptor

No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. John S. Edgar.....Presiding Preceptor
 " A. M. Stewart.....Marshal
 R. E. " D. L. Carley.....Preceptor
 R. E. " J. W. Barringer.....
 R. E. " Thomas Robinson....."

No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald.....(Proxy) Preceptor
 R. E. " W. E. Logan.....Preceptor
 R. E. " W. B. Alley.....
 E. " D. C. Fraser....."

No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Ed. C. Davis.....Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " Charles F. Mansell.....Preceptor
 R. E. " H. B. Howson.....
 R. E. " C. W. Postlethwaite....."

No. 30. WESTERN GATE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte.....Proxy

No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. George W. Johnson.....(Proxy) Preceptor

No. 32. OTTAWA, OTTAWA, ONTARIO.
 V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Bowden.....Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " David Taylor.....Preceptor

No. 33. CYPRUS, CALGARY, ALBERTA, N. W. T.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Montreal.....Proxy

No. 34. COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard, Toronto.....Proxy
 Not present during Session.

No. 35. PRINCE EDWARD, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
 E. Sir Kt. T. A. McLean.....Presiding Preceptor
 E. " D. Darrach, M. D.....Preceptor

No. 36. IVANHOE, MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK.
 R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, St. John.....Proxy

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No. 37. ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, SARNIA, ONTARIO.
V. E. Sir Kt. Thomas G. Johnston Presiding Preceptor
" W. D. Hall Constable
" John Chester Marshal

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. G. Reid, and

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

REGRETS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

Letters and telegrams were received from R. Em. Sir Knights I. H. Stearns, of Montreal; G. J. Bennett, of Toronto; T. V. B. Bingay, of Yarmouth; W. D. Tawse, of Toronto; V. Em. Sir Knights D. W. B. Spry, of Chatham; A. M. Perrin, of Yarmouth; W. J. Hallett, of Barrie, and from Sir Knight R. B. Hungerford, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, expressing regret at their inability to be present through either illness or press of business.

ADMISSION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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

READING MINUTES.

The Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Assembly, when it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, and

RESOLVED,—That as the minutes of the proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory at its Fourteenth Annual Assembly, held in the city of Montreal, P. Q., on the 19th day of August, 1897, 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. Daniel F. Macwatt, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

Fratres of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

For the fifth time in twenty-seven years we meet in the City of Hamilton, the first meeting having been

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held in 1871, the second in 1881, the third in 1885, and the fourth, a special Assembly, in the year 1890.

Not only have changes been made in the name of the body during that period, but very few of the members who were then in attendance are alive, and of those who remain, it is questionable if any will be present. As soldiers of the Cross this should give us food for thought. Let us so live that when the last dread summons comes we may be ready to take our places as members of that "Heavenly House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

In 1871 we were under the Banner of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, now we are a Supreme body having undivided sway in this great land from the Atlantic to the Pacific. At that time our beloved and never to be forgotten Grand Master, M. E. Frater Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, was in the chair, and R. E. Frater Thomas Bird Harris was Grand Chancellor. Of all the names noted as in attendance only R. E. Frater J. K. Kerr, M. E. Frater Henry Robertson, R. E. Frater H. A. Mackay, C. Schomburg Elliott and John W. Murton are alive to-day.

In welcoming you to the fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory I can do so with pleasure, for, while the membership has not increased as much as during the previous year, which was a record one, the financial reports will give a very satisfactory showing; and, with the prospect of increased prosperity in the country, and the bountiful harvest with which the Almighty has blessed us, we can look forward with confidence to a continuation of the good work which has been carried on by the members of the subordinate Preceptories for several years past. Therefore, thanking Him from whom all blessings flow, we are permitted to renew the friendships which our Annual Assembly makes so pleasant.

I herewith present for your consideration a report of my official acts during the past year, and while I feel my shortcomings, and while I feel that others might have ensured greater success, I have to the best of my ability, hampered as I was from time to time by matters beyond my control, endeavored to

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

NECROLOGY.

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

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

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

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

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

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October last, and while he had not attained prominent rank would certainly, ere many years had passed, have become a member of this body. I refer to Sir Kt. George C. Davis, of London, Ontario.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

For the reasons I have already given, I was unable to make as many visits as I intended, or to accept many invitations received. Besides attending my mother Preceptory, Mount Calvary No. 12, at most of its meetings during the year, I have visited the Preceptories at Hamilton, Brantford, Chatham, Windsor, Sarnia, London, St. Thomas, St. Catharines and Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto.

I do not intend to criticize the work I saw performed on these occasions. It is the duty of the Provincial Priors to do this which no doubt they have attended to. I met the officers and members of the several Preceptories and talked over the work of the Order generally. My visits were not for inspection, that is for the Provincial Priors.

On the occasion of my visit to Godfrey de Bouillon in January last, I not only had the pleasure of witnessing the work of the Red Cross degree and the installation of officers, but I had also the pleasant duty to perform of presenting R. E. Frater O. S. Hillman, our able Grand Treasurer, with the Past Deputy Grand Master's jewel authorized by last Assembly to be conferred upon him. This honor was well deserved, as for years he has acted as Grand Treasurer in a very efficient manner.

I need hardly say that wherever I visited I was received with that enthusiasm and hospitality which are such prominent features of the regard our Frateres show to the Supreme Grand Master.

In Brantford the work is progressing favorably and I again witnessed the Red Cross degree. I have no desire to make invidious distinctions, but in this case it is only justice to say that the efficient Registrar, Frater J. J. Inglis, deserves credit for the enthusiastic manner in which he performs his duties and looks after the interests of the Preceptory in general.

In Chatham, Kent Preceptory was found to be in a very dormant state, notwithstanding the persistent manner in which R. E. Sir Kts. Macnabb and Bates had endeavored to keep life in the body. The largest attendance of members for years enabled me to have a pleasant, and I hoped, a profitable talk with the members; and, on promises being made that if I would grant a dispensation for the election of officers, which had not taken place at the proper time, renewed vigor would be the result, I gladly consented, and I need only refer to the returns to show that with the efficient staff of officers elected, headed by V. E. Sir Kt. Daniel W. B. Spry as Preceptor, and assisted by the R. E. Sir Knights already mentioned, Kent Preceptory will soon attain its old prestige.

In Windsor a Supreme Grand Master expects much and in that I was not disappointed. The work was excellently done, the Fratres are of the best material and enthusiastic. At this Assembly I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Sir Kt. Gerow, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, and R. E. Sir Kt. Charles A. Warren, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, as well as Eminent Sir Kt. C. A. Candler, Eminent Commander, Sir Kt. W. H. Kessler, Junior Warden, and other members of Detroit Commandery No. 1.

I was accompanied to Sarnia by the following escort from Windsor Preceptory, Windsor: R. E. Sir Kt. D. L. Carley, V. E. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke and Sir Kts. S. J. Copus, A. M. Stewart, E. G. Swift, S. C. Russell, Thomas Vollans, Thomas Peters, R. Purser, J. E. Thompson, W. H. Stock and J. T. Griffen, an honor I highly appreciated.

Our youngest Preceptory, St. Simon of Cyrene, Sarnia, had arranged for a full day's work. Not only was there a large attendance of their own members, in fact nearly every one was present; but, besides the Windsor Fratres, there were twenty-five Sir Knights present from Port Huron Commandery, headed by their Eminent Commander, Sir Kt. Geo. E. Dutton.

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proficiency as I would expect to see in an older Preceptory. I was therefore not only pleased but delighted with the perfect manner in which they exemplified the Red Cross degree with full accessories, so much so that I have invited them to give the members of Great Priory as much pleasure as I had, and have asked the Presiding Preceptor and his officers to exemplify that degree for you at this session, which I am glad to say they are to do. The candidates were excellent material. The Episcopal clergyman, who has already been got into harness in the Red Cross degree, two medical gentlemen and a prominent contractor. The Windsor Sir Knights very efficiently conferred the Templar and degrees, after which a very enjoyable banquet was given in the Hotel Vendome.

Richard Cœur de Lion, of London, does not need any Grand Master to visit it, so far as excellence in work is concerned. The Templar degree was well given after which I had the pleasure of attending the annual banquet where I met many old friends.

At St. Thomas, where I was accompanied by R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, Provincial Prior of the London District, and V. E. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, Grand Captain of the Guard, the attendance was not large, but I am glad to observe from the circulars received since my visit that new material is being brought in. This Preceptory ought to be one of the best in western Ontario.

Plantagenet Preceptory, St. Catharines, is doing good work, and has an up to date and energetic staff of officers. The Preceptors take great interest in the work and are always ready to assist the Presiding Preceptor in any way he may desire.

I was twice disappointed in my visits to Cyrene and Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptories, Toronto. In fact as to the former, I was only able to inform the Preceptor at eight o'clock of the evening of the meeting that I could not be present. This I deeply regretted and nothing but most important business, which I could not neglect, caused me to put off this visit, especially as I was unable to carry out my intention at a later date.

R. E. Frater J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, however, visited Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, and in his report will cover this point. Late in the season I managed to fulfill my promise to this Preceptory, but it was under such circumstances that the Presiding Preceptor and those of his officers and members who were in the city could not do themselves that justice which, as all who know the manner in which the work is done and the enthusiasm of its members, they deserve.

I would strongly recommend my successor to commence visiting early in October and keep at it until June. In this way while the Supreme Grand Master cannot possibly visit all the Preceptories under the banner of Great Priory, on account of the great distances to travel, still more favorable results can be accomplished than I was able to attain. I am, however, strongly of opinion and recommend that Great Priory authorize the Supreme Grand Master to deputize some prominent or well-skilled Frater to visit Preceptories and report to him when, in his opinion, this is deemed necessary and desirable. In this way extreme points east or west could be officially visited at small expense.

This year, on account of the Deputy Grand Master being so favorably located, I felt no anxiety with reference to our Frates by the sea. Still, on account of the immense stretch of country covered by our banner, it seems to me that some arrangement should be made, by which the Grand Master may appoint a deputy or inspector, if necessary.

While on this point I may say that in the Toronto District, which includes Rhodes Preceptory, Port Arthur, 855 miles distant from the City of Toronto, and Harington Preceptory, North Bay, 226 miles away, it is almost impossible to expect the Provincial Prior to visit them so that there is consequently no supervision. There may be other districts similarly situated, and I submit that Great Priory should devise some scheme by which the work of inspection could be carried on over every Preceptory on the roll, if not yearly, at least once in two years.

GREAT PRIORY A NATIONAL BODY.

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address referred to the fact that our members outside the Province of Ontario "felt that they had been overlooked both in the selection of the highest officers and in the place of meeting."

While Ontario has the largest number of members on its roll, there is no doubt that if we are to increase in the other Provinces and expect the members to become enthusiastic in the interests of the Order, there must be a fair distribution of officers and meetings held elsewhere than in this Province. The election of M. E. Frater Whyte has been of great benefit to Quebec, just as the election of R. E. Frater J. V. Ellis, as Deputy Grand Master—and your next Grand Master, I have not the slightest doubt—has been enthusiastically received in the Maritime Provinces.

We must, therefore, keep in view National and not Provincial lines. In that will lie our success in the future, as our jurisdiction is too large to be governed successfully otherwise.

ST. STEPHEN ENCAMPMENT.

While I have referred more than once to our large jurisdiction, we still desire that all within our jurisdiction should be under one banner. It was hoped that by this time I could state that from the Atlantic to the Pacific all were Canadian Templars by the affiliation of St. Stephen Encampment, of New Brunswick. While this desirable end has not been attained I trust success will come ere long, and refer you to the report of the R. E. the Deputy Grand Master on the question. I therefore recommend that the Committee be continued under the same conditions, so that the door may be kept open and arrangements made with these Sir Knights, if possible.

RITUAL AND DRILL BOOK.

The new edition of the Ritual, so long looked for has now, for several months, been in the hands of the members. I trust we shall have no change for many years. The Grand Chancellor and myself have received many pleasant letters with reference to the ceremonies and the Manual. The latter is essentially Canadian and

as Canadians we should take a pride in both it and the Ritual. Four copies of the ceremonies have been issued to each Preceptory; but I would recommend that each should be entitled to five copies, as it is absolutely necessary for the Chaplain to have the work, in order to become proficient in his duties. I understand that with few exceptions all are working under the new edition. It is very essential that there should be no exceptions, so as to secure uniformity.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

I received on Christmas Day many kind and pleasant greetings from Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton; Malta, Truro, N. S.; and Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and Cyrene Preceptories, Toronto; as well as from several individual members, all of which I highly appreciated.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

While we cannot report a very large increase or even one equal to that of 1896-7, on account of the members of the Encampment St. John coming in, in a body, still it has been a substantial one. We now have on the roll 1,832 members. The additions to 30th June were 164, and the number of removals, deaths, etc., 88, making a net gain of 76. And better than this increase, peace and harmony prevail in every part of our Order.

We sometimes hear members of the Templar Order in Canada speak of our small membership and that until we become (so far as Templarism is concerned) United States Templars in ritual, uniform and customs we shall never amount to much numerically. Out upon such Canadianism! I have a sincere respect and admiration for our Sir Knights across the line. They receive us kindly, hospitably and in a brotherly manner and are glad to meet us or have us visit them. We reciprocate these kind, hospitable and brotherly feelings and are delighted to have them visit us, as evidenced by the manner we received the Commanderies which visited Great Priory at London, Toronto and Montreal. Yet would not our Sir Knights from the United States be the first to look with contempt upon us if we imitated them in the close and servile manner some—thank God they are few in number—would wish us to do?

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No! while we love our Sir Knights to the south, and while we all desire to see accomplished that Anglo-Saxon union which has been so much in men's minds during the past few months, we are British subjects, aye Canadians, with a magnificent heritage and therefore we should have, as we do have, a Canadian ritual, a Canadian manual, a Canadian uniform and a Canadian universality of our own.

But what are the facts? For the last complete Templar year there were only three jurisdictions in the United States that showed a larger increase than Canada, namely, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Even with a much less increase than that of last year we shall be well up to the top this year, I have every reason to believe.

THE UNITED STATES-SPANISH WAR.

It is fit and proper that one clause in this address should be used for the purpose of congratulating our cousins in the United States on the result of the war that has, for the last few months, existed between that country and Spain.

As people of the same race and the same language we naturally sided with our own for "blood is thicker than water." I hope the day will soon come when the two nations will always be one in sentiment, though two in government. I am sure you will all with me unite in thanking the Almighty that He has enabled our cousins to come out of the struggle victorious, that the losses, while heavy enough, have, comparatively, speaking, been few; and, in praying that He alone Who can succor and help those bereaved of dear ones, will in His mercy bind up their wounds, and enable them to say "Thy will be done."

DISPENSATIONS.

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

September 11th, 1897. To Cyrene Preceptory, No. 29, Toronto, to hold an election for Presiding Preceptor to fill vacancy caused by resignation.

November 8th, 1897. To the Encampment of St. John, No. 3a, St. John, N. B., to legalize the election of officers until they were able to alter their by-laws to conform to the statutes of Great Priory.

November 27th, 1897. To Prince Edward Preceptory, No. 35, Charlottetown, P. E. I., to hold meetings at the town of Summerside, P. E. I., for the purpose of conferring degrees on candidates in accordance with the statutes.

December 9th, 1897. To Odo de St. Amand Preceptory No. 17, Brantford, Ont., to change their night of meeting on account of regular meeting falling on Christmas Day.

December 18th, 1897. To Yarmouth Preceptory No. 31, Yarmouth, N. S., to change night of meeting on account of inability to occupy their hall on St. John's Day.

January 5th, 1898. To Moore Preceptory No. 12, Peterboro, Ont., to elect for a third consecutive term the Presiding Preceptor under statute 70.

February 5th, 1898. To Gondemar Preceptory No. 15, Brockville, Ont., to elect and instal the Sub-Marshal as Presiding Preceptor, he not having filled the chairs of Marshal or Constable.

March 16th, 1898. To Kent Preceptory No. 20, Chatham, to elect and instal officers at an emergent meeting, owing to failure to elect at the proper time for want of a quorum.

March 31st, 1898. To St. John the Almoner Preceptory No. 15, Whitby, to elect for a third consecutive term the Presiding Preceptor under statute 70.

August 20th, 1898. To Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, Montreal, to confer degrees upon a serving frater.

I refused a request made to me for permission to instal the Presiding Preceptor at his residence on account of illness. The statutes provide that installations must take place at a regular assembly.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved the by-laws, or amendments to by-laws, of the following Preceptories: Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4, London, Ont., by-laws.

Kent No. 20, Chatham, Ont., by-laws.

Cyprus No. 33, Calgary, Alberta, amendments.

Cyrene No. 29, Toronto, Ont., amendments.

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar No. 2, Toronto, Ont., amendments.

St. Elmo No. 22, Stratford, Ont., amendments.

Nova Scotia No. 5, Halifax, N. S., amendments.

I also approved the new seal for Ottawa Preceptory No. 22, Ottawa, rendered necessary by the loss of the old one, when their Temple was destroyed by fire.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to give two decisions, as follows:

(1) Notices of meetings must be given at least seven days prior thereto, and must, when there are applicants for membership, contain the particulars required by the statutes.

(2) Is it necessary for members to wear the Mantle at assemblies of the Preceptory when in uniform?

My answer was Yes. Statute 130 says the Mantle *shall* be worn.

UNIFORM.

There seems to be an impression among certain of our members that the wearing of the uniform is compulsory. This is quite erroneous. While it would doubtless be very satisfactory, if all should wear uniform, there is nothing obligatory. Even in the United States, in many jurisdictions, this is the rule. With the view of encouraging the wearing of uniform, several Preceptories have adopted the example of others, in amending their by-laws, by adding the cost of a uniform, or part thereof, to the entrance fee. This is a good feature and I would like to see it adopted by other Preceptories.

My attention however has been called to the fact that some of our members have not got the regulation uniform. This should be attended to as it is desirable that all who do so should uniform alike.

Further, while in 1894 the Statutes called for straps on the belt, by the statutes of 1897 barrel chains are substituted, how or in what manner this came about does not seem clear. It is a matter, however, which can easily be rectified by Great Priory.

CENTENARY.

I notice in my reading that Knight Templarism was introduced into Canada in the year 1800. This being so it seems to me desirable that our centenary in 1900 should be celebrated in a fitting manner. To do so properly, preparations should be made and I therefore deem it advisable to call the attention of Great Priory to this at an early period.

APPOINTMENTS.

V. E. Sir Knight William Walker, who was nominated Provincial Prior of the Toronto District at last Annual assembly, having declined the office, I appointed Em. Sir Knight H. B. Howson to fill the vacancy.

R. Em. Sir Knight John Ross Robertson having resigned as a member of the Grand Council I appointed R. Em. Sir Knight George J. Bennett to fill the vacancy.

At page 449 of the Proceedings of 1897 the Supreme Grand Master was requested to appoint a special committee to take into consideration the representation at Great Priory, and the methods and manner of elections and make recommendations. I accordingly appointed M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, P. S. G. M., Chairman, R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Gibson, Beamsville, Ont., L. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S., D. L. Carley, Windsor, Ont. and J. B. Tressider of Montreal Que., who will report, I trust, at this annual assembly.

The Grand Council at last assembly recommended that the question of honorary rank be referred to a committee to report at this assembly. I have appointed for this purpose R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf, Toronto, Chair-

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EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

Our jurisdiction is so extensive I have often felt that there should be an exemplification of the work at Great Priory, if not yearly, at least once every few years.

At my request the officers of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37, of Sarnia, Ont., have consented to exemplify the work of the Red Cross degree with full paraphernalia. The officers of Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4 of London, Ont., the full Templar degree, and the officers of Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, of Montreal, Que., the Malta degree.

In each case these officers will open and close the respective degrees. This, I hope will be of benefit to all in attendance, and will enable the Provincial Priors and Presiding Preceptors to compare notes and enable all to take back to their Districts and Preceptories a full and better knowledge of the work.

The thanks of Great Priory are due to these officers who have so kindly offered to exemplify the beautiful ceremonies of our Order.

I trust in future it may be possible for each Provincial Prior to have a Preceptory of Instruction held yearly in each district.

P. S. G. Master E. E. Sheppard, in one of his annual addresses, recommended that at least once in each year there should be a reunion of the members of each Preceptory. This seemed to me a very happy idea and I again call attention to his remarks with the hope that they may bear fruit.

FINANCES.

The appropriation for expenses allowed at last Great Priory was \$1807.85. Our disbursements have been \$1714.21, so that we have a balance on the year's work which is exceedingly satisfactory, notwithstanding heavy expenses, which were unavoidable, owing to the change in the office of Grand Chancellor, the cost of the issue of the new edition of Ceremonies and the Drill Manual.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Through those enthusiastic Templars, R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N. B., Sir Kt. J. A. Messervey, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and other members of the Order in Prince Edward Island, the Grand Chancellor received information that the Order could be extended to Newfoundland. The latter brought the matter to my attention and I requested him to enter into correspondence with the Great Priory of England and Wales. He did so and received a reply of which the following is a copy :

W. H. Whyte, Esq., P. G. M., Grand Chancellor, Canada :

DEAR SIR AND M. E. KNIGHT—I am directed and have the honor to say in reply to your letter of 22nd June that the Earl of Euston, M. E. and S. Grand Master for England, Wales and the Dependencies thereof, has been pleased to rule that the Great Priory of England etc. waives any claims to exclusive jurisdiction in Newfoundland and therefore is happy to acquiesce in the request of the Companions of St. John that the Great Priory of Canada should issue a warrant in their favor.

I am greatly obliged by your letter, and sincerely trust that the harmony now existing between the two Great Priories of Canada and England may long continue, and conduce to the prosperity of the Order of the Temple throughout the world.

I am, Dear Sir and M. E. Knight, yours in the Bond of the Order,

R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, Grand Chancellor,
Rep. of G. P. of Canada.

This exceedingly graceful and immediate acquiescence, on the part of the M. E. Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, removes any question of conflict of jurisdiction, and steps will be taken at once to plant the banner of the Temple in that old colony. Great Priory should show its appreciation by a formal resolution, which I trust will be done.

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CANADIAN DEMONSTRATION.

For several years past we have had in attendance at our annual assemblies one or more Commanderies from the United States.

Our Hamilton Frères have determined this year to attempt a purely Canadian demonstration, and have gone to so much trouble that I hope there will be present a large number of Sir Knights from the several Preceptories.

This is as it should be. We can, if we will, make a large and creditable showing, and while we are always glad to have a Commandery or Commanderies from the other side present, I have felt for years that I should like to see a turn-out of Canadian Sir Knights, and feel that now we have our own Manual, it is time we should show what we can do. The thanks of Great Priory are due to the members of Godfrey de Bouillon for the splendid programme they have arranged, and for the time and trouble, as well as expense, they have gone to in order to ensure success.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

Some months ago I wrote requesting every Provincial Prior to send me a report as to the work in his District. I regret to have to say that I did not receive a report from all, but from those who did send one in I was glad to notice that the work was progressing well. I recommend that the Grand Chancellor be instructed to formulate a form of report for Provincial Priors so that the Great Priory may learn exactly in what position matters stand.

It should show in detail the number of meetings held during the year; the average attendance; how the ceremonies are performed; in what shape the books are kept; how many have uniforms, the style and condition of such; the paraphernalia; insurance and other matters of importance, which some of our Provincial Priors seem to overlook in their inspection.

This report should be filled in by the Provincial Priors and forwarded by them to the Grand Master by

July 1st yearly, and by this means we would have a categorical report which would be of great interest and benefit to the Order.

I have no desire to be invidious when all have done so well. The reports of the Provincial Priors will be before you, and the report thereon of the Grand Council; but as R. E. Sir Knights Carson and Howson have come more actively in contact with me, I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they have performed their duties.

Doubtless the reports of the Provincial Priors will bring up many matters of importance which will require consideration. In an interim report which I received from the Provincial Prior of New Brunswick District, R. E. Sir Knight A. J. Trueman, and from other sources, I gather that an amalgamation of the two Preceptories in the city of St. John, N. B., would be desirable, and a committee, I understand, has been formed for this purpose. Also that two new Preceptories will likely soon be instituted in that Province.

I would draw attention to the reports of the Provincial Priors and the conditions therein referred to. While some have attended faithfully to their duties and looked into the position of the bodies they were inspecting, others report in a rather perfunctory manner.

By our present methods and constitution the supervision of the condition of the Preceptories in this jurisdiction is in the hands of an officer called the Provincial Prior.

The Provincial Prior is the Presiding Officer of the District and his duty is to inspect each Preceptory therein and report to Great Priory. My predecessor in the Grand Master's chair endeavored to keep these officers up to their duty by asking them, during the year, for information how their districts were progressing. I also have endeavored to stimulate the interest and ardor of these officers and, as I have said, have likewise found it difficult to get information from all. My immediate predecessor had the same cause of complaint.

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strict, in many cases the office is looked upon merely as an Honorary or Ranking one, regardless whether the Frater has the time or ability to fill it properly. In some sections the District covers a large extent of territory and the Preceptories are far apart. In such cases, I repeat, I think the Grand Master should have the power to appoint some Frater as an inspecting officer, for some of our Preceptories, in remote sections, have not received a visit from the Provincial Prior for years.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Where I have received such general assistance and received it so readily from the Order at large, it is hard to particularize; but I specially desire to thank the Right Eminent the Deputy Grand Master for assistance so freely given on all occasions, and also M. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, P. S. G. M. for advice cheerfully rendered. It seems appropriate that I should here congratulate M. Em. Sir Knight Malone on his recent unanimous election as M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He deserves the honor and I have no doubt will, by his acts, show that the brethren made no mistake in electing him to such a high and honorable position.

To the Grand Chancellor I am deeply indebted. He has had a hard year and has done his work well. It would be difficult for any one to follow our late Grand Chancellor who had Knight Templarism at his fingers' ends, and had devoted so much time and study to it. I felt therefore that I was particularly fortunate in having one elected to succeed M. E. Frater Spry who had been in such close touch with him for the two years preceding his death. No mistake was made in the election and if hard, continuous and intelligent work for the Order deserves reward, M. E. Frater Whyte does so at your hands.

It was found necessary to purchase a large quantity of new and necessary supplies, on account of the change in the office of Grand Chancellor, which were not contemplated at last assembly, yet as I have shown, our expenditure is well within the appropriation.

New certificates will be required at once and the Grand Chancellor has the matter in hand. New forms

of returns have also been issued which can be more readily filed than the old ones.

As the opening and closing ceremonies of Great Priory required revision, this has been done. A supply of the private instructions necessary for Presiding Preceptors and installing officers, which was out of print for some years, has been procured.

PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTER E. E. SHEPPARD.

In accordance with the resolution of Great Priory, passed in 1896, a Past Supreme Grand Master's jewel has been procured for presentation to M. E. Fr. E. E. Sheppard at this Assembly.

STATUTES.

The ceremonies provide that at a certain point the candidate must be presented with a copy of the By-Laws and Statutes. The Grand Chancellor informs me that all the Preceptories have not as yet provided copies for this purpose. This is a very necessary and now obligatory duty, and I hope those who have not done so already will at once give the matter the attention it deserves.

RETURNS.

There are still, at this late date, two Registrars who have not sent in their returns. This is not only a source of trouble and annoyance to the Grand Chancellor, but prevents me from giving certain figures in my address which I would like to place in the possession of Great Priory. This is a matter which I hope will be dealt with at this assembly.

CONCLUSION.

I have now presented to you a record of my official acts during the year. The work has been pleasant, although to a certain extent arduous. I have written nearly 450 letters, and endeavored by every means in my power, and to the best of my ability, to keep up the enthusiasm among my officers and among the members at large.

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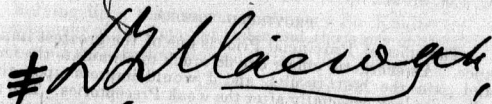
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I feel my shortcomings, but I have faithfully endeavored to perform the duties of the high office to which you so kindly elected me over one year ago. The record is before you; you are the judges, and by your judgment I must abide.

I am not afraid for the future of Templarism in this Dominion. Time will doubtless bring changes, but any question of the present stability or future progress of the Order exists only in the minds of those who are not in sympathy with Templarism, and who, I fear, for selfish or some other base purposes, have not that love for the Order which all Knights Templar should have.

No one can participate in our ceremonies without being impressed with the pure and holy sentiments they so beautifully enjoin. By acting up to our vows we should be better men. We have each publicly acknowledged our faith in Jesus Christ as the only way open for man's salvation. Let us never forget this, but let it be our constant care to prove ourselves worthy of the confidence reposed in us by the Order of the Temple, and may the Almighty give us strength and power to perform our every duty.



Supreme Grand Master.

BARRIE, September 1st, 1898.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. George W. Johnson, 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.

BARRIE, ONT., August 31st, 1897.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

SIR KNIGHTS,—I desire to convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for the honor they have conferred in electing me to the highest office in their gift—Grand Master of the Templar Order in Canada. For the confidence reposed in placing me in this distinguished position, I assure you I feel not only honored, but grateful.

I appreciate the responsibility attached to the office, and, if I cannot secure the assistance of *all* the members of the Order in Canada—for, however helpful and desirable it is to have the assistance of the officers of Great Priory, if we cannot engage the best endeavors of the officers and members of the subordinate bodies—our work will not be so successful as I hope it may be.

My immediate predecessor, M. Em. Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, worked hard and well and was ably assisted. May I not hope for similar treatment? Work, and hard work, will be necessary this year especially, for we have just lost one who has done more for Knight Templarism, for many years past, than anyone in Canada. Need I say I refer to our beloved Frater, M. Em. Sir Kt. Spry, whose loss we all mourn so sincerely.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

The office of Provincial Prior is one of the greatest importance. An energetic officer can do much to stimulate the Order and gain the best results, and I would impress upon these officers to look especially after the weak Preceptories. The new work will soon issue, the Drill Book is now ready, so that no Preceptory can have any excuse for lagging behind. It is expected that each Provincial Prior will visit every Preceptory in his district at an early date, and, if possible, let one, if not more, Preceptories of Instruction be held in each district during the year. Any assistance you require from the Grand Chancellor or myself will be cheerfully given.

V. Em. Sir Knight W. Walker, of Cyrena Preceptory, Toronto, who was nominated Provincial Prior of the Toronto District, having resigned, I have appointed Em. Sir Knight H. B. Howson, of the same Preceptory, to fill the vacancy. I have also appointed Em. Sir Knight Neville James Lindsay, M. D., of Cyprus Preceptory, Calgary, Provincial Prior for the Manitoba District.

TO THE OFFICERS OF GREAT PRIORY.

Officers of Great Priory, you were not elected or appointed to office merely for the rank, but to be of assistance to the Grand Master in particular and Great Priory in general. I

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have already had many kind offers of assistance from those desiring to help the good work. I expect all the officers of Great Priory will do likewise.

PRESIDING PRECEPTORS.

Let the enthusiasm which has prevailed for the last few years be increased during the Templar year upon which we have entered. On you the burden of the work lies. The officers of Great Priory may work, and work hard, but unless you, as Presiding Preceptors, assist, the results will be few. Do not scruple to call on the Provincial Priors for help, and if it be not forthcoming, let the Grand Chancellor or myself know and we will see that your requests are complied with.

UNIFORM AND DRILL.

My predecessor, in his Circular No. 1, 1896, referred to the excellent showing of the uniformed Preceptories in London in September, 1896. I, too, can congratulate those who attended at Montreal this month on equal excellence. It was a revelation to many, not only in the city of Montreal, but to many of our members. I trust now that we have a Drill Book that most, if not all, of the Preceptories will get to work in this direction.

STATUTES AND TEMPLAR TACTICS.

The new edition of the Statutes can be had from the Grand Chancellor, and the new Manual, or Drill Book of Templar tactics and out-of-door ceremonies, is now ready. It is obligatory to give each candidate a copy of the Statutes, and every Preceptory should send in their orders for both books at once.

Relying upon the assistance of every Sir Knight for the advancement of the Templar Order and the glory of the Cross,

I am, courteously and fraternally yours,

†D. F. MACWATT,

Supreme Grand Master.

Attest :

†WILL. H. WHYTE,

Grand Chancellor.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

The few official duties which I have had to perform in the past year have been chiefly of a routine kind and for the most part of a simple formal nature.

I was able to visit the Ottawa Preceptory, Ottawa, at one of its regular meetings. I received there a hearty welcome from Sir Kt. Bowden, the Preceptor, and his officers. On the night on which I visited, the Order of Malta was conferred with a fair degree of efficiency. It was the first assembly in the new Masonic apartments since the fire which had destroyed the rooms previously occupied, and taking this into account the work was very well done. On another evening I attended at the Preceptory but was only able to pay my respects to the Provincial Prior, Sir Kt. Charles H. Fitzsimmons, who was that evening making his official inspection. There was a fraternal and enthusiastic spirit exhibited by the Frateres on both occasions.

The Preceptor of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, Toronto, sent me a cordial invitation to attend the May meeting of his Preceptory, and I was able to avail myself of his courtesy. On that evening the Provincial Prior of the Toronto district, Sir Kt. H. B. Howson, attended; as did Knights of other Preceptories. The Order of the Red Cross was most effectively conferred, Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf in the Council and Sir Kt. Henry Collins in the Persian Court, both assisted by a competent corps of officers. Greater skill could not be exhibited. There was a large attendance of Sir Knights, and the banquet which followed was exceedingly pleasant. Altogether, the evening was spent most agreeably, and it gave me much satisfaction to make the acquaintance of so many of the fellow-soldiery of the Temple.

With Em. Sir Kt. Trueman, Provincial Prior of New Brunswick, and Past Provincial Prior John A. Watson, I visited the Ivanhoe Preceptory, at Moncton, when the Provincial Prior made his official inspection. As no doubt his report will sufficiently cover the ground, I will not do more than to express my hearty apprecia-

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tion of the courtesy shown us, and my admiration of the effective way in which the Presiding Preceptor, Sir Knight George H. Jarvis, worked all of the Orders, without a suggestion of any kind or the use of even a note.

Accompanied by Past Noble and Em. Commander Tufts, of the Encampment of St. John, I visited the St. Stephen Encampment of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple, at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, which yet acknowledges the authority of the Order of the Temple in Scotland. The Noble and Em. Commander, Frater W. W. Inches, courteously called his command together to meet us, and the members heartily responded. There was a prolonged discussion taking over two hours, of the situation and position of the Scottish Encampment, and there were very frank statements made; but I do not think it advisable or necessary to go into any details, further than to say that our visit was productive of much good. There is a division of opinion in the Encampment as to the course to be pursued. My own judgment, after a careful consideration of the whole matter, is, that it is the wisest course for the Sovereign Great Priory to await events. Delay is not of much moment to us, and it will not be to the advantage of the whole Order to cause dissension or division in an excellent body of Fratres on a matter which is sure to settle itself as we desire it to be settled.

I attended with the Provincial Prior of New Brunswick the Encampment of St. John on the night of its installation of officers, but as I am a constant attendant at that body, in which I have membership, it is not necessary to state any details.

Assisted by Sir Knight Robert Marshall, Past Provincial Grand Prior, I conferred the Chair rank on all Past Commanders of the Encampment of St. John and on the newly installed Commander, as also upon Sir Knight J. Henry Leonard, to whom Past rank was ordered at the last meeting of Sovereign Great Priory. In the Scottish rank of the Order there is no chair degree.

Faternally submitted,

‡ J. V. ELLIS, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Moved by the M. E. the Grand Chancellor, seconded by R. Em. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Deputy Grand Master be referred to the Grand Council.

PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to submit my report on the condition of the Templar Order in the London District, believing as I do that at no time in its history have the following points been so marked as during the past year, viz :

1. Interest in impressive and perfect exemplification of the degrees.
2. Interest in drill.
3. Interest in uniforms.
4. Interest in fraternal visits.
5. Interest in the condition and the history of Templarism.
6. Interest in the character of the candidates admitted to the Order.
7. Interest in revising, compiling and making by-laws as perfect as possible.
8. Interest in Ascension service.
9. Interest in the traits of character a Knight should possess to fit him for an office in Great Priory.
10. Interest in the transactions of Great Priory.

It is a great satisfaction to me to find that the Supreme Grand Master, after having witnessed the work of some of the Preceptories when on his official visit, has chosen two of them to exemplify two degrees before Great Priory. There are two others, making four out of the six, quite capable of exemplifying any of the degrees before that august body.

I have not given in my report the number of assemblies held by each Preceptory, the number of degrees conferred, members installed, joined, withdrawn, suspended, restored, deaths, total membership, etc., as

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RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, NO. 4. London.—Being a member of this Preceptory, I was present at a great many of its assemblies, and saw all the degrees conferred in a more impressive manner than in any former year. At the regular assembly in January, assisted by R. E. Sir Knights Dewar and Cooper, I installed the officers elect and gave a short address on the value of the teachings and principles of Templarism in the development of character, which should be a life of action and progression towards the *Great Moral Ideal*. The Preceptory has a number of enthusiastic members, but in March it suffered a loss through the government transferring Em. Preceptor Davis (sword instructor at Wolsley Barracks) to the Klondyke. He and Sir Kt. A. T. Cooper (Color Sergeant at the Barracks) were the two principal instructors of the drill corps. Much of its success is due to the untiring efforts of V. E. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, assisted by Sir Kt. Andrews, secretary of the drill corps, and the good counsel of R. E. Sir Kt. J. S. Dewar, the Registrar. It has about forty uniforms in accordance with the statute, but not in accordance with the change made in the belt from straps to barrel chains, without the authority of Great Priory as found in the revised edition.

KENT, No. 20; Chatham.—Past reports from the Provincial Grand Priors of the London District show that this Preceptory has been almost dormant for a number of years. In March last, Supreme Grand Master Macwatt made an official visit, and through his evangelistic address at an assembly and talks with the individual members, they became inspired with new life, and elected new officers with V. E. Sir Kt. D. W. B. Spry as E. Preceptor. He appears to possess the energy, the faculty of getting others to work, and the enthusiasm of his father, the late Grand Chancellor, who is so much missed by our noble Order. At present the Preceptory is in a live, flourishing condition and has added quite a number of new members to the roll. The Knights are drilling regularly and working hard so that they may be able to exemplify all the degrees in as efficient and impress-

ive a manner as any other preceptory in Canada. It would have done the Grand Master's heart good if he had witnessed the result of his labors as I did. The officers opened and closed in full form and conferred in a very impressive manner the Knight Templar Degree upon a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. It would do any Knight Templar good to see how R. E. Sir Kts. Macnabb and Bates have renewed their vigor and thrown themselves into the service of the Preceptory. I believe they enjoy and appreciate the work better than they did twenty years ago. To add to the success of the evening, there came from Windsor R. E. Sir Kt. Carley, E. Sir Kt. Edgar, Sir Kts. Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Stewart and Peters, all of whom gave excellent speeches in response to the toasts at the banquet which followed. The meeting as well as the banquet was one of the best events in the history of the Preceptory.

BURLEIGH, NO. 21, St. Thomas.—At an emergent meeting, Monday, April 18th, with the Supreme Grand Master, and accompanied by V. E. Sir Kt. A. A. Campbell, I visited this Preceptory. After the reception of the Grand Master and myself by the small number of Knights present, and a very flattering welcome from V. E. Sir Kt. Slater, Presiding Preceptor, the Grand Master delivered a very instructive and impressive address on the condition of the Templar Order, together with words of encouragement which should stir the officers and members sufficiently to make Burleigh Preceptory as active as any other Preceptory in the district. This is the only Preceptory in which I saw no work done. However, I may say that the several degrees were conferred during the year upon two candidates, while they were conferred on only one between August, 1896, and August, 1897. From the remarks of R. E. Sir Kt. Dubber, V. E. Sir Kt. Slater and E. Sir Kt. Idsardi, which were drawn out by the Grand Master's address, I found that the city membership was only about 40, and a large proportion of those are railway employees who find it almost impossible to attend oftener than a few times a year. However, the Chapter has increased its member-

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ship enormously during the past few months by Companions who are expected to take the next step and join our Order. I hope and predict that Burleigh, No. 21, in the course of another year will make the same rapid strides as Kent, No. 20. It has four uniforms, is in good financial condition, and carries \$300 insurance on effects valued at \$500.

ST. ELMO, No. 22, Stratford.—I visited this Preceptory on Friday, May 12th. There was a large attendance, and all seemed active and deeply interested in the Order. The officers opened the Preceptory in full form and after the usual reception formalities closed in short form. They then opened a Council of the Red Cross in full form and conferred the degree upon a Royal Arch Mason who was in waiting. The candidate who resided about ten miles from the city is a Past Master of a Lodge, and his close attention and his facial expression showed his appreciation of the degree so markedly that it was a pleasure for the officers to confer it upon him. I never saw in a Blue Lodge, a Chapter or a Preceptory a full staff of officers so well selected for excellence of voice and impressive delivery of ritualistic work as the officers of St. Elmo Preceptory. Every officer, however minor his part, did it with such a degree of excellence that it is scarcely just to him to mention E. Sir Kt. Stewart as Sovereign Master, Sir Kt. Rev. Canon Williams as Excellent High Priest, and Sir Kt. Brown as Companion Conductor. When the degree was conferred the Council was closed in full form, a Preceptory opened in short form and then closed in full form. All the degrees are conferred by this Preceptory in full and no degree is ever communicated. No Knight has a full uniform, but a large number have belts, swords and fatigue caps. With a little more practice in drill, according to the new Tactics, and complete uniforms the Preceptory will appear to good advantage in parade. It is in good financial condition, and carries \$300 insurance on property valued at \$350.

WINDSOR, No. 26, Windsor.—My visit to this Preceptory was made on April 19th. The Preceptory was

opened in full form in the Knight Templar degree, V. E. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke presiding in the absence of Em. Preceptor Edgar, who was in the North-west. I was introduced in a few well chosen sentences by R. E. Sir Kt. Carley, Past Provincial Prior of London District, and received a kind and knightly reception. The Preceptory was then closed in short form and a Council of the Red Cross opened in full form to confer the degree upon a Royal Arch Mason who was in waiting in the ante-room. The officers exemplified the ritual accurately and impressively, V. E. Sir Kt. Clarke as Sovereign Master, Sir Kt. Rev. J. C. Tolmie as Ex. High Priest, Sir Kt. Stewart as Prince Master of the Palace, and Sir Kt. Peters as Companion Conductor deserve special mention for the deliberate and effectual rendering of their parts of the work. The floor work in all parts of the degree was excellent. The Council of the Red Cross was then closed in full form, the Preceptory opened in short form, some business transacted, and closed down in full form. The officers of this Preceptory can confer all the other degrees in as efficient and impressive a manner as they conferred the Red Cross. The general tone and vigor of the members would impress a visitor with the fact that each and all are thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of Templarism. Much of the success however is due to the influence and good advice of R. Em. Sir Knight Carley and V. Em. Sir Knight Clarke. While all were enjoying, in the banqueting hall, the pointed remarks and pithy speeches of the officers responding to the toast—the prosperity of Windsor Preceptory—the Supreme Grand Master, who had delivered an address in Detroit during the evening, entered and received the hearty welcome which the Windsor Knights can give. They meet twice and often three times per month, are in good financial condition, have 50 uniforms, and full costume or paraphernalia for the Red Cross degree. The total value of effects amount to about \$3,000 and are insured for \$1,880. On Ascension Day, the Preceptory held its second Ascension service which was well attended by Knights from Sarnia and Chatham, towns 60 miles distant. The Frater met at the Masonic Temple at 7.30 P. M. Headed by the Twenty-first Battalion Band

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they marched to All Saints Church, which was handsomely decorated with palms and banners of the Order. The service was full choral and intoned; the Rev. Canon Hicks read the lessons for the day, and the Rev. Canon T. R. Davis, M. A., Chaplain of the Sarnia Preceptory, delivered an interesting and eloquent discourse. After the service a banquet was partaken of and then the Windsor Knights escorted their Fratres to the Brush Street Depot, Detroit. Many Knights from other Preceptories are looking very favorably upon these services, and other Preceptories may soon follow Windsor's example.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE, NO. 37, Sarnia.—I visited this Preceptory on April 28th, and found it in a very prosperous condition. The attendance was large and all the Knights appeared to take great interest in their drill, and to appreciate the correct and impressive exemplification of the degree work. The officers opened in the Knight Templar Degree in full form, and after I had received an enthusiastic official reception and responded the Preceptory was closed in short form. A Council of the Red Cross was opened in full form and the Red Cross degree conferred in a most impressive and faultless manner upon a Royal Arch Mason who was in waiting. As soon as I had concluded my remarks on the very satisfactory exemplification of the Ritual, the Council of the Red Cross was closed in full form and the Preceptory opened in short form. Some business was then transacted and the Preceptory closed in full form. V. E. Sir Knight Johnston is a man of strong personality, and he possesses a rich melodious voice. As a Presiding Officer and as Sovereign Master he excels. Sir Knight Hall as Prince Chancellor, and Sir Knight Rev. Canon Davis as Excellent High Priest deserve special mention. St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory is to be congratulated for its enthusiasm and flourishing condition, much of which is due to the indefatigable efforts and enthusiasm of V. E. Sir Knight Johnston and Sir Knight Woods, the Registrar. It has 22 uniforms valued at \$1,320, robes and paraphernalia for the Red Cross Degree valued at \$210 and furnishings valued at \$150. The total effects are valued at \$1680, and are insured for \$1000.

Before closing I record two regrets. 1. Two Preceptories are still wearing belts and plumes not in accordance with the statutes. 2. The mantle is not generally worn at assemblies. Many Knights prefer not having to wear it when in uniform.

I now close by tendering my sincere thanks to the E. Sir Knights who elected me to office, to the several Preceptories for the kind and courteous reception given me, and the three Preceptories that contributed to my travelling expenses.

† W. J. CARSON.

Provincial Grand Prior London District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—As Provincial Prior for Hamilton District, I herewith present my official report for the district, and in doing so have much pleasure in stating that from official visits made and information gathered, I can safely state that this term has been one of the most if not the most prosperous in the history of the district. Upon assuming my official duties I appointed E. Sir Kt. John Hooper, of Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 3, as my secretary, who has been of great assistance to me in my work. Regular notices have been received by myself and secretary, which assisted much in judging as to the general prosperity of our Order in the district.

My first official visit, on November 16th, 1897, was to Victoria Preceptory No. 10, Guelph, which was a very pleasant event. Victoria is in a prosperous condition. The visitors on that occasion, beside the Provincial Prior and Provincial Secretary, John Hooper, were R. E. Sir Kt. Harry A. Collins, Toronto, Sir Kts. T. H. Edwards, London, and W. J. Mooney, Windsor. Six candidates received all the degrees that evening, about six hours' work, making a red letter day in the history of Victoria No. 10. Very Eminent W. D. Tawse presided in the absence of the Presiding Preceptor, who had moved from the city. Past Eminent Tawse deserves more than passing notice for the attention he devotes to this Preceptory in the stead of its Presiding Preceptor. The books are in good shape and show an increase of

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10. Cash balance on hand, \$110; outstanding dues, \$131.75. A banquet followed.

On January 7th, 1898, I visited Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, my estimable mother Preceptory. The Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, D. F. Macwatt, Barrie, made his official visit also on this occasion. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The exemplification of degrees was of the most satisfactory nature; in fact, for working degrees, full dress uniforming, fraternal courtesies, etc., the reputation of Godfrey de Bouillon is well known. During my term of office one candidate received degrees in the fall of 1897, and nine thus far in this year, besides one affiliation. Apparently continued prosperity awaits E. Sir Kt. Hooper's efforts for the balance of his term as Presiding Preceptor. The books of the Preceptory are systematically and well kept by Frater Thos. McCallum, and show the Preceptory to be in good financial standing. A banquet followed.

On January 28th I paid my official visit to Odo de St. Amand No. 17, Brantford, and was honored by the company of the following Sir Knights of Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3: R. E. Sir Kts. O. S. Hillman, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, V. E. Sir Kt. Chas. Smith, E. Sir Kt. John Hooper and Sir Kts. T. M. Davis and O. C. Diaper. Odo de St. Amand officers worked the Red Cross degrees on two candidates, which was done very creditably. I find this Preceptory does not open or close in full, and in exemplifying the Templar degrees is wanting in some good working officers. I have advised that these matters receive attention. The Preceptory has a good Registrar in Sir Kt. Joe J. Inglis. The finances are in good shape, having no liabilities. During the year five have been initiated, and the prospects for the future are apparently bright. A banquet followed at the American Hotel, at which E. Sir Kt. P. H. Cox presided.

As to Plantagenet No. 8, St. Catharines, I find them in an unusually prosperous condition notwithstanding their numbers are not large. The membership on the roll is 45, and I find they have a good regular attendance at meetings. Within the last two years

twelve Fratres have purchased new uniforms, so that the Preceptory can now turn out in full dress parade at least twenty members. The working of degrees is good; even in the case of the degrees of the Order of Malta, which many Preceptories neglect to some extent. The books as kept by their Registrar cannot be surpassed. His balance sheet shows cash balance on hand \$209; dues unpaid \$125, and liabilities none.

St Bernard de Clairveaux No. 19, Dunnville, is also in a prosperous condition, having a substantial membership, and in exemplification of degrees do their work creditably. Their finances are also in good shape, showing a balance on the right side.

In conclusion, my term of office has been one of fraternal pleasure throughout the district. Several questions have, for the good of the Order, been talked over, among others that of conferring the rank of Past Preceptor on a Sir Knight. I found that the prevailing feeling in my district was that a Sir Knight should receive the rank in the regular way in a Preceptory of the Order, and as Provincial Prior also coincide in this view and endorse the remarks to the same effect made in Montreal last year by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

† J. H. MATTICE,

Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—In presenting my report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Toronto District, I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain, pleasure at the thought of the many pleasant evenings spent with the courteous Sir Knights of my district, and pain when I think what little I have accomplished for the good of Knight Templarism as the local governing officer for the past year.

I regret the limited space at my disposal in this report will prevent my enlarging upon the condition of Knight Templarism in Toronto District. I have carefully gone into details during my visit and I cannot congratulate Great Priory on the general showing, in fact for many reasons, without being the slightest bit

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pessimistic; the Order wants a general stirring up of the dry bones in so far as my district is concerned. I have observed a general disobedience of the constitution of Great Priory. In no Preceptory is there a complete paraphernalia for conferring the degrees, apologies have to be made for the knightly spurs, banners and what not at the admission of every candidate and I was indeed grieved to see in some Preceptorics the substitute for the correct accoutrements worn by the Sir Knights, truly a burlesque on our Military and Religious Order. In one of these Preceptorics the Sir Knights appeared to order clothed in the white garments of the Royal Arch. While such a condition of affairs exists, we cannot look for prosperity in our noble Order, and it is not to be wondered at that the average attendance of the majority of the Preceptorics in this district is composed of a handful of enthusiasts who have passed through the chairs, and the officers for the current year.

During my term of office Geoffrey de St. Aldemar No. 2, and Cyrene Preceptory No. 29 amended their by-laws to read, "That the fee for installation shall be \$40, which shall include cost of registration and Great Priory certificate of Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, also a regulation sword, belt and cap as laid down by the statutes of Great Priory." This move is certainly beginning to show some little signs of life and a desire to conform to the constitution of Great Priory regarding the uniform, which I have endeavored to arouse in the Preceptorics outside the city.

On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 19th, I called the Toronto Sir Knights together for the purpose of attending Divine worship. It was my personal desire to have the Sir Knights attend in uniform, but owing to the opposition by some members of Great Priory (I regret to say the very men who made the laws) and after consultation with some of the officers of both Preceptorics I issued the order to appear in white Templar mantle only, and was exceedingly gratified to have over fifty Sir Knights to support me. We attended the Church of St. Simon the Apostle, the Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, D.D., preaching the sermon.

GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR NO. 2, Toronto.—I visited this Preceptory so frequently that I will only outline its condition in a general way. Under Sir Kts. Tomlinson and Ryrie good work has been done. They have been well supported by efficient officers and the attendance at the assemblies has been most encouraging. On Friday, September 10th, I had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Treasurer and twenty-two Sir Knights of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, of Hamilton, in full uniform. It was an object lesson for the Toronto Preceptories and no doubt will do permanent good. I was also present at the advancement of E. Sir Knight Ryrie to the chair, and again on the visit of R. E. Sir Kt. John Valentine Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, and other officers of Great Priory. The affairs of the Preceptory are in good condition, an excellent class of material having been introduced during the past year. A little attention to being "uniform" in the matter of uniform would soon place Geoffrey at the top of the ladder in Canadian Templarism.

MOUNT CALVARY NO. 12, Barrie.—I visited on Tuesday, April 26th, accompanied by E. Sir Kts. W. P. Ryrie and E. C. Davies. A matter of regret was the fact that the M. E. Supreme Grand Master was detained at home by the serious illness of his wife. The Barrie Sir Knights gave us a royal reception. E. Preceptor McPhee had two candidates, and he, assisted by V. E. Sir Kts. Hallett and Morgan, exemplified the Templar degrees in a most satisfactory manner, in fact I have never witnessed the Consecration degree conferred with such solemnity and strict attention to detail as this one by E. Sir Kt. J. C. Morgan. It was a fine rendition of a grand piece of ritual. Sir Kt. Bothwell has the books of the Preceptory in good form. A peculiarity in Mount Calvary Preceptory quite common in the Preceptories outside Toronto city is that they do not regularly collect annual dues. I think this is a mistake which should be rectified at once and every Sir Knight other than life members should annually contribute to the Preceptory funds.

HARINGTON, No. 14, North Bay.—It was impossible for me to visit either North Bay or Port Arthur, a

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matter of great regret as I received an appeal from Port Arthur to come and help stir up the dry bones. North Bay Preceptory has been meeting regularly, although I did not receive any summons. They have a full supply of the new rituals and tactics and while they have not received any candidates this year are hopeful of the near future.

RHODES PRECEPTORY, NO. 23, Port Arthur, according to the report furnished me by E. Sir Kt. R. E. Mitchell, has done nothing.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, NO. 15, WHITBY—I visited on Tuesday April, 19th, V. E. Sir Kt. C. W. Postlethwaite supporting me. St. John Preceptory is sustained by a handful of enthusiasts. The last candidate initiated was Sir Kt. John A. McGillivray, in February, 1895. Em. Preceptor Henderson is a military man and a good worker, which he illustrated for me in the Novice degree. There is abundance of material in Oshawa which it is anticipated will come into St. John Preceptory at an early date. Port Perry could also furnish good material but the brethren are in Oshawa Royal Arch district, a point they cannot reach in one day. If Whitby R. A. Chapter had concurrent jurisdiction the result would be very different.

PALESTINE NO. 18, Port Hope—My visit to this Preceptory occurred on the same evening as a hot political local election meeting and the Order of the Temple suffered. My immediate predecessor, R. E. Sir Kt. R. C. Smith again occupied the throne, a coincidence being the fact that during his term of office as Provincial Prior, I occupied the chair in my mother Preceptory. R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell and V. E. Sir Kt. C. W. Postlethwaite accompanied me, and R. E. Sir Kt. Smith worked the Red Cross degree, of necessity, in abbreviated form owing to the absence of nearly all the officers. Palestine Preceptory looks to be flourishing, plenty of material to keep them always busy, and on the occasion of my visit they had just purchased the Malta banners and were taking in a second degree room for Red Cross purposes. They have an admirable system of banking their monies, and have a good surplus on hand. Sir Kt. E. J. W. Burton, the Registrar,

has his books well kept, and is a regular Pooh Bah, filling any position acceptably.

CYRENE No. 29, Toronto.—My mother Preceptory was not visited officially, I being present at every meeting as a working member. On my resignation when appointed by the Supreme Grand Master to occupy the position given to V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Walker, the Preceptory elected Sir. Kt. J. J. Cassidy to the chair. Owing to continued illness after his installation, the E. Sir Kt. never occupied the position, and at the regular election in January, Sir Kt. E. C. Davies was advanced to the position. The E. Sir Kt. cannot be criticised from a ritualistic point of view as the work is done by the Past Preceptors, but from a business standpoint he bids fair to give Cyrene a new lease of life. The officers with one or two exceptions have uniformed since the introduction of the clause in the by-laws previously referred to, and there is every probability that Cyrene will in the near future take its place as a representative Preceptory, with all necessary paraphernalia, which is sadly needed. The books are well kept by V. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Walker, who fills the position of Registrar for love of the work and his Preceptory. In conclusion, I thank the M. E., the Supreme Grand Master for his confidence in appointing me to the vacant office, and regret that my term has not been productive of better results.

† H. B. HOWSON,

Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

I herewith submit my third report as Provincial Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa district, for the year 1897-8. I visited four of the five Preceptories in the district and found that good progress was being made in Templar affairs. Possibly we are not creating as many knights as could be desired, but each and every Preceptory is upon a more solid footing than it was when I was elected to the office of Provincial Prior in 1895, and the future looks bright. One point for congratulation was the proficiency shown by the subordinate officers in the

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different Preceptories, and it is an augury for the future. I found the Drill Manual in more or less use, and believe it will create beneficial results.

HUGH DE PAYENS, NO. 1, Kingston.—I visited this Preceptory on May 13th to see the degrees worked on several candidates by the officers and Sir Knights of King Baldwin No. 6, Belleville, under R. E. Sir Kt. Lazier, Presiding Preceptor. The work was done in a manner that left very little room for criticism, and was certainly a good lesson to the Sir Knights of Hugh de Payens for whose instruction it was done. Although Kingston has been noted for the excellence of the work done in the Blue Lodges and the Chapter, it cannot be said that they carry any degree of excellent work to the Preceptory. The Belleville Sir Knights commenced work at 4 p. m. by imparting the Red Cross and working part of the Templar degree until 6 p. m. when an intermission was taken for dinner, resuming again at 7.30, when the balance of the Templar Degree was given, the Malta degree being the last work done. After closing, an adjournment was made to the dining room where a pleasant and instructive hour was spent, during which some very good advice was tendered the Sir Knights by R. E. Sir Kts. Lazier and W. L. Hamilton, and it is to be hoped that the next work done by this Preceptory will be undertaken by its own officers. The Registrar informs me that they have held five regular and two emergent Assemblies, with an average attendance of 11, have given three Red Cross, Templar and Malta degrees, have outstanding in dues, June 30th, 1898 about \$100; no liabilities; hold a mortgage of \$600; insurance, \$100; lost through withdrawal, 1; returns made in April.

KING BALDWIN NO. 6, Belleville.—Visited this Preceptory on May 17th, and received a cordial welcome. There was a very fair attendance of Sir Knights. The Presiding Preceptor, R. E. Sir Kt. Lazier conferred the Templar and Malta degrees in such a manner as to warrant me in making a good report. In answer to my request for a summary of the year's business, the Registrar informed me that they had conferred the Red Cross, Templar and Malta degrees on three candidates,

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and that he "had furnished the Grand Chancellor with all that information in their last return and that he was just leaving on his vacation and had not time to refer to the books until his return in three weeks," so I am unable to give the usual information. Prospects of Preceptory good and all degrees worked in full except Red Cross.

MOORE PRECEPTORY, NO. 13, Peterboro.—I was unable to visit this Preceptory, the Presiding Preceptor having requested a postponement of my visit until later on in the month of June, owing to the illness of some of his officers, and in consequence their inability to work the degrees. When their meeting did take place, I was down the lower St. Lawrence and could not attend. I regret this very much, as the improvement in this Preceptory, from my first visit in 1896 to the visit in 1897 was simply phenomenal, and I have been informed that there has been further progress made during the past year, and that good work is being done. From the summary forwarded to me, I find that they easily lead the other Preceptories in this district, as regards the number of meetings held during the year, viz; twelve regular and five emergent; and the number of degrees conferred, twenty-two, having worked the Red Cross seven times, Templar ten, and Malta five; own their paraphernalia, and have \$75 at credit in the bank; insurance \$200; outstanding dues, June 30th, 1898. \$12; lost through suspension, one; average attendance nine; returns duly made for the year; consider prospects good.

GONDEMAR PRECEPTORY, NO. 16, Brockville—This being my mother Preceptory I attended most of the meetings held during the year, and paid an official visit on May 26th. There was only an average attendance of Sir Knights. At the election of officers, held last December, it was thought advisable to choose the Presiding Preceptor from Sir Knights who had not occupied the positions of Constable or Marshal, in consequence Sir Kt. George Johnson, Sub-Marshal, was elected Presiding Preceptor, and the manner in which he has attended to the duties of the office, has justified the choice. The present Constable and Marshal (who were only created in 1897), are good officers, and capable of

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being advanced when the time comes. This Preceptory has been very prosperous, and the future looks bright. A committee having been appointed a short time ago to procure some of the costumes and paraphernalia necessary to the proper conferring of the Red Cross degree, a marked improvement will be shown in the working of that degree. Degrees are conferred in full. Have held twelve regular and four emergent assemblies during the year, with an average attendance of eight. Have conferred three Red Cross, five Templar and two Malta degrees, all in full and with only one candidate at a time. Have about \$120 in outstanding dues and about \$150 in cash; no liabilities; have about \$150 in paraphernalia; no insurance; lost one each through suspension, withdrawal and death, total, three. Returns have been made to June 1898, and dues paid.

OTTAWA PRECEPTORY NO. 30, Ottawa.—I had arranged to visit the Preceptory in February, but the Pres. Preceptor, V. E. Sir Kt. Bowden requested me to defer it until the M. E. Supreme Grand Master paid a visit in March. Business engagements, however, prevented the visit of the M. E. Supreme Grand Master, so it was not until May 18th that I made an official visit. On account of the fire which occurred in December, '96, this Preceptory has labored under great difficulties as regards their meetings and the conferring of degrees, but now that they have succeeded in getting into the new Masonic Hall, I anticipate some of their drawbacks will disappear. This Preceptory has some very enthusiastic members, and it will not be long before as much interest will be taken as before the fire. I had the pleasure of meeting the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, for a few minutes before the meeting, as his duties at the House of Commons that evening did not permit his remaining. The "Novitiate" ceremony was worked by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers in a very creditable manner. This Preceptory has held twelve regular, and one emergent assemblies during the year, with an average attendance of eleven; have conferred three Red Cross, five Templar, and five Malta degrees; have in outstanding dues to June 30th, 1898,

\$150; no liabilities; insurance \$300; lost through withdrawal, one, and death, one; returns made; prospects good. This is the only Preceptory in the district that has made any attempt to uniform, and can turn out from fifteen to twenty swords.

CONCLUSION.—Peace and harmony have reigned supreme during the year as nothing discordant has been reported to me. I again return my thanks to the Sir Knights for the confidence they had in electing me Provincial Prior three times in succession, and bespeak for my successor the kind and courteous attention extended to me.

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

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—I have again the honor of submitting to your Sovereign body my report as Provincial Prior of the Québec District. In regard to Knight Templarism in our Province, progress under the peculiar conditions that surround us, as might be expected, is slow, a fact well emphasised from time to time in reports made to Great Priory by my predecessors.

The fair measure of success that attended us during my first term has continued in the present one. We have had a fair increase in membership, enthusiasm has been awakened, more attention given to the full exemplification and working of the degrees, and a desire manifested on the part of members to supply themselves with uniforms and perfect themselves in drill, all of which must have its due effect for good in the near future.

I derived great satisfaction and pleasure from my visits to Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Montreal, and William de la More, Quebec, and will long remember the cordial reception and hospitality extended to me as the representative of your sovereign body, and now gladly convey to you the utterances of loyalty to Great Priory and love for the Order made by the Sir Knights on these several occasions.

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I have not had the privilege of visiting Sussex Preceptory, though having made a fair attempt to do so, by suggesting a special date and requesting them to notify me of regular meetings. They found it inconvenient to name the one, and I received no notice of regular meetings. Both Sussex and William de la Moore the Martyr Preceptories have been kept in existence by the Masonic enthusiasm of a few veteran Masons, and I doubt not will be so kept until the occasion and the men arrive to make them live concerns.

The position of the three Preceptories in my district up to 3th June, 1898, is as follows:

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, No. 7, Montreal, admitted 8; died 2; suspended 2; now on roll 62; held 15 meetings, with an average attendance of 20 members.

SUSSEX, No. 9, Stanstead, admitted no new material; return same number as last year, 33; held five meetings; average attendance five members.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, No. 25, Quebec, admitted 2; died 1; number on roll 12; they held 6 meetings; average attendance 6 members.

Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 7, of Montreal, which from their more favorable position a great deal should be expected, has had a successful year, a satisfactory increase in members, and a greater interest than ever has been manifested by both officers and members in the working of the degrees, as well as in drill, etc. At present they fully work the Templar and Malta degrees in a highly creditable manner and have provided all the necessary paraphernalia therefor, but still only confer the Red Cross. However, even this is done in a satisfactory way by memorizing a short description of the tradition of the degree, explaining the progress of the candidate, and giving the obligation and modes of recognition, etc., in their proper places. It is the intention of the officers at an early date to secure any necessary paraphernalia and fully work this degree also. The various openings and closings are here done in full form in accordance with ritual and drill manual. The Presiding Preceptor, Sergt. Major Phillips, besides performing his work in a highly efficient and able manner,

has largely contributed to the further success of the Preceptory by drilling the members, in accordance with our drill instructions, which he himself compiled. This is a large factor in interesting our younger members (not officers) in the work, and inducing them to a regular attendance. At my suggestion the officers of this Preceptory notified Sussex and William de la More Preceptories through me their willingness to attend their meetings and work the degrees in full on any candidates they could procure, an offer which was readily accepted by William de la More with the happiest results.

SUSSEX. No. 9, of Stanstead.—As already noted, I have been unable to arrange to meet the members of this Preceptory. They appear to be at a stand-still, their membership is scattered and some even at present on the roll have left the Province, though continuing their connection. Having no Chapter at Stanstead is a great drawback, and R. E. Sir Kt. Channell, their Registrar, again suggests the possibility of removing the Preceptory to Sherbrooke, where at least new material would be available. Of course under these circumstances no attempt is made at drill and as far as the Registrar knows there are only two uniforms amongst the members. They appear to only hold regular meetings five months in the year, which is hardly in accord with the statutes. I trust my successor in office may be able to report more favorably of this Preceptory, which was at one time a very active and successful one.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, NO. 25, Quebec.—I had great pleasure in paying an official visit to this Preceptory on Wednesday, 22nd June, in company with Sir Kt. Geo. Carson. We received a most cordial welcome, and had the further pleasure of assisting them in admitting a new member as far as the Novice. At this meeting I arranged to visit them again, with officers and members from Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, and work the degrees, if they could arrange with their candidates. This being happily effected, I visited them on Saturday, 17th July, accompanied by eight members of Richard Cœur de Lion, including the chief officers, bringing with us such paraphernalia as they lacked at Quebec.

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The meeting was opened in the afternoon and called off till evening, during which time the visiting Sir Knights fully worked the Templar and Malta degrees, and conferred the Red Cross on two new members. The attention and hospitality extended to the Sir Kts. by the members of William de la More was unbounded. We carried away a lively recollection of the favors showered upon us, and better still a fair hope that the enthusiasm aroused by our visit, and the evident good impression made both on candidates and members by the able rendering of our beautiful ritual must be fruitful of good. At present date they have on roll 14 members and the new ones being enthusiastic and comparatively young in Masonry will likely have influence in bringing in others. The prospects of this Preceptory are fairer than for some time past.

In conclusion, if I have been able in any way to advance the interests of our Order during my term of office, I have been more than amply repaid by the courtesy and warm welcome extended to me by the Sir Knights of the Quebec district, on all occasions of my official visits, and with the ready compliance of officers to carry out any suggestions I thought right to make. I thank the Sir Knights for the honor conferred by the office.

† W. M. LEMESSURIER,
Provincial Prior Quebec District.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS—I have much pleasure in submitting my report as Provincial Prior of the Nova Scotia District. Knight Templarism has made some advancement during the year, all three Preceptories having increased their membership. Their financial condition is satisfactory and the utmost harmony and good will appears to prevail in and between the several Preceptories.

NOVA SCOTIA PRECEPTORY NO. 5, Halifax.—In company with V. E. Sir Kt. A. M. Perrin, Grand Sword Bearer, I visited this Preceptory on June 3rd. This Preceptory is the oldest in the district and has the largest roll of membership; good attendance and are

gradually uniforming. Its work is excellent, the officers memorizing their work, and the excellent manner in which its books are kept is very gratifying. At the close of the Preceptory a banquet was held at which loyal and fraternal toasts were exchanged. This Preceptory appears to have a bright and prosperous career before it, and only requires uniform and drill to place it at once in line with the best Preceptories on the R. G. P. of Canada.

MALTA PRECEPTORY NO. 27, Truro.—I visited this Preceptory officially on June 4th. The books and accounts are well kept, and the affairs of the Preceptory generally in the best condition. A comparatively large accession to their membership has been made this year, and a growing interest in the ritual, drill and uniforming is manifested. The best of feeling always prevails amongst its members, and there has never yet been a contest for office since the Preceptory was organized. The assemblies during the year have been regularly held and the attendance good, while its financial position is excellent. The hospitable, courteous and knightly manner in which Malta receives and entertains visiting Sir Knights, official or otherwise, compels one to feel that it is good to be a member of our glorious Templar Order.

YARMOUTH PRECEPTORY NO. 31, Yarmouth.—I visited this Preceptory officially on January 24th, 1898, and had the honor, assisted by R. E. Sir Kt. T. V. B. Bingay, Grand Marshal, and V. E. Sir Kt. A. M. Perrin, Grand Sword Bearer, of installing its officers for the present year. I also made an official visit at its regular assembly in August. This Preceptory, the youngest in the district, is making fair progress, has increased its membership this year, its officers are well up in the ritual, and its work is good. The past and present officers and a part of its members are uniformed and the Preceptory well up in drill. Members are obtaining uniforms. The new drill book is generally satisfactory with one exception, the change in the number of the sword cuts, which is confusing to those accustomed to the militia drill. The new ritual is considered a great improvement over the old, but

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change in the Red Cross work is not generally liked in this or other Preceptories of this district, the majority of Fratres being of the opinion that the old work is best. This Preceptory regrets that the distance travelled in attending Great Priory prevents many of the Sir Knights of this district attending the annual meetings of Great Priory and are of opinion that triennial meetings of Great Priory, with Provincial Pories meeting annually, would be an improvement on the present system, and create a much greater interest in the meetings of Great Priory.

In closing this brief report permit me to thank the Sir Knights members of Great Priory and the Sir Knights of this district, for the honor conferred in appointing me Provincial Prior of this district, and for their uniform courtesy and kindness towards me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

‡ GEO. W. JOHNSON,
Provincial Prior Nova Scotia District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

SIR KNIGHTS,—I beg to submit my report, as Provincial Prior of the New Brunswick District, for the past year. Although the returns from the three Preceptories in this province will, I fear, show a slight decrease in membership the causes are not hard to seek. Withdrawals and suspensions under peculiar circumstances not likely to occur again for a long time, if ever, compose a large proportion of our losses, while Templarism has suffered severely from death, which has cut off some of our most zealous, distinguished and honored workers.

Among those who have been called from their earthly life I would especially refer to Past Deputy Grand Master Robert W. Crookshank, Past Provincial Grand Prior James H. Pullen and Past Preceptor J. Henry Leonard. They were men who command the respect of all who knew them. As men they were honorable, as Masons they shed lustre on the Orders for which they worked, as Templars they had won the respect and esteem of all Sir Knights who had the privilege of meeting with them. Their works live after

them and their influence for good will be long felt in the communities, of which their virtues and ability made them one and all distinguished ornaments. But the accessions to our ranks afford us no little consolation. Enthusiastic Masons many of them, who, being deeply impressed with the great principles which the Order of the Temple seeks to inculcate, will emulate, if they cannot surpass, the great exemplars whose lives will stimulate them to strive to attain to that perfection of character which is ever the aim of the true Sir Knight.

IVANHOE, NO. 36, Moncton.—Accompanied by the R. E. Deputy Grand Master, John V. Ellis, and Past Provincial Prior John A. Watson I visited this Preceptory. We were very cordially received by the Sir Knights who were convened at a special assembly. A large proportion of the members of the Preceptory was present in full uniform. I doubt if there is a single body in the whole jurisdiction with a fuller equipment. The paraphernalia for the several degrees was complete. I cannot speak too highly of the excellent work done by the officers. During the evening four candidates were received and installed, the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Malta Degrees being given in full. The work of every officer was admirable, while that of the E. Preceptor, Sir Knight Geo. M. Jarvis, was beyond praise. It has rarely been my privilege to see such an exemplification of these degrees in this or any of the other jurisdictions which I have had the opportunity of visiting. After the labors of the Preceptory were ended the Sir Knights entertained us right royally. Their *esprit de corps*, devotion to the Order and splendid hospitality reminds one of the distinguished Sir Knight whose name they bear, whose virtues they imitate and whose splendid character they so aptly illustrate. The members of the Encampment of St. John may feel proud of this young and vigorous offshoot from themselves.

UNION DE MOLAY NO. 11, St. John.—The Preceptory has not met regularly. This has been a cause of much regret to myself, as well as to the members themselves. The loss by death in its membership has been severe and such as might paralyze almost any body. E. Preceptor Hedley V. Cooper, whose enthusiasm and

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ritualistic ability had done so much to put new life into this Preceptory, was struck down by the hand of death in the midst of his usefulness. The Sir Knights elected as his successor Sir Knight Le Baron Wilson, who will no doubt prove himself able to take up the work of his predecessor.

ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN NO. 3A, St. John.—

This stalwart beacon light of Templarism which has for so many years, under the Chapter General of Scotland, been the strong fortress of our principles in the commercial capital of this province, shows no abatement of its vigor under the jurisdiction of this Great Priory. The Encampment has met regularly on the second Wednesday of each month, and the assemblies have been well attended. The Noble and Eminent Commander, Sir Kt. Alexander R. Campbell, and the other officers, who, according to the practice and constitution of the Encampment, while under the Chapter General of Scotland, had been elected and installed at the assembly in September last, were unanimously re-elected at the regular assembly in December, and duly installed by me in January last, as provided by the statutes. I have regularly attended the meetings of this Encampment, in which I first learned the qualifications of a Knight, and have followed with interest the work, without which, a meeting has rarely, if ever, closed. From personal acquaintance with every member, I am in a position to say that as they were enthusiastic supporters of the Chapter General of Scotland, so are they, one and all, loyal to the supremacy of this Great Priory. The retention of their old ritual, titles and privileges, as provided by the terms of union, has, I believe, contributed in no small degree to the bringing about of this desirable state of affairs, and the honors conferred by the Great Priory, at its last session upon the Eminent Sir Knights whom the Encampment has long delighted to honor, and whose devotion thereto has won for them a warm and lasting place in the esteem and affection of its members, have strengthened into irrefragable bonds, the official links that bind them to the Preceptories throughout the Dominion. The work of the Noble Eminent Commander and his corps of officers has been worthy

of commendation. The way in which the books and accounts have been kept; and the excellent condition of the paraphernalia and armory call for our approval. Charitable work has not been overlooked, while the cultivation of the social and fraternal virtues has continued to be an integral part of the Sir Knights. While the two Preceptories in St. John are in the condition shewn by this report, yet I am convinced that the best interests of Templarism in St. John will be served by their speedy union. Such a course I have strongly urged, and the idea has met with the approval of the Sir Knights, and I am delighted to be able to inform you that within the past few weeks Committees to consider the terms upon which such a union might be brought about, have been appointed by both bodies. As yet, they have not been able to report, but from unofficial information I feel that I may venture to say that work is favorably progressing towards the consummation of this happy and, I believe, advantageous issue. The Encampment of St. Stephen, which continues its allegiance to the Chapter General of Scotland, is, I believe, flourishing. Officially, I can say nothing of the prospects of this body coming in with us, but from such private information as has come to me, I am inclined to the belief that the sentiment in favor of union with the other Knight Templar bodies in Canada is growing stronger amongst its members. For fuller and more accurate information on this question, I will refer you to the report of R. E. Deputy Grand Master, John V. Ellis, who has given much time and attention to this matter, and who I know is as strongly hopeful as I am, that ere long these Scottish Knights will see their way clear to join with us, so that we shall present a united front in this Dominion, as one strong army of Knight Templars, working together for the same great ends.

I have had correspondence regarding the formation of new Preceptories in Fredericton and Woodstock. I am unable to report any actual steps looking towards their early inauguration, yet I am inclined to believe that the day is not far distant when a Preceptory will be in working order in the capital of this Province. Some of the best of our Sir Knights are residents of

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† ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN,
Provincial Prior New Brunswick District.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada :

SIR KNIGHTS—Three years will soon be completed since Prince Edward Preceptory No. 35, was organized on the 12th November, 1895, at Charlottetown, in said district. As we have only one Preceptory my report will necessarily be brief. It affords me pleasure to report regular monthly meetings with an average attendance, considering the fact that several of our Sir Knights have to travel from twenty to fifty miles, and one Sir Knight considerably more. Our membership has not very materially increased, but we have fair prospects and some work on hand. The summer season is not very favorable for monthly meetings, as many of our Knights are absent on business. If some latitude were allowed to the Preceptory in this matter I think it would be a step in the right direction. However, I am proud to say that we have a noble band of members of old and tried men who are consecrated and devoted advocates of our cause. Our Eminent Preceptor, T. A. Maclean, is a busy man but an excellent officer who will not fail in his duty if at all in his power. The officers, Sir Kts. Dillon and Messervey, with the assistance of Past Presiding Preceptor Darrach, are able and willing helpers in the great cause of Knight Templarism. The latter I cannot find language too plain or strong enough to express my high appreciation of his valuable services ever since our Preceptory was started, and it affords me the greatest pleasure to recommend Past Eminent Preceptor Sir Knight Donald Darrach, M. D., for the position of Provincial Prior for this district for the ensuing year, and trust that the Supreme Grand Master and Sovereign Great Priory will install and proclaim him in due form.

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present with you at your next session, to be held in the city of

Hamilton on the 6th prox., as professional and other engagements will prevent me, but although absent I pray and trust great success will attend your deliberations, that the Order will be greatly benefitted and the glory of the Cross extended. I cannot close this report without expressing our gratitude and thankfulness for the eminent services rendered to us from time to time by the R. E. Sir Kt. the Hon. Robert Marshall, of St. John, N. B., services which are unceasing in the shape of little deeds of kindness which are a labor of love with him. We have made him an honorary member of our Preceptory and we hope and trust to hold him for many a year to come. Would it be presuming too much to expect the Sovereign Great Priory to hold their next annual Assembly in the Maritime Provinces?

‡ R. MACNEILL,

Provincial Prior Prince Edward District.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. William Gibson, and

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

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

To the Supreme Grand Master and Sir Knights of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

I respectfully submit my annual report as Grand Chancellor from August 19, 1897.

On the first day of November I received and distributed the proceedings of the annual assembly of August 19th, in accordance with customary regulation, to those entitled thereto.

The new edition of the ceremonies which had been placed in the printer's hands by the late Grand Chancellor shortly before his death was completed and ready for distribution on the 20th December. In consultation with the Supreme Grand Master a form of application and pledge was issued, and a register with number for each copy issued was provided. By this means every copy can be traced to its custodian. As a too lavish issue of former editions without restriction and regula-

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tion had proved unsatisfactory, I received authority from the Supreme Grand Master to confine the number of copies to four. Since then it has been pointed out that a copy for the Chaplain was almost indispensable and the Grand Master authorized the issue of such additional copy if required.

The registration and pledge entailed much additional work but I think the result will justify the trouble.

Four of the subordinate Preceptories have not as yet provided themselves with the new work although an extended circular was mailed to all.

The new drill manual was ready for issue in October and 27 Preceptories have purchased one or more. In a number of instances Preceptories have taken from one to four dozen for their members. As the Ceremonies call for detail as laid down in the Manual, the absence of the latter must make it very awkward for those who are working the new Ceremonies.

The new edition of the statutes issued last year by the late Grand Chancellor, has not been applied for by some *sixteen* of the Preceptories, a portion of the Consecration ceremony must thus be omitted by these bodies when conferring this degree.

On the thirteenth of June I issued a new blank for the annual returns. The old form was exhausted and after correspondence with a number of Grand Recorders across the border in order to find if they had any system which might improve our method, I formulated one which I think should help very much to simplify the returns from the Registrars of this Jurisdiction. I am indebted for several points to the friends above alluded to.

I dislike very much saying anything that may sound like a complaint, but I wish to draw Great Priory's attention to the dilatory manner these annual reports are returned by some of the Registrars, to the Grand Chancellor.

The returns are made up to the 30th June and I printed a request to have them returned to me by the 15th July. Some of them have only come in the past week and at the time of writing two are not in yet. I

fail to see any reason why the Registrar cannot make up and send in his return immediately after his last June meeting, his year being then over. The straggling manner in which many of them have been received has prevented my leaving the city as usual for a few weeks holidays.

Some of the Registrars on the other hand were very prompt and their reports a model of neatness and correctness.

I found on comparing returns with the Register of Great Priory that about one third of these did not correspond with said Register. In the majority of cases I had at last to make list of names and forward for comparison in order to find wherein lay the discrepancies. In one Preceptory I had 17 more names than was returned and on thus comparing found these names should have been returned and taken from the roll of Great Priory years ago. A re-numbering had likewise taken place in some of the Preceptories by previous Registrars and in one where they had three members with the same name and initials, it was difficult to find out which particular name was to be taken off.

This has given much work and worry not only to myself but to the Registrars, but time and patience has in nearly every case straightened out the tangle. I have to express my thanks for the patient and ready manner these fratres have aided in this work. It should be not difficult to keep the records straight in future.

I also herewith submit a statement of the monies received, and the disbursements made during the year.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
August 19.	Balance in Molson's bank, London.....	\$2040 66
	Cash on hand, same date.....	48 25
1898.		
Sept. 8.	Cash receipts, all sources.....	1728 01
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Mrs. D. Spry, balance of salary.....	\$ 75 00	
F. McL. Spry, expenses at session '97.....	25 00	
McKerrigan, flowers.....	8 00	
Expense, guards, etc., at session '97.....	11 00	
" Moving Grand Chancery.....	15 18	
Grand Master's traveling expenses, etc.....	175 00	
Jewel, to E. T. Malone, P. G. M.....	50 00	
Jewel, to O. S. Hillman, D. G. M.....	40 00	
H. Robertson, Correspondence report.....	50 00	
Grant to R. C. de Lion No. 7, Montreal.....	200 00	
Printing, Drill Manual.....	98 25	
" Ceremonies.....	\$ 257 95)	
" Expense of Com.....	16 85)	274 80
" Sundries, forms, letters, etc.....		78 75
" Proceedings.....	\$180 15)	
" Photogravure.....	6 25)	186 40
" Certificates.....		22 60
Stationery.....		88 70
Postage.....		60 00
Express charges.....		15 58
Grand Chancellor's salary.....		300 00
		1714 21
Balance on hand		\$2092 71

Owing to the printing of the new edition of the Ceremonies and the Drill Manual, it was expected that the expenditure would be heavy and the expropriations were placed at \$1807.85. It will be seen that the expenditure has been kept within this, by almost one hundred dollars. The printing of these two works cost \$356.20 and the sum of \$324.00 has been received in return from their sale, to date. We have some 225 Ceremonies and 150 Manuals left over for future requirements as well as 250 copies of the Statutes.

I received the books and effects of the Grand Chancery from London late in September. I found the stationery and forms of all kinds almost exhausted and had to order a supply, which helped to increase cost of printing and stationery account. A number of these forms will last however for some years.

Objections having been taken to the wording and printing of our certificates, as well as the change in Grand Chancery, upon consultation with the Grand Master, a new plate has been ordered which I think will be a credit to our Grand Body.

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Ten dispensations, granted by the Grand Master, were issued from this office, also the by-laws of seven Preceptories, altered or amended, were received, and submitted for his approval.

At the request of the Supreme Grand Master, new issue of the Ceremonial for Great Priory has been printed in accordance with the Manual. In our Ceremonies for many years allusion has been made to the Grand Master's Banner. I think this Grand Body should have some such ensignia for its presiding officer and I would respectfully direct the attention of the Finance Committee to it. The expenditure, I am sure, would not be very much.

My closer connection with the executive of the various subordinate Preceptories had led me to the conclusion that a number of them are not in possession of all the books for the proper working and keeping of records. In other Grand Bodies there are printed forms furnished the Inspecting officer, (to which our Provincial Prior corresponds), and which that officer is required to answer or fill up with all necessary information therein regarding the standing, methods, progress, paraphernalia, uniform etc. etc, of each body inspected. I would respectfully suggest that this subject receive consideration, for I think by this means a better and more accurate report can be received, and better ideas presented to Great Priory of the standing of its subordinates. I am sure it would be provocative of good results.

I annex detailed statement of cash received under its various headings, and a tabular statement of the membership to June, 30th, 1898. On going over the returns of last year I found that an error of eight had been made in the membership, and it now stands thus;

MEMBERSHIP.

Returns June 30th, 1897.....	1764	
Error in figures.....	8	
Admitted during the year.....	149	1766
Joined " ".....	10	
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Withdrawn.....	81
Suspended N. P. D.....	28
Died.....	29

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a net increase of 76. This is not as large as last year which was a record one, but the returns show that 33 Preceptories had work and accepted fresh material, a better showing than the previous year. The record also shows that more meetings and better attendance had taken place. The withdrawals and suspensions are much less than for many years, but the death rate is still high. I annex tabular statement with all particulars. The average membership of our 37 subordinates is 50. There are 11 with a membership under 30; 13 under 50; 8 under 70; 4 under 130; and 1 at 153. Owing to the issue of Ceremonies, Manuals and Statutes, my correspondence has been very large. The straightening out of the rolls has likewise entailed much extra time and correspondence.

W. S. White

Grand Chancellor.

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ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

M. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, in account with the Sovereign Great Priory, from 30th June, 1897, to 30th June, 1898.

To Cash from Preceptories :

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees.	Certificates.	Dispensations.	Ceremonies.	Statutes.	Drill.	Total.	Bal. in
1	Hugh de Payens Premier.	Kingston, Ont. . .	16.00	6.00		10.00	2.40	3.00	37.40	
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar.	Toronto, Ont. . .	89.50	20.00		8.00	1.00	2.00	120.50	
3	Godfrey de Bouillon . . .	Hamilton, Ont. . .	68.00	20.00		6.00			94.00	
3a	Encampment of St. John.	St. John, N. B. . .	71.00	2.00	1.00		4.80	1.50	80.30	
4	Richard Cœur de Lion . . .	London, Ont. . .	72.00	28.00		7.50		3.00	110.50	
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S. . .	36.00	13.00		11.00	2.40	6.00	68.40	
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont. . .	33.00	6.00		7.00	1.60	.50	48.10	
7	Richard Cœur de Lion . . .	Montreal, Que. . .	30.00	17.00		7.00		16.00	79.00	
8	Plantagenet	St. Catharines, O. .	24.50	4.00		8.00			36.50	
9	Sussex	Stanstead, Que. . .	16.50			9.00		5.00	26.00	
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont. . .	25.50	19.00		12.00	1.00	4.00	61.50	
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B. . .	18.50	2.00					20.50	
12	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont. . .	33.50	6.00		6.00			45.50	
13	Moore	Peterboro, Ont. . .	22.50	16.00	1.00	5.00	4.80	8.00	57.30	
14	Harrington	North Bay, Ont. . .	20.50	2.00		5.00	4.80	8.00	40.30	
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont. . .			1.00				1.00	11.00
16	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont. . .	19.00		1.00	7.00	1.80	3.00	31.20	
17	Odo de St. Amand	Bramford, Ont. . .	20.50	10.00	1.00	7.00	1.20	.50	40.20	
18	Palestine	Port Hope, Ont. . .	31.50	10.00		6.00		1.00	48.50	
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux . .	Dunnville, Ont. . .	16.50						16.50	
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont. . .	23.50	8.00	1.00	8.00		1.00	41.50	
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont. . .	22.50	4.00		6.00	2.00	1.00	33.70	
22	St. Elmo	Stratford, Ont. . .	32.00			11.00	5.00	4.00	52.00	
23	Rhodes	Port Arthur, Ont. . .							16.00	
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Man. . .				4.00			4.00	68.00
25	William de la More	Quebec, Que. . .	8.00	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.50	1.50	24.00	
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont. . .					6.00	8.00	14.00	73.00
27	Malta	Truro, N. S. . .	27.00	4.00		7.50	3.00		41.50	22.00
28	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont. . .	34.50	12.00	1.00	11.00	2.40	4.00	64.90	
30	Western Gate	Victoria, B. C. . .	15.00	4.00					19.00	
31	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N.S. . .	15.50			11.00	2.40	5.00	29.40	1.00
32	Ottawa	Ottawa, Ont. . .	23.00	12.00		12.50	3.20	2.50	53.20	
33	Cyprus	Calgary, Alberta . .	17.50			4.00	1.40	4.00	26.90	
34	Columbia	Vancouver, B. C. . .	20.50						24.50	
35	Prince Edward	Charlottetown, P.E.I. .	14.00	4.00	1.00	7.00	4.80	4.00	34.80	
36	Ivanhoe	Moncton, N.B. . .	19.50	7.00		8.00		1.50	36.00	
37	St. Simon of Cyrene	Sarnia, Ont. . .	23.50	8.00		7.00	3.00	1.50	45.00	
Amounts received after close of session,			971.50	253.00	9.00	230.50	50.10	93.50	1607.60	
Aug. 19, 1897			85.00						85.00	
Interest on deposits									30.41	
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RECAPITULATION.

Annual Fees	\$1056 50
Great Priory Certificates	253 00
Ceremonies	230 50
Drill Manuals	93 50
Statutes	50 10
Dispensations	9 00
Bank interest	30 41
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF PRECEPTORIES FROM JUNE 30TH, 1897 TO JUNE 30TH, 1898.

N ^o .	NAME.	LOCATION.	Average Att'nd'nce.	DEGREES COMPLETED.					Installed.	Joined.	Restored.	Died.	Withdrawn	Suspended	Members		Increase.	Decrease.
				No. Meetings Held	Red Cross.	Templar.	Malta.	June 30, '97							June 30, '98			
1	Hugh de Payens Premier.	Kinston Ont.	10	7	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	26	3	..
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	34	11	6	10	10	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	149	153	4	..
3	Encarnat de Bourbon.	Hamilton, Ont.	33	13	12	9	10	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	120	..	..
3a	Richard Cent of St. John	St. John, N. B.	33	13	12	12	10	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	135	130	..	..
4	Richard Cent de Lion	London, Ont.	32	18	5	5	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	111	108	..	..
5	Nova Scotia	Halifax, N. S.	19	18	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
6	King Baldwin	Belleville, Ont.	15	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que.	15	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
8	Parisatgenet	Stansbury, Ont.	20	15	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
9	Suisse	Stansbury, Ont.	14	10	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
10	Ontario	Stansbury, Ont.	14	10	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	62	4	..
11	Union N. B.	Guelpch, Ont.	5	5	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	45	2	..
12	Mount Calvary	St. John, N. B.	11	4	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	29	11	..
13	Moore	Barrie, Ont.	10	4	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	25	..	..
14	Harlington	Keterborough, Ont.	10	17	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	25	..	..
15	St. John the Almoner	North Bay, Ont.	10	13	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	25	..	..
16	Condemar	Brookville, Ont.	9	16	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	0	..
17	Palrest St. Amand	Brantford, Ont.	8	7	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	32	1	..
18	St. Bernard de Clairvaux	Port Hope, Ont.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	31	2	..
20	Burleigh	Dunnville, Ont.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	0	..
21	St. Elmo	Chatham, Ont.	11	11	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	0	..
22	Albion	St. Thomas, Ont.	11	11	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	31	0	..
23	St. Edward	Port Arth., Ont.	12	12	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
24	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	12	12	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	58	3	..
25	William de la More	Winnipeg, Man.	12	12	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	103	3	..
26	Western Gate	Quebec, Que.	12	12	6	6	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	103	3	..
27	Cyrene	Turo, N. S.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
29	Malta	Yarmou, B. C.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
30	Western Gate	Turo, N. S.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
31	Armonth	Yarmou, B. C.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
32	Cyrene	Yarmou, B. C.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
33	Cyrene	Yarmou, B. C.	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	43	..	..
34	Columbia	Ottawa, Ont.	13	10	11	11	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	26	2	..
35	Prince Edward	Calgary, Alberta	10	10	5	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	27	2	..
36	Vanhoose	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	17	17	8	8	8	8	28	29	1	..
37	St. Simon of Cyrene	Stoniton, N. B.	13	13	6	6	6	6	27	27	0	..

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1.00	48.10
1.00	76.00
1.00	36.50
1.00	26.00
1.00	19.50
1.00	20.50
1.00	45.50
1.00	57.30
1.00	40.30
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O. S. HILLMAN, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, K. T.

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30,	Interest to Sept. 21, 1896, Molsons Bank, London...	16	55	25,	" W. H. Norckett, Janitor	5 00
30,	Interest to March 31st, 1897, Molsons Bank, London...	12	27	25,	" Mrs. D. Spry, bal. sal. late D. Spry	75 00
Sept. 8,	Cash, Molsons Bank, Montr'l.	176	25	25,	" Grand Chan., moving books, etc...	15 13
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				25,	" Bishop Engraving Co., printing...	13 50
				25,	" Grand Chancellor, postage acct...	30 00
				25,	" Desbarats & Co., photo. G. M.....	6 25
				25,	" Perrault Printing Co., pfg. acct...	22 75
				Nov. 8,	" McPherson & Drope, Proceedings.	180 15
				Dec. 6,	" Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
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				Jan. 25,	" J. P. McLeod, ceremonies.....	257 95
				Mar. 24,	" Toronto Printing Co., printing....	22 60
				24,	" Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
				24,	" R. Hemsley, jewel O. S. Hillman	6 00
				July 15,	" Toronto Litho. Co., letter heads	27 50
				15,	" Perrault Printing Co., stationery.	10 05
				15,	" Bishop Eng. Co., stationery	30 00
				15,	" Grand Chan., postage acct	75 00
				15,	" Grand Chancellor, salary	75 00
				Aug. 18,	" Grand Chan., sundry exp. charges	15 58
				Sept. 18,	" Balance, cash in Molsons Bank....	2092 71

Respectfully submitted,
O. S. HILLMAN,
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Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder, 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.

To the M. E. the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar :

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers and bank certificates of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer, and feel keen satisfaction in being in a position to report a more than ordinarily favorable year.

The books shew that the greatest care has been exercised by these two Grand Officers, and all balances, additions and other entries are absolutely correct making the auditors work most satisfactory.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the period which ended September, 3rd, A. D. 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Molsons Bank, London, Ont., Aug. 19, 1897..	\$2040 66
Cash on hand, same date.....	48 25
Annual Fees.....	1056 50
Certificates.....	258 00
Ceremonies.....	280 50
Tactics or Manuals.....	98 50
Statutes.....	50 10
Dispensations.....	9 00
Bank Interest.....	30 41
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	\$3806 92

Expenditure as per details of Treasurer's statement....\$1714 21

Balance at Credit \$2092 71

Shewing a balance of \$52.05 in excess of last year's receipts, which together with \$95.50 cash received since books were closed making a total increase of \$147.55.

To this might be added the returns from three Preceptories not yet received amounting to about \$90.00 additional, a most gratifying record of the year's work just closed.

19, " Ferraut Printing Co., stationery. 27 50
 15, " Bishop Eng. Co., stationery 10 05
 15, " Grand Chan., postage acct 80 00
 15, " Grand Chancellor, salary 75 00
 Aug. 19, " Grand Chancellor, salary. 75 00
 Sept. 19, " Grand Chan., sundry exp. charges 15 58
 Sept. 8, " Balance, cash in Molsons Bank... 2092 71

U. S. HILLMAN,
 Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee beg to recommend that provision should be made for the payment of the following amounts:

Samuel Wesley, Printing.....	\$29 00
Grand Chancellor's office.....	50 00
Grand Chancellor, Stationery Account.....	4 00
McLeod Hawthorne, Trunk for books and papers.....	8 00
	\$86 00

As against \$400 of outstanding accounts remaining unpaid last year.

Your Committee further recommend the appropriation of the following amounts be made to meet anticipated expenditure for the current year: viz.

Printing Proceedings.....	\$200 00
Certificates.....	100 00
New Plate for Certificates.....	40 00
Chairman for Correspondence Report.....	50 00
Postage, telegrams, etc.....	80 00
Printing Grand Master's address and Grand Chancellor's report.....	20 00
List of new Grand Officers.....	6 00
Expenses of Session.....	10 00
Past Grand Master's Jewel.....	50 00
Illuminating Address of Condolence.....	20 00
Paper, Envelopes and Stationery.....	25 00
Grand Master's travelling expenses, 1897-98.....	100 00
Grant to Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory.....	200 00
Grand Chancellor services.....	400 00
	\$1801 00

It may be observed that the amount recommended to be paid to the Grand Chancellor by your Committee has been arrived at by the increased amount of work now called upon that officer to perform, and we feel no hesitation in asking Great Priory to adopt said recommendation.

Your committee recommends that 500 copies of the Proceedings be printed and distributed.

Your committee desires before closing this report to testify to the admirable manner in which the Grand Treasurer continues to perform his duties.

Faternally submitted,

WM. GIBSON,
Chairman.

Hamilton, Sept. 5th, 1898.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, and

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

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

R. E. Sir Kt. Allan McLean, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants, reported that nothing had been presented to them for action.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

In the matter of Cyrene Preceptory No. 27, Toronto,

vs.
Sir Kt. John Gray Gibson.

The Grand Council, through its Committee on Grievances and Appeals, begs leave to report as follows:

That they have examined the evidence and action of Cyrene Preceptory No. 27 in this matter and recommend that the action of Cyrene Preceptory No. 27, suspending Sir Kt. John Gray Gibson indefinitely for conduct not becoming a Knight Templar, be confirmed, and that Sir Knight John Gray Gibson be expelled from the Order of the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

†DAVID TAYLOR,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman, and

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

In accordance with the above resolution, the Supreme Grand Master then solemnly declared John Gray Gibson expelled from the Order of the Temple.

ON THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

The Grand Council through its Committee on the Condition of the Order of the Temple have received the reports of the Provincial Priors of the following districts: London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec,

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. No reports having been received from the Provincial Priors of Manitoba and British Columbia Districts.

The work of the reviewer whilst a labor of love, is no easy task. Our labours might be lightened considerably if the Provincial Priors would send in their reports to the Grand Chancellor, at least two weeks before the meeting of Great Priory, as it is impossible to convey to Great Priory a proper idea of the condition of the Order from reports that are only handed in to us a few hours before Great Priory meets. We would also again call the attention of Provincial Priors that it is necessary to furnish with their report a tabulated statement of the work done in each Preceptory in their district, so that the committee may be able to report to Great Priory as to the actual gain or loss for the year just passed.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 1.

The report of the Provincial Prior of this district is very satisfactory. The Preceptories are doing good work. More interest is being taken in the correct working of the ritual. We are pleased to learn that Kent Preceptory No. 20, Chatham, has shaken off the lethargy under which it has lain for some time past, and bids fair to resume its place as a live Preceptory. We trust that the Provincial Prior for 1898-9 will have similar results to report about Burleigh No. 21, St. Thomas. The report of this district shows that the officers of the Preceptories have worked with a determination to be second to none. The Provincial Prior has attended to his duties in a thorough and conscientious manner, and the result shows that the work throughout the district is of a very high order. We must congratulate him on his very interesting and complete report. The Provincial Prior of this district calls attention to the fact that some of the Preceptories are wearing white plumes in their chapeaux when the statutes call for black. Also that the mantle is not worn in some of the Preceptories. Your Committee would recommend that Provincial Priors be instructed to see that the statutes are carried out as laid down.

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HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 2.

The report from this district is very satisfactory. Victoria Preceptory No. 10, Guelph, is once more resuming the position it ought to hold and is in a prosperous condition. The Provincial Prior reports that good work is being done in most of the Preceptories and that more interest is being taken in the exemplification of the ritual, the members are adopting the uniform and drill, and that the prospects for the future are very encouraging. The Provincial Prior closes his report with the remark that no Sir Knight should receive the rank of Past Preceptor unless in the usual way. This he says is the feeling in the Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT No. 3.

The Provincial Prior of this District reports, that the Order generally throughout the District wants a general stirring up of the dry bones. There is a general disobedience of the statutes as regards paraphernalia for working degrees, etc. He visited all the Preceptories with the exception of Harington No. 14, North Bay, and Rhodes No. 23, Port Arthur, and found the work done in a very satisfactory manner. St. John the Almoner No. 15, Whitby, has not made any addition to its membership since 1895. Your Council would recommend that steps be taken to have Harington, North Bay, and Rhodes, Port Arthur, visited and see if some life cannot be infused into these neglected Preceptories. The necessity for procuring proper paraphernalia for exemplifying the ritual, must be apparent to all and your Council hope that the Preceptories in this district will as soon as possible equip themselves in a proper manner as laid down by the statutes.

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 4.

The report of the Provincial Prior for this District shows that he visited all the Preceptories except Moore No. 13, Peterboro, and this was omitted owing to the illness of some of the officers. Good work is being done there however and the Preceptory is in a flourishing condition. The prospects throughout this district are very encouraging with the exception of Hugh de Payens

No. 1, Kingston. This Preceptory we regret to state is still depending on outside Preceptories to work the degrees for them. Your Council would once more recommend that the Provincial Prior look into the affairs of Hugh de Payens, No. 1, and impress upon the officers the necessity of getting up the work and not depend on visitors doing it for them. It is much to be regretted that officers elected in any Preceptory should be so dead to their obligation as to be unwilling to properly fulfil their duties.

QUEBEC DISTRICT NO. 5.

From this district the Provincial Prior reports a fair amount of success and a steady gain in membership. Enthusiasm has been aroused and the degrees are worked with every attention paid to detail. Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory is doing well; the members are anxious for uniforms and drill, and adding steadily to their membership. Sussex No. 9, Stanstead, appears to be in a dormant condition; have taken in no new members for some time and appears to hold only five regular meetings in the year. It has been suggested that if this Preceptory were moved to Sherbrooke, they would have a much brighter prospect, as there is a Chapter there to draw from. Your Council therefore recommend that this matter be referred to the Provincial Prior and Grand Chancellor to make any necessary arrangements for the removal of this Preceptory from Stanstead to Sherbrooke.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT NO. 6.

From the report of the Provincial Prior of this district we learn that the Order is progressing in New Brunswick. Whilst the increase in numbers is not large still the prospects are bright for the future. The grim reaper Death has been gathering in some of the bright Masonic lights of this Province, whose loss has been keenly felt by the Knights Templar. The Provincial Prior visited all the Preceptories in his district and speaks in high terms of praise as to the work done by Ivanhoe Preceptory No. 26, Moncton, and the Encampment of St. John No. 3A, St. John.

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT NO. 7.

The report from this district shows that peace and harmony prevail, that the Preceptories are doing well and increasing in membership, and that the prospects for the future are good.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 10.

The Provincial Prior from this district reports no great gain in membership during the past year, but that prospects are encouraging.

IN CONCLUSION.

Your Grand Council are pleased to note that the membership is still increasing, and that a great improvement is manifested in the Preceptories in working the ritual. More interest is taken in the work now that that a drill book is in the Preceptories, and the uniform more general.

Your Council would again bring before the notice of Provincial Priors the necessity of holding Preceptories of Instruction. We have recommended this over and over again, but it does not appear to be acted on.

Very successful Ascension Day services were held in Toronto and Windsor, the latter having a very large attendance. No doubt next year will see the day observed in other places as well, and more interest taken in this solemn event.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

† CHAS. F. MANSELL,
Chairman

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. F. Mansell, and

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

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Council through its Committee on Jurisprudence announced that as nothing had been submitted to them, they had nothing to report.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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

[See Appendix.]

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. E. Sir Kt. Will H. Whyte, and

RESOLVED—That the report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and printed with the proceedings of Great Priory.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead herewith submit their report. It is well to remember that as we ever anticipate with pleasure the renewal of friendships, and cementing of ties of good fellowship at our annual gatherings; that we also have to expect to record the loss of some of those who have been our companions in the past, and who have shared with us in working for the interests of the Order. Thus continually is brought to our notice the shortness of life, and the inevitable certainty of death. May we so act that when our time comes, our Fratres may remember our good deeds as we gratefully remember those of our departed members.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of the dear ones who have gone before. May their good deeds be long remembered by loving hearts.

Amongst those who have passed over to the great silent majority are the following past officers of Great Priory: R. E. Sir Kt. R. W. Crookshank, Past Deputy Grand Master; R. E. Sir Kts. Jas. H. Pullen, of New Brunswick, and A. H. Van Etten, of Manitoba, Past Provincial Priors of those Provinces respectively, and V. E. Sir Kts. W. M. Hamilton, W. C. Morrison, H. V. Cooper and J. Henry Leonard.

We recommend that the usual memorial pages be placed in the proceedings to the memory of departed Fratres.

† W. M. LEMESSURIER,
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Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. W. M. LeMessurier, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

HONORARY RANK.

The special committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Master, by resolution of Great Priory at last session, to take into consideration the question of conferring honorary rank on members of subordinate Preceptories, presented the following report through R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons, on behalf of R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Roaf, chairman of said committee :

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master :

The special Committee to whom you referred the question and advisability of Sovereign Great Priory conferring the honorary rank of Preceptor upon members of subordinate bodies at their request, and who had not earned said rank as provided for by the statutes, after giving the matter careful consideration beg to report, that it would not be in the interests of Great Priory that such rank should be conferred in future upon any Sir Knight, but in all cases the statutes should be followed before a Sir Knight can become a member of Great Priory.

Respectfully submitted.

† WILLIAM ROAF,
Chairman.

Moved by R. E. Sir Kt. William Roaf, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Fitzsimmons, and

RESOLVED—That the report of the Special Committee on Honorary Rank as now presented be received and adopted.

R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson drew attention to an error that had occurred in printing the last edition of the statutes, in section 136, relating to chains instead of straps for the belt. He moved, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Dewar,

That printed slips be provided containing an exact copy of the clause relating to the Belt, as in the Statutes of 1894, the same to be pasted over that portion relating to the Belt in the

Statutes of 1897, and all Preceptories now having a last issue of said Statutes of 1897 be provided with said slips and a circular explaining why they are issued.

After some discussion it was pointed out that the Supreme Grand Master had referred to this error in his address and that the Committee on said address would embody a suggestion in their report, whereupon

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Charles F. Mansell,

That further discussion be deferred until the Committee on the Grand Master's Address had presented their report to Great Priory.—Carried.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, by command of the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master Great Priory was called from labor to refreshment, to assemble at half past two o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The labors of Sovereign Great Priory were resumed at half-past two o'clock, the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master on the throne and the Great Officers and members occupying their several stations as at the morning session.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address presented their report as follows :

The Grand Council are able to congratulate the Grand Master on the attention he has given to the affairs of Great Priory and on the official visits he has been enabled to make during the year. Those visits were highly appreciated by the Preceptories that were honored, while the instruction and advice given by the Grand Master were productive of much good. We can also extend our congratulations to the Deputy Grand Master, who has been of great assistance to the Grand Master during the year, and has officially visited several Preceptories in the Provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick.

With reference to the recommendation that the Grand Master should have power to deputize some

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prominent or well-skilled Fratre to visit and report on such Preceptories as he, the Grand Master, may deem desirable, the Grand Council agree with the Grand Master as to the desirability of an official visit of inspection to each Preceptory, and would point out that Great Priory has provided the means of having such inspection. Each district has a Provincial Prior who represents the Grand Master in such district. His duty is clearly laid down in the constitution.

The Grand Council are aware, however, that in a few districts the Preceptories are so widely scattered, and such long distances intervene, that circumstances may prevent a Provincial Prior from visiting some particular Preceptory. In such case the Grand Council endorse the views of the Grand Master, to the effect that he should be empowered to appoint a qualified Fratre, if possible, living in or near the Preceptory in question, to make an official visit and report.

We approve of the suggestion that the Grand Chancellor prepare and forward to the various Provincial Priors a form of tabulated statement to be filled in and forwarded before first of July in each year to him, for the information of the Grand Master. Provincial Priors must be impressed with the necessity of attending to their duty in this respect. If they are conscientious in the discharge of their duties none of our Preceptories will have been neglected. We agree with our Grand Master that the office carries with it duties to be performed as well as responsibilities, and if a Provincial Prior is so false to his obligations as to neglect his District, Great Priory should empower the Grand Master to remove the erring Fratre from office with loss of his rank, and that power to fill such vacancy should be conferred on the Grand Master.

The Grand Council regrets that the Special Committee is unable to report the completion of arrangements with St. Stephen's Encampment, but are pleased to learn from the Deputy Grand Master that the settlement of the question has been amicably debated. We therefore recommend the continuance of the Special Committee for another year, and trust that success may crown their efforts.

The Grand Council express gratification at the continued increase in our membership, and that peace and harmony prevail within our borders, and commend to all the sensible and patriotic utterances of the Grand Master regarding the national character of the Order in Canada. We are in accord with the Grand Master in his expression of kind and fraternal feeling toward our Frateres to the south of us, and join heartily with him in his congratulations to the Great Republic on the result of the late war with Spain. We trust that the much-talked-of Anglo-American alliance may be a consummated fact, and that hereafter they may stand shoulder to shoulder against all foes, and take a prominent part in the spread of Christianity and civilization throughout the whole world. We join with our Grand Master in his prayer for comfort from on High for those whom the late war has bereft of dear ones.

We approve of the various Dispensations issued by the Grand Master during the year.

We note the decisions given by the Grand Master during the year and hereby approve of same.

The action of the Grand Master in providing for an exemplification of the work during the session of Great Priory is strongly commended, as good results will certainly follow.

It is with pleasure we note that the financial position of Great Priory is satisfactory.

The Grand Council desire to express the deep sense of gratitude to the Great Priory of England and Wales for the kind and courteous manner in which they received and acceded to the request of our Grand Master in waiving claim to exclusive jurisdiction in Newfoundland.

May the wishes of our Grand Master as to the perfect completion of our Canadian nationality by the entrance of the Ancient Colony into the Confederation, be speedily realized.

With reference to the remarks of the Grand Master on the mistake which has crept into the Statutes of 1897 with regard to the uniform, the Board is of the opinion that the Grand Chancellor should have slips provided

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making the Statutes of 1897 agree with the Statutes of 1894, and said slips should be inserted in the Statutes now in possession of Great Priory, and also be forwarded to each Preceptory with instructions to insert same in Statutes in their possession.

As the Statutes of 1897 are distributed among the Preceptorics and bear the authority of Great Priory, and have been acted upon by some of the Preceptorics in the purchase of uniforms, your Committee recommend that such Preceptorics which have adopted and have in use the belts with the barrel chains attached, be allowed to continue the use of same until such time as each of them (the said Preceptorics) shall, by a vote of the members, decide to adopt the straps on the belt, as called for by the Statutes of 1894.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

† E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Sir Kt. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, and

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

PLACE OF MEETING.

Upon nominations being asked for next place of meeting, it was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Carson, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. J. H. Mattice, and

RESOLVED—That Sovereign Great Priory hold its Annual Assembly for 1899 at the City of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario.

DATE OF MEETING.

R. E. Sir Kt. L. B. Archibald, of Truro, suggested that in the interests and convenience of members residing in the Maritime Provinces, Great Priory should assemble on some day later in the week than had been the custom. After some discussion

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. William Gibson, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Walker, and

RESOLVED—That Great Priory be called to meet on a Thursday in September, date to be left with the Supreme Grand Master.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Kts. William Gibson and L. B. Archibald scrutineers of the ballot.

One nomination only having been made for the following offices, the following Eminent Sir Knights were declared unanimously re-elected :

M. E. Sir Kt.	Daniel Fraser Macwatt.....	Supreme Grand Master
R. E. "	John Valentic Ellis.....	Deputy Grand Master
M. E. "	Will. H. Whyte.....	Grand Chancellor
R. E. "	John R. Battsby, D. D.....	Grand Chaplain
R. E. "	Oliver S. Hillman.....	Grand Treasurer

After nominations the following Great Officers were declared unanimously elected :

R. E. Sir Kt.	W. D. Tawse, Guelph.....	Grand Constable
R. E. "	C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto...	Grand Marshal
R. E. "	A. A. Campbell, London.....	Grand Registrar

The following Eminent 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.	A. H. Clarke, Windsor.....	London District
R. E. "	Charles Smith, Hamilton.....	Hamilton District
R. E. "	William Simpson, Toronto....	Toronto District
R. E. "	R. H. Klock, Klock's Mills....	Kingston District
R. E. "	W. M. LeMessurier, Montreal.	Quebec District
R. E. "	A. I. Trueman, St. John..	New Brunswick District
R. E. "	Hon. D. C. Fraser, Guysboro.	Nova Scotia District
R. E. "	C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg.	Manitoba District
R. E. "	Robt. E. Brett, Victoria, British Columbia	District
R. E. "	R. 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 :

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- V. E. Sir Kt. D. Darrach, M. D., Kensington, P. E. I., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 V. E. " J. I. Phillips, St. Johns, P. Q., Grand Sub-Marshal
 V. E. " Frank L. Tufts, St. John, N. B., Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 V. E. " W. E. Idsardi, St. Thomas, Ont., Grand Almoner
 V. E. " John Hooper, Hamilton, Ont., Grand First Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " Geo. Johnson, Brockville, Ont., Grand Second Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " D. H. Campbell, Halifax, N. S., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
 V. E. " W. P. Ryrie, Toronto, Ont., Grand Captain Guard
 V. E. " J. R. Stuart, Stratford, Ont., Grand Sword Bearer.
 V. E. " S. J. Tunstal, M. D., Vancouver, B. C., Grand Organist.
 V. E. " G. M. Jarvis, Moncton, N. B., Grand Pursuivant
 V. E. " G. W. Henderson, Truro, N. S.Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

- R. E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley Windsor, Ontario
 R. E. " William Roaf 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. " J. B. Tresidder Montreal, Quebec
 R. E. " J. S. Dewar London, Ontario
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald Truro, Nova Scotia
 R. E. " H. A. Collins Toronto, Ontario

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- 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 Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By R. E. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman :

That Sec. 28 be amended as follows by adding : " A Provincial Grand Prior shall not during his term of office be eligible for office in any Preceptory. If a Knight holding office in a Preceptory, save that of Presiding Preceptor, be elected or appointed Provincial Grand Prior, such election or appointment shall *ipso facto* operate to vacate the office held by him in the Preceptory."

By R. E. Sir Kt. O. S. Hillman :

That the Grand Master appoint a commttee to report to Great Priory a scheme for the re-organization of Great Priory on the lines of Provincial Grand Priories in substitution for the present Great Priory.

INSTALLATION.

At the request of the Supreme Grand Master, the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Most Eminent Sir Kt. Will. H. Whyte, Past Supreme Grand Master, assisted by R. E. Sir Kts. Oliver S. Hillman and J. B. Tresidder.

The Supreme Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chancellor, Grand Chaplain and Grand Treasurer having been re-elected, were duly proclaimed in their respective offices, as well as the following Provincial Grand Priors: R. E. Sir Kts. W. M. LeMessurier, Quebec District, A. I. Trueman, New Brunswick District, and R. MacNeill, M. D., Prince Edward Island District.

The following Provincial Priors and elective officers were then installed and invested as follows :

R. E. Sir Kt. Hon. D. C. Fraser	.....	Provincial Prior
R. E. " Charles Smith	.....	Provincial Prior
R. E. " C. W. Postlethwaite	.....	Grand Marshal
R. E. " A. A. Campbell	.....	Grand Registrar

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

RESOLUTIONS.

Thanks to Hamilton.

It was moved by R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, seconded by R. E. Sir Kt. A. I. Trueman, and

RESOLVED—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered the members of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 8, for the courtesies extended during this session and for the excellent programme of entertainment they had issued in honor of the many visiting Sir Knights to the city of Hamilton.

The Supreme Grand Master then announced that, at his request, immediately after the session was closed the following Preceptories would exemplify the degrees of the Orders before the members of Great Priory,

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viz: St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37, of Sarnia—The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, of London, Ont.—The Order of the Temple. Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, of Montreal, Que.—The Order of Malta.



The business of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada being concluded, it was closed in **Simple Form** at 4.15 o'clock, p. m.

≠ *D. Macrobert*

Supreme Grand Master.

≠ *Will. A. White*

Grand Chancellor.

ADDENDA.

EXEMPLIFICATION

Of the Degrees of the Order before the Members
of Sovereign Great Priory, Sept. 6th, 1898.

BY

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE PRECEPTORY NO. 37, OF SARNIA, ONT.
RICHARD CŒUR DE LION PRECEPTORY NO. 4, OF LONDON, ONT.
AND
RICHARD CŒUR DE LION PRECEPTORY NO. 7, OF MONTREAL, QUE.

ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF THE RED CROSS.

At 4.30 p. m. the officers of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory No. 37, of Sarnia, assumed their several stations and proceeded to exemplify in full paraphernalia the degree of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the officers taking part as follows :

V. E. Sir Kt.	T. G. Johnston M. D.....	Sovereign Master
E. "	John Chester.....	Prince Chancellor
"	Walter D. Hall.....	P. Master of the Palace
"	Rev. T. R. Davis.....	Ex. High Priest
"	Ben. Yapp.....	M. of Cavalry
"	W. A. Wiggins.....	M. of Infantry
"	A. E. Savage.....	M. of Finance
"	A. E. Savage.....	M. of Dispatches
"	W. Weafer.....	Sword Bearer
"	T. Pierson.....	Standard Bearer
"	W. Jackson.....	Warder
"	W. Oldham.....	Sentinel

The aspirants were R. A. Companions Thomas Harrington Taylor, of Hamilton, and John Henry Modeland, of Sarnia.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

At 8 p. m. the officers and members of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 4, of London, Ont., proceeded to exemplify the Novitiate, Installation, and Consecration of the Templar Order in the full uniform

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as adopted by Great Priory and according to the Ceremonies and Manual of Tactics. The officers took their places as follows:

R. E.	Sir Kt.	A. A. Campbell.....	Preceptor
"	"	C. W. Davis.....	Constable
"	"	A. T. Cooper.....	Marshal
"	"	T. H. Weldon.....	Sub-Marshal
R. E.	"	J. S. Dewar.....	Registrar
R. E.	"	J. Dambra.....	Chaplain
R. E.	"	W. J. Carson.....	Director of Ceremonies
"	"	S. J. Southcott.....	Organist
"	"	F. A. Andrews.....	Captain of the Guard
"	"	W. H. Escott.....	First Standard Bearer
"	"	John Paul.....	Second Standard Bearer
"	"	J. T. Stephenson.....	Sword Bearer

Knights forming lines, triangles, etc.: Sir Knights W. A. Wilson, A. H. Gammon, W. T. Stenberg, Wm. Wyatt, W. H. Chittick, G. E. Coleman, C. J. Mills, John Graham, and A. Williamson.

Aspirants: Red Cross Companions T. H. Taylor and J. H. Modeland.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO MOST EM. SIR KNIGHT
E. E. SHEPPARD, PAST SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

Between the conferring of the degrees the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master took the opportunity of presenting to Most Em. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard a Past Grand Master's Jewel. In presenting it he referred to the interest and work the Most Eminent Knight had evinced in the Sovereign Great Priory during the time he had held office, and hoped he would be long spared to wear the Jewel of a Past Grand Master.

The Most Eminent Sir Knight in a few courtly remarks thanked the Grand Master and the Sir Knights of Great Priory for their gift which he would ever wear in affectionate remembrance of the many pleasant hours spent in the service of the Templar Order in Canada. He regretted very much that an important public engagement had prevented his attendance at Great Priory during the day, but he had taken the train at the earliest possible opportunity in order to be with

them. He again thanked the members of Great Priory and stated his services would be at all times at the disposal of the Order whenever and wherever required.

ORDER OF MALTA.

At 9.45 the officers and members of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory No. 7, Montreal, P. Q., in the costume of the Order—black cloaks, red tunics, and Malta caps—forming in procession entered the Lodge room in order to confer the degree of the Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta. The officers occupying the various stations as follows:

E. Sir Kt. J. Ireland Phillips.....	E. Prior
M. E. " Will. H. Whyte.....	as Chaplain
R. E. " W. M. LeMessurier.....	as Registrar

AT THE EAST TABLE.

E. Sir Kt. J. I. Phillips.....	E. Prior
" W. T. McLaurin.....	Captain General
" Wm. Campbell.....	First Lieut.-Commander
" Fred. H. Barr.....	Second Lieut.-Commander
" T. A. Emmans.....	Third Lieut.-Commander

AT THE OCTAGON TABLE IN THE WEST.

R. E. Sir Kt. J. B. Tresidder.....	Mareschal
" T. A. Morrison.....	Hospitaller
" W. S. Scudder.....	Admiral
" W. H. Norkett.....	Conservator
" W. H. Gardiner.....	Baillie
" Henry Briggs.....	Turcopolier
" George H. Wilkinson.....	Chancellor
" E. C. Thurber.....	Treasurer

GUARDS TO THE BANNERS.

Under command of Sir Knight F. H. Barr, Second Lieut.-Commander:

Sir Kt. D. A. Young.....	Banner B
" J. H. Lalonde.....	Banner L
" L. E. Trudeau.....	Banner D
" Wm. Haire.....	Banner R
" George Carson.....	Banner A
" H. Higginbotham.....	Captain of Outposts
" D. A. Young.....	Sentinel

Aspirants: Sir Knights T. H. Taylor and J. H. Modeland.

Previous to the closing of the Priory, the R. Em. the Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight J. V. Ellis, arose

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and said: "Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, before this Priory is closed, I desire to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Eminent Preceptors and fratres of the three Preceptories who have so excellently well exemplified the ceremonies of our Order. I do not wish to be invidious, when all have done their work in such an equally creditable manner; but I wish to congratulate the Knights from Montreal, not only for the work, but for the handsome manner in which they are costumed and the way the Malta degree has been set. In the Maritime Provinces we have a Preceptory that works the Malta almost as well, but is without the handsome paraphernalia of the Montreal Knights. It gives me much pleasure to propose this vote of thanks."

M. Em. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, Past Grand Master, in seconding the motion, said: "I wish to second that motion and say how pleased I am to see the junior Preceptory of the jurisdiction from Sarnia, that old stand-by from London, and the Knights from Montreal, do such excellent work as has been shown this day before Great Priory. I am exceedingly and most agreeably surprised at the Montreal Preceptory, who only a few years ago upon some of my official visits, could scarcely muster a dozen of members, and now they send nearly 400 miles such a handsomely uniformed and costumed corps to work the Malta degree. What has been accomplished by Montreal can surely be followed by others to the credit and glory of the Order. It is with exceedingly much pleasure I second this motion."

The M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master said that it was also with much pleasure and satisfaction he put the motion to Great Priory. He wished to add his hearty congratulations to the Sir Knights of the three Preceptories for the hearty manner they had accepted the invitation to exemplify the work before Great Priory, and the admirable manner each one had carried out their part.

The motion was unanimously carried with much enthusiasm.

The Priory of Malta was then closed in full form.

RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT

TO THE

Sovereign Great Priory and Visiting Sir Knights

BY

Godfrey De Bouillon Preceptory No. 3, Hamilton, Ont.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1898.

This has been a busy day for the Sir Knights of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, who headed by the Thirteenth Battalion Band, have been meeting the incoming trains and cordially welcoming the visitors to the Sovereign Great Priory. A number of the Eastern Preceptories arrived early in the day, Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, of Montreal, came headed by a pipers' band. At 1.30 the Western Preceptories began to arrive, among them, a large contingent from Richard Cœur de Lion, No. 4, from London, Windsor No. 26, from Windsor, and St. Simon of Cyrene No. 37, from Sarnia. The Sovereign Great Priory was opened at 10.15. The Montreal Knights under Em. Sir Knight Phillips acted as escort for the Supreme Grand Master during the opening ceremonies.

The Sovereign Great Priory finished their session at 4.30 o'clock when the balance of the afternoon and evening was occupied with the exemplification of the degrees. During the early part of the evening James and King streets were crowded with people. The Gore was brilliantly illuminated in honor of the Knightly visitors and was greatly admired. The Royal and Waldorf Hotels, at which the majority of the Knights were stationed, were also very prettily illuminated.

Early in the evening before the evening ceremonies commenced, a number of the uniformed Knights from the various Preceptories, headed by the 13th Batt. Band and the Montreal Royal Scots' Pipe and Drum Band, took a short parade around town in order to view the illuminations.

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER, 7TH.

To-day was recreation day for the Knights Templar who have been attending the session of Great Priory.

The local committee from Godfrey de Bouillon, was composed as follows: R. E. Sir Knights O. S. Hillman, J. H. Mattice, W. G. Reid, John Malloy, Thos. Hood, E. A. Dalley, John Tunstead, J. J. Mason, W. R. House, Charles Smith, Charles Magill, Gavin Stewart, J. W. Murton, J. H. Stone and Wm. Gibson, M. P., Em Sir Knights John Hooper and D. J. Peace and Sir Knights T. M. Davis, James Hooper, John Hoodless, T. McCallum, O. G. Draper, Wm. Noble, James Lyon, Geo. Robinson, and Fred Walter.

AT HAMILTON BEACH.

At 10 o'clock A. M. a half dozen of the fine large cars of the Hamilton Radial Railway were filled with 300 to 325 Knights and their Ladies, accompanied by the celebrated 13th Batt. Band and the Montreal pipe band, and an extremely enjoyable trip was taken to the Beach. Upon arrival there the visitors were escorted to the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club House where they spent an hour in a most enjoyable way. Music was furnished by the two bands and a number of songs were contributed. After refreshments were served the party returned to the city.

PARADE.

At two o'clock the various Preceptories assembled at their headquarters and marched to the Masonic Temple, when they were formed in order and walked in procession through the principal streets of the city headed by their bands. The leading Preceptories being Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, of Hamilton, Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4, of London, Ont., Richard Cœur de Lion No. 7, of Montreal, P. Q., and Windsor No. 26, of Windsor, Ont. the other Preceptories falling in under their respective divisions. The officers of the Great Priory following in carriages. The parade halted at the Drill Hall where short addresses were given by M. E. Sir Kt. D. F. MacWatt, Supreme Grand Master, R. E. Sir Kt. J. V. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master, M. E. Sir Kt.

Will H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, M. P. and R. E. Sir Kt. D. C. Fraser, M. P. of Guysboro, N. S.

This gave an opportunity to express thanks to the city brethren, and what was said was very gratifying to the Hamilton Knights.

The leading officials took seats on the platform. E. Sir Knight John Hooper acted as chairman and called on Grand Master Macwatt.

The Supreme Grand Master first tendered the thanks of the visiting Sir Knights to their fratres of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory; their hospitality had been unstinted in every way. The recent meeting, he said, had been one of the most pleasant he had ever attended. The Hamilton members had been most attentive; nothing had escaped them.

The Grand Master went on to speak of the Priory as a national institution that spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the good it was accomplishing, and that it was a Masonic body having undivided sway over the entire Dominion, and was in this instance representatively Canadian.

Deputy Grand Master R. Em. J. V. Ellis, M. P., was the next speaker. He, too, had nothing but good to say about Hamilton's hospitality. Referring to the Great Priory, he said there was much pleasure as well as benefit to be derived from associations like the present, and many strong friendships would be formed by members residing in different portions of the Dominion. As a military organization it made soldiers of its members, for it taught them to obey orders. Knights Templarism, in his opinion, was a valuable thing, and there was compensation for the work expended in connection with it.

M. Em. W. H. Whyte, Grand Chancellor, followed with a brief speech, in which he thanked the local members on behalf of the Montreal Knights. The latter's visit in such numbers, he said, was a result of Godfrey de Bouillon's visit to Montreal last year. He closed with a synopsis of the Order's aims and objects.

The next to take the platform was R. Em. Wm. Gibson, M. P. He, on behalf of the Hamilton members, returned thanks to the visitors for the many kind things they had said. Referring to the demonstration, he said this year's was the first of a purely Canadian nature. The Knights Templar had succeeded in rounding up the Dominion for they were going to annex Newfoundland by instituting a Preceptory in that ancient colony.

"Last but not least," as the chairman put it, came R. Em. the Hon. D. C. Fraser, the big M. P. of Guysboro, who delivered a nicely-rounded address full of sweet things. He had been in Hamilton before for missionary purposes, he said, but this time he came to enjoy himself and had succeeded admirably. Hamilton's hospitality was unsurpassed. Speaking of Knight Templarism, he said it possessed the spirit of true chivalry. They did not go forth, as the Templars of old, but their work was noble and fitted to modern times; it lived never to die.

After cheers had been given for the Queen and the ladies, the band played the national anthem, and the meeting ended.

CONCERT AT THE ARMORY.

An audience of about 1500 persons heard the concert in the Armory in the evening, which wound up the Templar festivities.

After the parade several five o'clock teas were given by the ladies of the local Sir Knights. The leading Great Officers of Great Priory and some of their ladies being entertained in a most delightful manner by Mrs. John Hoodless at her beautiful and charming residence.

ROLL OF OFFICERS, 1898-99.

M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel F. Macwatt, Barrie, Ont. Supremé Grand Master

GREAT OFFICERS.

R. E. Sir Kt. John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B. Deputy Grand Master
 M. E. " Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Que. Grand Chancellor
 R. E. " Rev. J. R. Battisby, D. D., Chatham, Ont. Grand Chaplain
 R. E. " W. D. Tawse, Guelph, Ont. Grand Constable
 R. E. " C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto, Ont. Grand Marshal
 R. E. " Oliver S. Hillman, Hamilton, Ont. Grand Treasurer
 R. E. " A. A. Campbell, London, Ont. Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

R. E. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Windsor, Ont. London District
 R. E. " Charles Smith, Hamilton, Ont. Hamilton District
 R. E. " Wm. Simpson, Toronto, Ont. Toronto District
 R. E. " R. A. Klock, Klock's Mills, 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. " Hon. D. C. Fraser, Guysboro, N. S. Nova Scotia District
 R. E. " C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg, Man. Manitoba District
 R. E. " R. E. Brett, Victoria, B. C. British Columbia District
 R. E. " Roderick MacNeill, M. D., Stanley Bridge, Prince Edward District

GRAND OFFICERS.

V. E. Sir Kt. D. Darrach, M. D., Kensington, P. E. I. Grand Vice-Chancellor
 V. E. " J. I. Phillips, St. Johns, P. Q. Grand Sub-Marshal
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GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

R. E. Sir Kt. David L. Carley Windsor, Ont.
 R. E. " Charles F. Mansell Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " Thomas Walker, M. D. St. John, N. B.
 R. E. " Wm. G. Reid Hamilton, Ont.
 R. E. " Wm. Roaf Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. Gibson, M. P. Beamsville, Ont.
 R. E. " J. B. Tresidder Montreal, Que.
 R. E. " J. S. Dewar London, Ont.
 R. E. " L. B. Archibald Truro, N. S.
 R. E. " H. A. Collins Toronto, Ont.

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 Great Officers and Provincial Grand Priors.

COMMITTEES.

WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights H. A. Collins, Chairman; A. H. Clarke, W. D. Tawse, C. Smith, A. A. Campbell.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights William Gibson, Chairman; J. B. Tresidder, Wm. G. Reid, C. W. Postlethwaite, R. A. Klock.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Roaf, Chairman; O. S. Hillman, D. L. Carley, W. Simpson, L. B. Archibald.

CONDITION OF THE TEMPLAR ORDER.—R. E. Sir Knight Chas. F. Mansell, Chairman; L. B. Archibald, R. MacNeill, Rev. J. R. Battisby, D. D.

JURISPRUDENCE.—R. E. Sir Knights Judge A. I. Trueman, Chairman; Thos. Walker, M. D., J. S. Dewar, Hon. D. C. Fraser.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, Chairman; J. B. Tresidder, W. M. LeMessurier.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—R. E. Sir Knight W. M. LeMessurier, Chairman; M. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, R. E. Sir Knight D. L. Carley.

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

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 B. 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

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

- 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.

- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec, Great Priory 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 of Quebec, Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec, Great Priory of Canada.
 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, Great Priory of Canada.
 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 of Canada; Past Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, Great Priory of Canada.
 R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, Burlington, Vermont, Hon. Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of 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. Walter H. Macnee,
107 Bagot Street..... Presiding Preceptor
" W. J. Renton..... Constable
" Wm. B. Skinner..... 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..... 1888
V. E. " Robert V. Matthews..... 1884
R. E. " Wm. Waddington, jr., "..... 1886
R. E. " Allan McLean..... 1889
E. " Wm. M. Drennan, "..... 1891
R. E. " George Sommerville, "..... 1892
V. E. " Wm. L. Hamilton, Belleville..... 1893
E. " Henry I. Wilkinson, Kingston..... 1894
John Hewton..... 1896

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

E. Sir Kt. W. P. Ryrie, 54 Bay Street..... Presiding Preceptor
" Spencer Love..... Constable
" J. W. Jones..... Marshal
" Walter H. Blight, 82 Adelaide St. East.... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. James K. Kerr, G. C. T., Toronto..... 1869
V. E. " Thomas Sargent, Toronto..... 1876
R. E. " James Bower Nixon, "..... 1877
R. E. " Rich'd J. Hoyenden, "..... 1878
R. E. " John Ross Robertson "..... 1881
R. E. " Napoleon T. Lyon, "..... 1888
R. E. " James Douglass..... 1884

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M. E.	Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, Toronto.....	1885
R. E.	Geo. S. McConkey	1886
V. E.	John Hetherington, Toronto.....	1887
R. E.	John Simpson, Niagara, Affiliated.....	1886
M. E.	Edmund E. Sheppard, Toronto, Affiliated.....	1887
R. E.	Robert L. Patterson,	1888
R. E.	James Glanville,	1889
R. E.	H. A. Collins,	1891
R. E.	Benjamin Allen,	1892
R. E.	Arthur A. S. Ardagh,	1893
R. E.	Wm. Roaf,	1894
V. E.	William Simpson,	1895
E.	Joseph King,	Honorary
V. E.	Chris. J. Hobb,	1896
R. E.	Joseph Tomlinson	1897

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

V. E. Sir Kt. John Hooper,
 77 Victoria Ave. N..... Presiding Preceptor
 " T. M. Davis..... Constable
 " James Hooper..... 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.....	1880
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
E.	Daniel J. Peace, Hamilton.....	1893
R. E.	James H. Mattice,	1894
R. E.	Charles Smith	1895

No. 3a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N. B. Instituted 1856. Meets on the second Wednesday in each month.

E. Sir Kt. Alex. R. Campbell,
 64 Germain St..... N. & E. Commander
 " George Blake..... Lieut. Commander
 " Wm. B. Wallace..... Mareschal
 " Joseph A. Magilton, 71 Germain St..... Registrar

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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
V. E.	"	F. L. Tufts, Sussex	1890
R. E.	"	John A. Watson, "	1891

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Frank E. Davis	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Chas. W. Davis	Constable
"	"	Albert T. Cooper	Marshal
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar, 97 Warcliffe Road	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Alfred G. Smyth, London	1874
R. E.	"	D. Burleigh Burch, Lambeth	1877
R. E.	"	James Sutton, M. D. Clandeboye	1882
V. E.	"	William Hawthorne, Detroit, Mich.	1884
V. E.	"	John Ferguson, London	1884
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar, "	1885
R. E.	"	H. C. Simpson, "	1885
R. E.	"	Albert E. Cooper, "	1891
R. E.	"	Arthur Carrothers, "	1892
V. E.	"	Henry Stratfold, "	1893
V. E.	"	James B. Bishop, Hamilton	Affiliated
E.	"	William Walls Gray, London	Honorary
R. E.	"	Joseph Dambra, "	1895
R. E.	"	W. J. Carson, "	1896
R. E.	"	A. A. Campbell, "	1897

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Wm. M. Black, 8 Lorne Terrace	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	M. McF. Hall	Constable
"	"	C. I. Donovan	Marshal
V. E.	"	D. H. Campbell, 47 Argyle Street	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	James Dempster, Halifax	1880
R. E.	"	John W. Rubland, "	1886
R. E.	"	Alexander Ross, "	1891
V. E.	"	Daniel H. Campbell, "	1892
R. E.	"	James Halliday, "	1894
E.	"	William Crowe, "	1897

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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	
"	Wm. Webster	Constable	
"	Wesley Lattimer	Marshal	
"	A. McGinnis, 358 George St.	Registrar	

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt.	Wm. 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.

V. E. Sir Kt.	J. I. Phillips, St. Johns, Que.	Presiding Preceptor	
"	W. T. McLaurin	Constable	
"	Wm. Campbell	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 in January, April July, October and December.

E. Sir Kt.	John A. Marquis, Albert St.	Presiding Preceptor	
"	Chas. G. McGhie	Constable	
"	Jas. A. Grobb	Marshal	
"	Chas. O. Beam, Ontario 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. "	J. B. Bishop, "	Affiliated
V. E. "	George Burch, "	1890
R. E. "	J. H. Ingersoll, "	1892
R. E. "	Charles H. Connor, "	1898
E. "	Charles Burch, "	1895
E. "	John W. Coy, "	1897

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

V. E.	Sir Kt.	A. N. Thompson,.....	Presiding Preceptor
V. E.	"	Wm. M. Pike.....	Constable
E.	"	C. M. Thomas.....	Marshal
R. E.	"	H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Quebec.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	Edson Kemp.....	1873
V. E.	"	Charles H. Kathan, Stanstead.....	1882
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, ".....	1893
V. E.	"	George L. Pinkham, Coaticooke.....	1894
E.	"	Charles M. Thomas, Stanstead.....	1896

10—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated 10th April, 1890,
Meets second Tuesday in every month.

E.	Sir Kt.	A. Oelschlager, Duke St., Berlin.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	R. Webb,.....	Constable
"	"	R. Howie.....	Marshal
"	"	H. E. Jackson, 17 Wyndham St.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Kt.	Henry Robertson (Honorary) Collingwood..	1869
V. E.	"	Henry Lockwood, Goderich.....	1884
R. E.	"	Hugh Walker, Guelph.....	1886
E.	"	Robert Gemmel, ".....	1892
E.	"	H. N. Barry, ".....	1893
R. 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 Kt.	LeBaron Wilson, 76 Germain St.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Alfred Dodge.....	Constable
"	"	Frank A. Godsoe.....	Marshal
V. 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.	"	William H. Thorne,	1895
V. E.	"	Howard D. McLeod,	1896
E.	"	Wm. Ezra Vroom,	1896
		(Honorary)	1896

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

E. Sir Kt.	J. B. McPhee, Worsley St.	Presiding Preceptor
"	Warren Johnson	Constable
"	George G. Smith	Marshal
"	John M. Bothwell, 82 Owen St.	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	J. McLean Stevenson, Barrie	1882
V. E.	"	Fred. Wilmot, Brighton, N. Y.	1888
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.	"	Robt. A. Douglas, Barrie	1888
M. E.	"	Samuel Wesley, Barrie	1885
V. E.	"	Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Barrie	1886
V. E.	"	Sydney J. Sanford, Barrie	1887
R. E.	"	James H. McKeggie, Barrie	1889
R. E.	"	John V. Ellis (Honorary), St. John, N. B.	1890
V. E.	"	Hugh A. McKay, Berlin, Ont.	1891
V. E.	"	Robert Esteen Fletcher, Barrie	1892
V. E.	"	George Monkman, Barrie	1893
V. E.	"	James Choppen Morgan, M. A., Barrie	1894
V. E.	"	Daniel W. B. Spry, Chatham	1895
V. E.	"	Wm. J. Hallet, Barrie	1896

13.—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
"	"	W. H. Walkey		Constable
"	"	John Beatty		Marshal
"	"	Chas. Cameron, 19 Division St.		Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Kt.	Rev. V. Clementi, B. A., Peterborough	.....	1871
R. E.	"	E. H. D. Hall,	"	..... 1879
R. E.	"	Benjamin Shortly,	"	..... 1891
E.	"	Charles Cameron,	"	..... 1892
V. E.	"	David Spence,	"	..... 1888
E.	"	Thomas Horner,	"	..... 1895
V. E.	"	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
"	"	W. T. Hewitt, Main Street	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	John Elliott, Almonte	.....	1885
E.	"	David Sheppard,	"	..... 1887
E.	"	Robert Pollock,	"	..... 1888
V. E.	"	John M. Munro,	"	..... 1890
E.	"	William Smith,	"	..... 1890
E.	"	Ralph Hill,	"	..... 1891
E.	"	John Ballantyne, Lisbon Falls, Maine, U.S.A.	.....	1892
E.	"	John B. Barrie, Almonte	.....	1898
V. E.	"	Wm. H. Burgess,	"	..... 1894
E.	"	Robert A. Klock,	"	..... 1895
E.	"	Wm. H. Thomas, North Bay	.....	1897

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, Hamilton	.....	1885
E.	"	Philip Taylor, Whitby	1889
V. E.	"	John H. Gale,	" 1890
V. E.	"	Alex. M. Ross,	" 1892
E.	"	A. G. Henderson,	" 1896

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16—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont. Warrant dated 8rd May, 1872
Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

V. E.	Sir Kt. Geo. Johnson, 5 Hamilton St.	Presiding Preceptor	
"	W. W. Wood	Constable	
"	S. R. Stayner	Marshal	
"	John Easton, M. D., Court House Square	Registrar	

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Kt. John Dumbrille, Maitland	1878
V. E.	John Easton, M. D., Brockville	1875
E. E.	George Gale,	1885
R. E.	C. H. Fitzsimmons,	1890
V. E.	James A. Poulton,	1895
E.	Thomas A. Stayner,	1897

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

E. Sir Kt.	Peter H. Cox, Paris	Presiding Preceptor
"	J. H. Spence	Constable
"	Herbert Reed	Marshal
"	Joe. J. Inglis, 66 Clarence St.	Registrar

Preceptors.

E. Sir Kt.	W. F. Patterson, Brantford	1896
V. E.	W. H. Inglis,	1897

18—PALESTINE, Port Hope, Ont. Warrant dated 81st May,
1872. Meets fourth Thursday of every month.

E. Sir Kt.	R. C. Smith, Augusta St.	Presiding Preceptor
"	A. I. Hewson	Constable
"	H. A. Ward	Marshal
"	E. J. W. Burton, 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,	1896
R. E.	A. E. Hargraft, Cobourg	1894
R. E.	R. C. Smith, Port Hope	1895
E.	J. R. Fitzgerald, Colborne	1896
E.	L. E. Horning, Toronto	1897

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

E. Sir Kt. J. C. Eccles..... Presiding Preceptor
 " R. G. W. Connolly..... Constable
 " L. A. Congdon..... Marshal
 " G. S. Middaugh..... 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, "1882
 V. E. " Thos. 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
 E. " F. J. Ramsey, "1897

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

V. E. Sir Kt. D. W. B. Spry, P. O. Box 15.. Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " Frederick Bates..... Constable
 E. " George W. Sulman..... Marshal
 R. E. " Thos. C. MacNabb, 150 King St. West.. Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Thomas C. MacNabb, Chatham.....1877
 R. E. " Frederick Bates, "1883
 V. E. " William Ball, "1887
 R. E. " Rev. John R. Battisby, D.D., Chatham.....1894
 E. " John E. Johnston. "1895
 E. " Geo. W. Sulman, "1896

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

V. E. Sir Kt. L. Slater, 48 Flora St..... Presiding Preceptor
 " H. Roe..... Constable
 R. E. " R. A. Mackay..... Marshal
 E. " W. E. Idsardi, 86 Elgin St..... Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt. Robert A. Mackay, St. Thomas.....1880
 E. " William H. King, "1881
 R. E. " A. E. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.....1884

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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

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

V. E. Sir Kt.	J. Russell Stuart, Caledonia Street	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	W. J. Mooney	.....	Constable
"	Rev D. Williams	.....	Marshal
"	E. E. C. Kilmer, Stratford	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Richard Radcliffe, Goderich	.....	1883
R. E.	Joseph Beck, Salford	.....	1884
E.	Frank F. Lawrence	.....	1886
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
E.	H. Fred Sharp, St. Marys	.....	1897

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.

R. E. Sir Kt.	John Ross Robertson, Toronto	.....	"	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.	A. W. Chapman, 608 Broadway	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	J. W. Harris	Constable
"	T. H. Billman	Marshal
"	D. McIntosh, 219 Notre Dame St.	Registrar

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R. E. Sir Kt. F. W. McElhinney Marshal
 " 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
 R. E. " D. C. Fraser, New Glasgow 1897

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

E. Sir Kt. E. C. Davies, 109 Given St. Presiding Preceptor
 " A. L. Malone Constable
 V. E. " Geo. F. Riddell Marshal
 " 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
 R. E. " C. W. Postlewaithe, " " 1890
 R. E. " H. D. Stilson, Bennington, N. Y. (Honorary). 1890
 R. E. " Wm. James Hughan, Torquay, Eng., " 1890
 V. E. " F. F. Manley, Toronto 1891
 V. E. " Fred M. Morson, " 1892
 E. " Geo. S. Ryerson, M.D. " 1893
 R. E. " John Hetherington, " Affiliated
 E. " James Glanville, " Affiliated
 V. E. " John A. Cowan, " 1894
 R. E. " William Walker, " 1895
 E. " H. B. Howson, " 1896
 " J. J. Cassidey " 1897

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

E. Sir Kt. A. C. Muir,
 " Graving Dock, Esquimalt. Presiding Preceptor
 R. E. " T. B. Pearson Constable
 E. " R. E. Brett Marshal
 " C. E. Renouf, Battery St., P.O. Box 86.. Registrar

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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. E.	"	C. E. Renouf, "	1896
R. E.	"	R. E. Brett "	1897

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

E.	Sir Kt.	Arthur Rogers, P.O. Box 433, Presiding Preceptor
"	"	Henry A. Hood, Constable
"	"	A. J. McCallum, 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. E.	"	N. J. B. Tooker, "	1896
V. E.	"	A. M. Perrin, M. D., "	1897

32—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont. Dispensation dated 24th February, 1893. Warrant dated 18th July, 1893. Meets third Wednesday in every month.

V. E.	Sir Kt.	William Bowden,
"	"	177 Florence Street, 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)	1893
E. E.	"	David Taylor, "	1893
M. E.	"	E. T. Malone, Toronto (Honorary)	1893
V. E.	"	A. A. Henderson, Ottawa	1895
R. E.	"	R. A. Klock, Aylmer	—

33—CYPRUS, Calgary, Alberta, N. W. T. Dispensation dated 2nd July, 1891. Warrant dated 28rd August, 1895. Meets last Friday of each month.

E.	Sir Kt.	E. Nelson Brown, Presiding Preceptor
"	"	A. W. K. Markley, Constable
"	"	A. Carson, Marshal
"	"	A. W. Whitehead, Northcote Ave., Registrar

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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
E.	"	James Walker	..... 1897

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

E. Sir Kt.	H. H. Watson	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	C. H. Gatewood	.....	Constable
"	William Greer	.....	Marshal
"	Peter McNaughton, 1182 Pender St.	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	Wm. A. Downie	.....	(Charter) 1895
R. E.	"	Thomas H. Tracey	..... " 1895
E.	"	Thomas E. Atkins	..... 1896
E.	"	S. J. Tunstall, M. D.	..... 1897

85—PRINCE EDWARD, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Dispensation dated 12th November, 1895. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets third Wednesday of each month.

E. Sir Kt.	Thomas A. McLean,		
"	P. O. Box 358	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	John A. Messervey	.....	Constable
"	John J. Davies	.....	Marshal
"	H. W. Anderson,		
"	P. O. Box 8, Charlottetown	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	B. MacMeill, M. D.	.....	1896
V. E.	"	Donald Darrach	..... 1897

86—IVANHOE, Moncton, N. B. Dispensation dated 16th November, 1895. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets first Monday of each month.

V. E. Sir Kt.	G. M. Jarvis, P.O. Box 248	.....	Presiding Preceptor
"	J. E. Masters	.....	Constable
"	Edward Tweedie	.....	Marshal
"	F. N. Hall, Alma St., Moncton	.....	Registrar

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Kt.	L. B. Archibald, Truro (Hon'y)	.....	Affiliated 1895
V. E.	"	T. V. Cooke, Moncton	..... Affiliated 1895
V. E.	"	H. B. Fleming	..... 1895
V. E.	"	George Ackman	..... 1897

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

37—St. SIMON OF CYRENE, Sarnia, Ont. Dispensation dated 9th April, 1896. Warrant dated 16th September, 1896. Meets fourth Thursday of each month.

- V. E. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnston, Cromwell St.. Presiding Preceptor
- “ William D. Hall Constable
- “ Robert Kerr Marshal
- “ James Woods, Front St.....Registrar

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Kt. T. G. Johnston, M. D.....1896

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LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. A. H. Clarke, Windsor.

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

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Charles Smith, Hamilton.

No. 8.	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. William Simpson, Toronto.

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

KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. R. A. Klock, Aylmer, Que.

No. 1.	Hugh de Payens, Premier, Kingston, County.....	Frontenac
"	6. King Baldwin, Belleville.....	Hastings
"	12. Moore, Peterborough.....	Peterboro
"	16. Gondemar, Brockville.....	Leeds
"	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. 8a.	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. D. C. Fraser, M. P. Guysboro.
 No. 5. Nova Scotia, Halifax..... County Halifax
 " 27. Malta, Truro..... " Colchester
 " 31. Yarmouth, Yarmouth..... " Yarmouth

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. C. H. Enderton, Winnipeg, Man.
 No. 24. Albert Edward, Winnipeg..... County Selkirk
 " 33. Cyprus, Calgary, Alberta..... Northwest Territory

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. R. E. Brett, Victoria, 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.....	354	Members, 6	Preceptories.
2—Hamilton District.....	258	"	5
3—Toronto District.....	398	"	7
4—Kingston-Ottawa District....	185	"	5
5—Quebec District.....	107	"	3
6—New Brunswick District.....	200	"	3
7—Nova Scotia District.....	117	"	3
8—Manitoba District.....	126	"	2
9—British Columbia District....	63	"	2
10—Prince Edward Island District	24	"	1
	1892		37

ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS, JANUARY, 1898

NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
Hugh de Payens	Prem Kingston, Ont.	14th Feb			

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ROLL OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, AND INSTALLATIONS, JANUARY, 1898

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	NIGHT OF MEETING.	PRESIDING PRECEPTOR.	REGISTRAR.
1	Hugh de Payens Prem Kingston, Ont.	Kingston, Ont.	11th Feb. 1874	Monday in Jan., April, July, Oct., and Friday, and 15th March	W. H. Macnee	Robt. Hendry, Jr.
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldem'r Toronto, Ont.	Toronto, Ont.	8th Mar.	1854 2nd and Friday, and 15th March	W. P. Kyrie	Walter I. Bright.
3	Geoffrey de Bonillon Hamilton, Ont.	Hamilton, Ont.	25th Oct.	1855 1st Friday of each month	John Hooper	Thos. McCallum.
4	Richard Cœur de Lion London, Ont.	London, Ont.	29th May	1856 2nd Wednesday of each month	A. K. Campbell	Joseph Magilnon.
5	Richard Cœur de Lion London, Ont.	London, Ont.	11th Oct.	1858 1st Friday of each month	Frank E. Davis	John S. Dewar.
6	King Balthaz. Belleville, Ont.	Belleville, Ont.	18th Oct.	1858 1st Friday of each month	Wm. M. Black	D. H. Campbell.
7	Richard Cœur de Lion Montreal, Que.	Montreal, Que.	9th June	1861 3rd Tues. in Jan., Apr., July, Oct., Dec.	S. S. Bazzier	A. McGinnis.
8	Plantagenet Montreal, Que.	Montreal, Que.	5th Dec.	1863 4th Thursday of each month	J. L. Phillips	C. A. Humphrey.
9	Sussex St. Catharines, O.	St. Catharines, O.	14th Nov.	1866 2nd Mon. in Jan., Apr., July, Oct., Dec.	John R. Marquis	Charles O. Beam.
10	Victoria St. Catharines, O.	St. Catharines, O.	30th May	1867 Thu. b.f. in Jan., Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.	John T. Macdonald	H. E. Jamnell.
11	Union de Mōlay St. John, N. B.	St. John, N. B.	1st Mar.	1867 2nd Tuesday of each month	A. Oeschlager	H. E. Jamnell.
12	Mount Calvary Barrie, Ont.	Barrie, Ont.	12th April	1869 4th Tuesday of each month	LeBaron Wilson	H. D. McLeod.
13	Malrose Peterboro, Ont.	Peterboro, Ont.	27th May	1870 1st Tuesday of each month	J. B. McPhee	J. M. Bothwell.
14	Harrington North Bay, Ont.	North Bay, Ont.	14th April	1871 1st Monday of each month	A. St. A. Smith	Chas. Cameron
15	St. John the Almoner Whitby, Ont.	Whitby, Ont.	8th Mar.	1872 2nd Tuesday of each month	W. H. Thomas	Wm. Hewitt.
16	Odo de St. Amand Brockville, Ont.	Brockville, Ont.	3rd Mar.	1872 4th Thursday of each month	W. G. Henderson	Joseph White.
17	St. John the Almoner Toronto, Ont.	Toronto, Ont.	17th May	1872 4th Friday of each month	Peter H. Cox	John Easton.
18	St. Bernard de Clairv's Dundas, Ont.	Dundas, Ont.	31st May	1872 4th Thursday of each month	R. C. Smith	os. J. Inglis.
19	St. Bernard de Clairv's Dundas, Ont.	Dundas, Ont.	16th Oct.	1874 1st Thursday of each month	D. W. B. Spry	C. S. Widdough.
20	Kent Chatham, Ont.	Chatham, Ont.	7th Mar.	1877 3rd Friday of each month	J. C. Eccles	T. C. Macnabb.
21	Burleigh St. Thomas, Ont.	St. Thomas, Ont.	7th Mar.	1878 4th Monday of each month	L. Slater	W. E. C. Kilmer.
22	St. Elmo Stratford, Ont.	Stratford, Ont.	8th Mar.	1880 2nd Friday of each month	R. Russell Stuart	E. C. Clark.
23	Rhodes Pt. Arthur, Ont.	Pt. Arthur, Ont.	9th Mar.	1880 2nd Friday of each month	K. E. Mitchell	D. McIntosh.
24	Albert Edward Winnipeg, Man.	Winnipeg, Man.	27th April	1880 2nd Wednesday of each month	James F. Hicks	C. L. A. Kuhring.
25	William de la More Quebec, Que.	Quebec, Que.	1st May	1882 1st Tuesday of each month	James F. Hicks	C. L. A. Kuhring.
26	Windsor Windsor, Ont.	Windsor, Ont.	9th Sept.	1882 1st Tuesday of each month	G. W. Edgar	John Sale.
27	Cyrene Truro, N. S.	Truro, N. S.	1st Dec.	1885 2nd Monday of each month	W. G. Henderson	L. B. Archibald.
28	Western Gate Toronto, Ont.	Toronto, Ont.	12th July	1887 3rd Friday of each month	E. C. Davis	W. M. Walker.
29	Yarmouth Victoria, B. C.	Victoria, B. C.	28th May	1891 2nd Tuesday of each month	A. C. Muir	C. W. Kenouf.
30	Ottawa Ottawa, Ont.	Ottawa, Ont.	1st Feb.	1892 4th Monday of each month	Arthur Rogers	G. E. Johnson.
31	Cyprus Calgary, Alberta	Calgary, Alberta	24th Feb.	1894 1st Wednesday of each month	Wm. Bowden	A. W. Whitehead.
32	Columbia Vancouver, B. C.	Vancouver, B. C.	4th Mar.	1894 4th Thursday of each month	H. H. Watson	P. McNaughton.
33	Prince Edward Charlottetown, P. E. I.	Charlottetown, P. E. I.	12th Nov.	1895 1st Wednesday of each month	T. A. McLean	H. W. Anderson.
34	Ivanhoe Moncton, N. B.	Moncton, N. B.	16th Nov.	1895 3rd Monday of each month	Geo. M. Jarvis	F. N. Hall.
35	St. Simon of Cyrene Sarnia, Ont.	Sarnia, Ont.	9th April	1895 4th Thursday of each month	T. G. Johnston	James Woods.

RECAPITULATION.

OF THE RETURN OF PRECEPTORIES FOR THE TERM ENDED
80TH JUNE, 1898.

Preceptories established.....	39
" affiliated.....	1
" ceded to Great Priory of Victoria, Australia....	8
Number on the roll.....	37

DEGREES CONFERRED.

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Red Cross.....	54	109	90	211	185	218	184	152
Templar.....	71	107	106	208	150	218	170	144
Malta.....	62	90	80	194	185	210	186	140

MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

Number of members 80th June, 1897.....	1764
Less error.....	8
Admitted to 80th June, 1898.....	1756
Joined from other Preceptories.....	148
Restored.....	6
Withdrawn.....	1920
Suspended, non-payment dues.....	29
Deaths.....	31
	28— 88
Members in good standing, 30th June, 1898.....	1882
Increase 1898.....	76

PRECEPTORIES AND MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

PROVINCE.	NO. PRECEPTORIES.				NO. MEMBERS.				
	1894	1895	1896	1897	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Alberta, N. W. T.....	1	1	1	1	20	22	21	23	23
British Columbia.....	1	1	2	2	24	26	61	62	63
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	1	115	118	110	100	103
New Brunswick.....	1	1	2	3	35	37	70	207	200
Nova Scotia.....	3	3	3	3	119	123	122	123	117
Ontario.....	22	22	23	23	896	954	1054	1126	1195
Quebec.....	3	3	3	3	84	88	94	101	107
Prince Edward Id....	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	22	24
	32	32	36	37	1293	1368	1548	1764	1882

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STATISTICAL RECORD.
PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.

Year.	Preceptories.	Members.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1855.....	3	48	£29 0s 0d	£29 0s 0d
1856.....	3	59		
1857.....	4			
1858.....	4		£22 0s 0d	£18 11s 8d
1859.....	5		10 9 2	4 8 9
1860 (no meeting)			31 15 5	27 14 3
1861.....	6		16 12 5	18 9 9
1862.....	6		2 12 4	12 6
1863.....	6			
1864.....	6			
1865.....	6		18 15 5	4 18 0
1866.....	6		£67 54	£56 89
1867.....	7			

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						
1871.....	13					\$480 42	\$ 254 44
1872.....	17					857 68	174 59
1873.....	16					596 09	758 28
1874.....	19					990 64	944 88
1875.....	19	58	4	68		762 74	685 25
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NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY FORMED 10TH AUGUST, 1867.

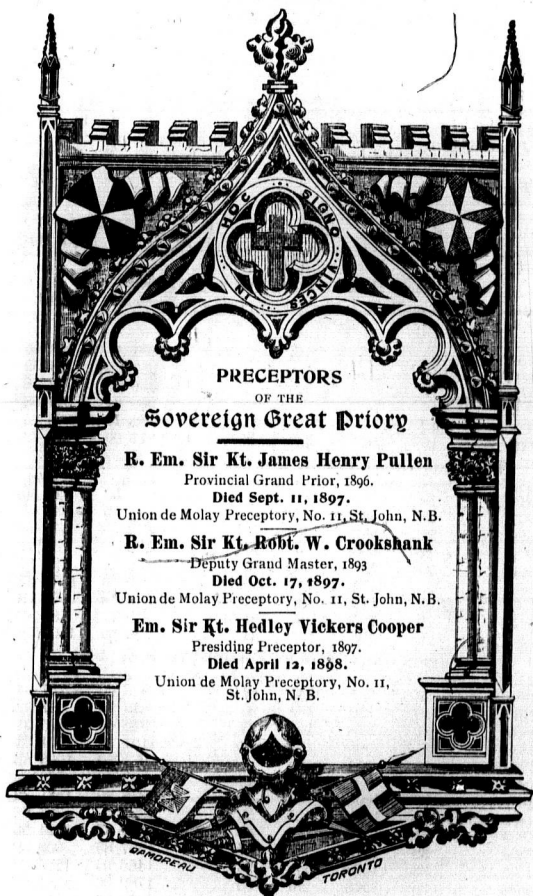
Year.	Precep's.	Memb's	Adm's	Incr'se	Dec'se	Receipts.	Expend.
1876.....	19					\$785 58	\$ 428 80
1877.....	20	420	45			810 05	842 05
1878.....	21	587	40			374 90	846 40
1879.....	21	608	37	21		596 33	785 62
1880.....	25	686	74	28		650 51	598 14
1881.....	25	676	86	50		1089 00	1042 87
1882.....	26	710	78	34		1146 86	958 18
1883.....	26	795	105	51		912 70	787 82
1884.....	26	795	107	34		980 00	1105 55

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 00	\$ 787 64
1886.....	28	880	102	35		848 75	937 92
1887.....	31	918	108	38		842 69	875 01
1888.....	31	990	104	72		1191 06	1004 54
1889*.....	28	944	85	46		981 60	1006 88
1890.....	28	990	82	46		822 00	766 02
1891.....	29	1008	86	18		1278 20	1331 72
1892.....	30	1058	151	50		1297 50	786 62
1893.....	31	1116	132	61		1071 87	1224 95
1894.....	32	1278	105	157		1807 85	909 80
1895.....	33	1368	172	95		1466 94	1228 54
1896.....	36	1548	281	180		1789 00	1021 92
1897.....	37	1764	328	216		1377 77	1516 15
1898.....	37	1832	164	76		1728 01	1714 21

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

In Memoriam.



PRECEPTORS

OF THE

Sovereign Great Priory

R. Em. Sir Kt. James Henry Pullen

Provincial Grand Prior, 1896.

Died Sept. 11, 1897.

Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, St. John, N.B.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Robt. W. Crookshank

Deputy Grand Master, 1893

Died Oct. 17, 1897.

Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11, St. John, N.B.

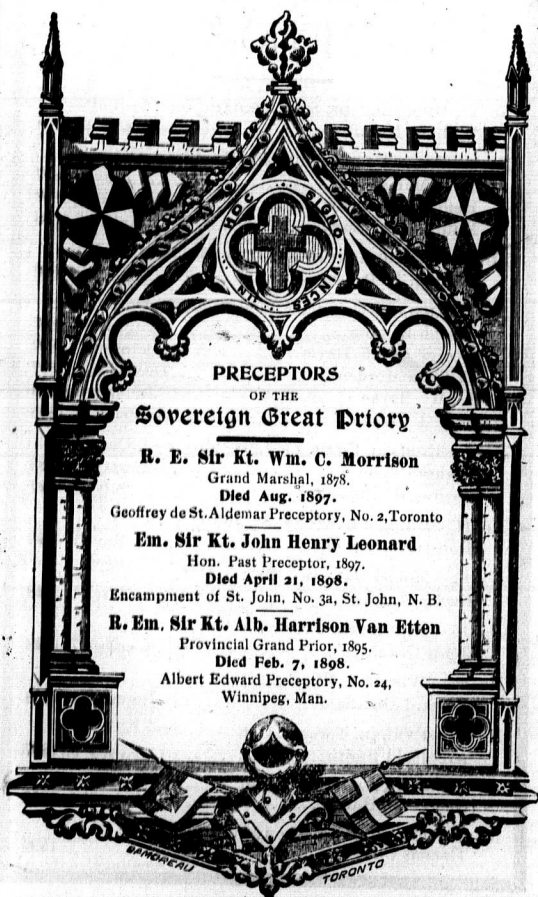
Em. Sir Kt. Hedley Vickers Cooper

Presiding Preceptor, 1897.

Died April 12, 1898.

Union de Molay Preceptory, No. 11,
St. John, N. B.

In Memoriam.



PRECEPTORS

OF THE

Sovereign Great Priory

R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. C. Morrison

Grand Marshal, 1878.

Died Aug. 1897.

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, Toronto

Em. Sir Kt. John Henry Leonard

Hon. Past Preceptor, 1897.

Died April 21, 1898.

Encampment of St. John, No. 3a, St. John, N. B.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Alb. Harrison Van Etten

Provincial Grand Prior, 1895.

Died Feb. 7, 1898.

Albert Edward Preceptory, No. 24,
Winnipeg, Man.

IN MEMORIAM.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 William Hamilton..... March 2, 1898
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 John McKay..... July 7, 1897
 Henry Sweetman..... Dec. 5, 1897
 Maurice E. Bessey..... April 14, 1898
- No. 3a—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N. B.
 William L. Prince..... March 8, 1898
- No. 4—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
 Joseph Kilgour..... August 22, 1897
 George Caniff Davis..... October 21, 1897
 William Morden..... December 3, 1897
 L. W. Burke..... January 3, 1898
 Wm. J. Clarke..... January 23, 1898
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que.
 Richard Tyler..... February 10, 1898
 Arthur H. Doran..... July 23, 1897
- No. 11.—UNION DE MOLAY, St. John, N. B.
 Robert W. Stevens..... May 11, 1898
- No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
 George Inglis..... March 1, 1898
- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
 John Grant..... December 7, 1898
- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 Edward Gartfield..... January 12, 1898
- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
 Archibald Smith..... July 9, 1897
- No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.
 George A. Harris..... April 5, 1898
- No. 34.—COLUMBIA, Vancouver, B. C.
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WITHDRAWALS.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 Wm. A. Medland.....February 12th, 1897
 G. E. Foster.....April 8th, 1898
 George Fair.....May 18th, 1898
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 Robert Magness.....December 3rd, 1897
 Wm. G. Henderson.....
 William Monaghan.....September 3rd, 1897
- No. 3a.—ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N. B.
 William A. Davis.....October 18th, 1897
 Harry B. Fleming....." "
 Harry Beckwith....." "
 John B. Sangster....." "
 Harold Gilbert.....December 8th, 1897
 Henry Seeley Dodger....." "
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
 Alfred Hirst.....October 8th, 1897
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
 William George Squares.....July 2nd, 1897
- No. 6.—KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont.
 Stanley Clark Warner.....May 17th, 1898
- No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont.
 Arthur C. Gardner.....March 12th, 1895
- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
 David Taylor.....April 28th, 1898
- No. 17.—ODO DE ST. AMAND, Brantford, Ont.
 Albert Edward Harly.....December 22nd, 1897
 John Sutherland.....March 7th, 1898
- No. 21.—BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont.
 D. W. B. Spry.....December 27th, 1897
 Hugh McKillop.....January 24th, 1898
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
 Charles Catkins.....July 13th, 1897
 T. Harry Webb.....
 William Henry Kelsey.....July 11th, 1898
 Edgar Henry Williams.....February 8th, 1898
- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 John Bott.....March 9th, 1898

- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
 George Brooks Leslie..... March 29th, 1898
- No. 32.—OTTAWA, Ottawa, Ont.
 R. N. Craig..... February 16th, 1898
- No. 88.—CYPRUS, Calgary, Alberta.
 James Robertson Mitchell..... December 29th, 1897
- No. 84.—COLUMBIA, Vancouver, B. C.
 I. Bernard Heimick..... October 28th, 1897
- No. 86.—IVANHOE, Moncton, N. B.
 John Leonard Harris..... January 10th, 1898

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- No. 2.—GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 L. B. Montgomery..... January 14th, 1898
 Robert H. Reid..... " "
 J. T. Thompson..... " "
- No. 3.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
 John Burns..... May 6th, 1898
 Albert W. Ardiel..... " "
- No 3a. ENCAMPMENT OF ST. JOHN, St. John, N. B.
 Henry Buchanan..... June 8th, 1898
 George B. Dewitt..... " "
 Daniel Jordan..... " "
 Carl G. Longhien..... " "
 William A. Metzler..... " "
 Frank A. Nevers..... " "
 John T. Nuttall..... " "
 Christian A. Robertson..... " "
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
 Joseph Hook..... April 8th, 1898
 William Gall..... " "
- No. 5.—NOVA SCOTIA, Halifax, N. S.
 Thomas E. Chase..... July 1st, 1898
 Thomas H. Francis..... " "
 Edward Farmer..... " "
 William A. Mott..... " "
 C. L. F. Ruchoff..... " "
 William H. Soper..... " "
- No. 7.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, P. Q.
 Robert A. Kellond..... April 25th, 1898
 Thomas Leders..... " "

- No. 12.—MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont
Sidney James Sanford..... June 23rd, 1898
- No. 13.—MOORE, Peterborough, Ont.
Duncan Cameron January 28th, 1898
- No. 16.—GONDEMAR, Brockville, Ont.
Thomas Kearns..... April 28th, 1898
- No. 26.—WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
William James Liversey..... February 1st, 1898

SUSPENSIONS, UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

- No. 29.—CYRENE, Toronto, Ont.
John Gray Gibson..... November 19th, 1897

RESTORATIONS.

- No. 8.—GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.
William R. Fish..... April 1st, 1898
- No. 4.—RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, London, Ont.
Alfred Hirst..... October 8th, 1897
- No. 10.—VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont.
Thomas New..... March 25th, 1898
Harry Lockwood.....
- No. 24.—ALBERT EDWARD, Winnipeg, Man.
Robert Manford..... November 9th, 1897

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

FROM ITS FORMATION, 10TH AUGUST, 1876, TO 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1898.

MEMO—Sir Knights whose names appear in the following list 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, Geo., Grand Guard, 1897, I. C. Railway, Moncton, N. B.
 Adams, A. G., K.C.T., Grand Marshal, 1881, 39 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, 32 Colborne Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Ames, Alexander, Grand Pursivant, 1893, Sherbrooke, Que.
 Amsden, Samuel, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1887, Dunnville, 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, B.C.

B

- Ball, William, Preceptor, 1887-88, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Ballantyne, John, Preceptor, 1892, Lisbon Falls, Maine.
 Barre, John A., Preceptor, 1893, Almonte, Ont.
 Barringer, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1892, Windsor, Ont.
 Barry, Harvey N., Preceptor, 1898, 66 London Road, Guelph, Ont.
 Bates, Fredrick, Grand Chaplain, 1886-91, Chatham, Ont.
 Battsby, D. D., Rev. John R., Grand Chaplain, 1894-98, Park Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Beck, Joseph, Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1887, Salford, Ont.
 Bell, C. F. W., Preceptor 1898, 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, Winnipeg, Man.
 Bingay, T. V. B., Grand Marshal, 1897, 61 William Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Black William M., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 8 Lorne Terrace, Halifax, N. S.

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- Bowden, William, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1897, 177 Florence St., Ottawa, Ont.
- Braund, W. N., Grand Pursuivant 1881, Dunnville, Ont.
- Brett, R. E., Provincial Grand Prior, British Columbia, 1898, N. Y. Life Ins. Co., Victoria, B. C.
- Brown, E. Nelson, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Calgary, Alberta.
- 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, 1880, Cooper Street, Ottawa, Ont.
- c
- Cameron, Charles, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1880, Collingwood, Ont.
- Cameron, Charles, Preceptor, 1892, 502 George St. Peterboro, Ont.
- Campbell, A. A., Grand Registrar, 1898, London, Ont.
- Campbell, Daniel H., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1898, 47 Argyle St., Halifax, N. S.
- Campbell, A. R., Em. Commander, 1898, 64 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.
- Carley, David L., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895-6, London District, Sandwich St., Windsor, Ont.
- Carpenter, E. R. Grand Assistant Sub-Marthal, 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.
- Chapman, A. W. Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 603 Broadway, Winnipeg, Man.
- 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., Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1898, 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.
- Cooper, Albert E., Grand Marshal, 1892, Princess Avenue, London, Ont.
- Couper, Archibald A., Grand Pursuivant, 1882, Dunnville, Ont.
- Cowan, John A., Preceptor, 1894, Custom House, Toronto, Ont.
- Cox, Peter H., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Paris, Ont.
- Coy, John W., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, 189 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Craig, Peter A., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1894, Windsor, Ont.
- Craig, Robert J., Grand Constable, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
- 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, Ont.
- Darrach, Donald, M. D., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1898, Kensington, P. E. I.
- Dartnell, Judge, G. H. F., Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1877, Whitby, Ont.
- Davis, Frank E., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, "The Barracks," London, Ont.
- Davis, E. C., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 109 Given St., Toronto, Ont.
- Dempster, James, Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District, 1883-85, Halifax, N. S.
- Dewar, John S., Grand Registrar, 1885, "Free Press," London, Ont.
- Deyell, Robert, Preceptor, 1898, 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, Young Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Douglas, Robert A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 86 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
- Downie, William, 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.
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- Easton, John, M. D., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1886, King Street, Brockville, Ont.

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- Eccles, John C., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Dunnville, Ont.
 Edgar, Joseph Samuel, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 61 Bruce Avenue, Windsor, 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., Provincial Grand Prior, Manitoba, 1898, Winnipeg, Man.
 Evans, W. S., Grand Pursuivant, 1888, 88 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.
 Forbes, Jas. Gordon, Judge, Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Ford, N. W., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1897, 88 St. George Street, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Fraser, Hon. D. C., Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia, 1898, New Glasgow, N. B.
- G
- Galbraith, T. J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, Dunnville, Ont.
 Gale, John H., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1898, Whitby, Ont.
 Gale, George, Preceptor, 1898, Brockville, Ont.
 Gemmill, 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.
 Godsoe, T. Amos, Hon. Provincial Grand Prior, 1897, St. John, N. B.
 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.

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- 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.
- 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. Shrewbaw 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.
- Henderson, George W., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Truro, N. S.
- Hetherington, John, Grand Captain Guard, 1887, 74 Argyle Street, Toronto, Ont.
- Hewton, John, Preceptor, 1896, 131 King Street, Kingston, Ont.
- Hicks, James P., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 189 Oliver Street, Quebec, Que.
- Hill, Ralph, Preceptor, 1891, Almonte, Ont.
- Hill, Wm., Preceptor, 1891, care Bole & Wynne, Winnipeg, Man.
- Hillman, Oliver S., Hon. Deputy Grand Master, 1897, Grand Treasurer, 1892-98, 75 Hughson St. North, Hamilton, Ont.
- Hohl, Chris. J., Grand Director of 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.
- Hooper, John, Grand First Standard Bearer, 1898, 77 Victoria Avenue, Hamilton, Ont.
- Horner, Thomas H., Preceptor, 1895, 380 London Street, Peterborough, Ont.
- Horning, L. E., 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.

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 Idsardi, W. E. Grand Almoner, 1898, P. O. Box 447, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Ingersoll, J. H., Grand First Standard Bearer, 1896, St. Catharines, Ont.
 Inglis, William H., Grand Pursuivant, 1897, 73 Chatham Street, Brantford, Ont.
 Irwin, James M., Grand First Captain Guard, 1878, Peterborough, Ont.

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 Jackson, John J., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1894, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Jarvis, George M., Grand Pursuivant, 1898, P. O. Box 248, Moncton, N. B.
 Jones, Charles A., Grand First Aide-de-Camp, 1878, Oshawa, Ont.
 Johnson, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1898, 5 Hamilton Street, Brockville, Ont.
 Johnson, Geo. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1897, Main Street, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Johnston, John E., Preceptor, 1895, 88 King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Johnston, T. G., M. D., Grand Pursuivant, 1896, Christina St., Chatham, Ont.

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 Kathan, C. H., Grand Chamberlain, 1870, Rock Island, Que.
 Kemp, Edson, Grand Registrar, 1876, Stanstead, Que.
 Kerr, John, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, 1870, 155 Earl St., 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, 34 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., Provincial Grand Prior Ottawa-Kingston District, 1898, Aylmer, Que.
 Knowles, Charles, Grand Marshal, 1891, 28 Artillery Street, Quebec, Que.
 Kuhring, C. L. A., Grand Almoner, 1889, Garneau Street, Quebec, Que.

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 Lattimore, R. F., Preceptor, 1894, Dunnville, Ont.
 Lazier, S. S., Provincial Grand Prior Kingston, District, 1888-84 Hotel Street, Belleville, Ont.
 Learmont, A. H., Preceptor, 1896, Truro, N. S.
 LeMessurier, William M., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896-98, 848 Commissioner Street, Montreal, Que.
 Liddell, James G., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1896, Brantford, Ont.

- Lightbourne, P. J., Preceptor, 1888, Cobourg, Ont.
 Lindsay, N. J., Provincial Grand Prior Manitoba District, 1897,
 Stephen Avenue East, Calgary, N. W. T.
 Lockwood, Harry, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1884, God-
 erich, Ont.
 Logan, W. E., Provincial Grand Prior, 1895, Truro, N. S.
 Lovejoy, G. W., M. D., Grand Registrar, 1890, 2204 St. Catha-
 rine 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, 1881, Windsor, Ont.
 McKeggie, J. H., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1891, Dunlop Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 McKeown, A., Grand Registrar, 1896, 311 Yale Street, Victoria,
 B. C.
 McLean, Allan, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1896,
 The Asylum, Kingston, Ont.
 McLean, John, Grand Marshal, 1879, 42 Crescent Street, Mon-
 treal, Que.
 McLean, Thomas A., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, P. O. Box 358,
 Charlottetown, P. E. I.
 McLeod, H. D., Grand Almoner, 1897, A. R. G. Office, and 190
 King Street, St. John, N. B.
 McLeod, George, Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1896, Bible
 Hill, Truro, N. S.
 McPhee, John B., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Worsley Street,
 Barrie, Ont.
 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.
 Macnee, W. H., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 107 Bagot Street,
 Kingston, Ont.
 MacNeill, Roderick, M. D., Provincial Grand Prior, 1896-98
 Stanley Bridge, P. E. I.
 Macwatt, Daniel F., Supreme Grand Master, 1897-98, 3 Owen
 Street, Barrie, Ont.

M

- Mansell, Chas. F., Provincial Grand Prior, 1894, 859 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.

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- Malloy, John, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1890, Hamilton, Ont.
 Malone, Elias T., Supreme Grand Master, 1892, 621 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Marquis, John A. Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Albert Street, St. Catharines, 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, R. 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, 1892-93-97, Port Arthur, Ont.
 Mitchell, Joseph, Grand Marshal. 1893, 310 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, Que.
 Monkman, George, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1893, 92 Dunlop Street, Barrie, Ont.
 Morgan, James C., M. A., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1894, Barrie, Ont.
 Morson, Judge F. M., Grand Pursuivant, 1892, 5 St. Patrick Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Morton, I. A., Preceptor, 1895, Wingham, Ont.
 Muir, A. C., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Graving Dock, Esquimalt, B. C.
 Munro, John McN., Grand Guard, 1898, 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 Street, Goderich, Ont.
 Nixon, J. Bower, Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District, 1892, 16 Lakeside Ave., Toronto, Ont.
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- Oelschlagel, Alfred, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Duke Street, Berlin, 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, Que.
 Paterson, Wm. F., Preceptor, 1896, Drawer 76, Brantford, Ont.
 Patterson, Robt. L., Grand Constable, 1889, 7 Jordan Street, Toronto, Ont.

- Peace, D. J., Preceptor, 1898, 107 King Street East, Hamilton, Ont.
- Perrin, A. M., M. D., Grand Sword Bearer, 1897, Yarmouth, N. S.
- Pettit, A. N., Grand Constable, 1884, Windsor, Ont.
- Phillips, Joseph Ireland, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Grand Sub-Marshal, 1898, the Barracks, St. John, Que.
- Pinkham, George L., Grand Almoner, 1894, Coaticooke, Que.
- Pike, William M., Grand Almoner, 1892, Stanstead, Que.
- Pollock, Robert, Preceptor, 188, Almonte, Ont.
- Postlethwaite, C. W., Grand Marshal, 1898, 508 Board of Trade Buildings, Deputy Harbor Master, Toronto, Ont.
- Poulton, James A., Grand Captain of the Guard, 1896, P. O. Box 89, Brockville, Ont.
- Quinlan, J. Walker, Preceptor, 1892, Walton Street, 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, 1882, 8 Reeve Street, Guelph, Ont.
- Rankin, William, Preceptor, 1890, Cobourg, Ont.
- Ramsay, F. J., Preceptor, 1897, Dunnville, Ont.
- Ray, Lieut.-Col. S. Wellington, Grand First Captain Guard, 1880, Port Arthur, Ont.
- Reid, William G., Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1886, Hamilton, Ont.
- Renouf, C. E., Preceptor, 1896, 804 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C.
- Richardson, W. A., Grand Pursuivant, 1895, Jubilee Hospital, Box 49, Victoria, B. C.
- Rickaby, D. S., Preceptor, 1886, Quebec, Que.
- Roaf, William, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1895, 28 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ont.
- 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.
- Rogers, Arthur, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Yarmouth, N. S.
- 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.
- Ruble, M. W., Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1897, 175 Owen Street, Winnipeg, Man.

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- Ruhland, J. W., Provincial Grand Prior Nova Scotia District, 1891, Halifax, N. S.
 Ryerson, George G., M. D., Preceptor, 1898, 60 College Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Ryrle, W. P., Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Grand Captain of the Guard, 1898, 64 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

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- Sadler, W. H. B., Past Commander, St. John, N. B.
 Sargant, Thomas, Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1878, Toronto, Ont.
 Schofield, M. B., Preceptor, 1887, California
 Sharp, H. Fred, Preceptor, 1897, St. Marys, Ont.
 Sheehan, James B., Preceptor, 1896, Dunnville, Ont.
 Sheppard, Edmund E., Supreme Grand Master, 1888-94, 9 Adelaide Street 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, Provincial Grand Prior Toronto District, 1896, rear 99 King Street West, Toronto.
 Slater, Luke, Grand Captain of the Guard, 1890, St. Thomas, Ont.
 Smith, Algernon St. A., Grand Sub-Marshal, 1897, Peterborough, Ont.
 Smith, Charles, Provincial Grand Prior Hamilton District, 1898, 228 John Street 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.
 Spence, David, Grand Master's Banner Bearer, 1895, Bethune Street, Peterborough, Ont.
 Spry, Daniel W. B., Grand Vice-Chancellor, 1895, Chatham, Ont.
 Stanton, John, Preceptor, 1878, Whitby, Ont.
 Stayner, Thomas A., 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., K. C. T., 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.
 Stuart, J. Russell, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, Grand Sword Bearer, 1898, Caledonia Street, Stratford, Ont.
 Sulman, George W., Preceptor, 1896-97, Garner House Block, King Street, Chatham, Ont.
 Sutton, James, M. D., Provincial Grand Prior London District, 1883, Clandeboye, Ont.
 Swayze, Wm. D., Preceptor, 1895, Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.

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- Tawse, William Donald, Grand Constable, 1898, 167 Dowling Av., Toronto, Ont.
 Taylor, David, Provincial Grand Prior Kingston District, 1889, 204 Bridge Street, Ottawa, Ont.
 Taylor, John, Grand Chamberlain, 1879, Dunnville, Ont.
 Taylor, Phillip, 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., Preceptor, 1896-97, Stanstead, Que.
 Thomas, William H., Presiding Preceptor, 1897, North Bay, Ont.
 Thompson, 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 48, Yarmouth, N.S.
 Tresidder, J. B., Grand Registrar, 1897, "Star" office, Montreal, Que.
 Trueman, A. I., Provincial Grand Prior New Brunswick District, 1897-98, St. John, N. B.
 Tufts, Frank L., Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1898, St. John, N. B.
 Tunstall, Simon J., M. D., Grand Organist, 1897, 1008 Robson 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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- 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, Harry H., Presiding Precptor, 1898, 1233 Haro Street, Vancouver, B. C.
- Watson, John A., Hon. Proy. 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, 1897-98, P. O. Box 1207, Montreal, Que.
- Wilkinson, Henry J., Grand Second Standard Bearer, 1885, 180 Wellington Street, Kingston.
- Wilmot, Fred, Grand First Captain of Gnard, 1883, P. O. Box 43, 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.
- Wilson, LeBaron, Presiding Preceptor, 1898, 76 Germain Street, St. John, N. B.
- 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.

DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS AND GRAND RECORDERS.
FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED SINCE LAST REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDER.
Alabama.....	December 1st, 1862	May 11th, 1898	Phillip Milhous, Selma	H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery.
Arizona.....	November 1st, 1893	November 10th, 1897	R. N. Fredericks, Prescott	George J. Roskrug, Tucson.
Arkansas.....	March 25th, 1823	April 19th, 1898	Jesse M. Dill, Little Rock	James A. Henry, Little Rock.
California.....	10th, 1823	21st, 1898	Robert M. Powers, San Diego	T. H. Caswell, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	March 14th, 1876	June 15th, 1898	John M. Maxwell, Leadville	Ed. C. Parmalee, Denver.
Connecticut.....	September 13th, 1827	March 9th, 1898	Edred C. DeWittney, New London	Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden.
District of Columbia.....	January 14th, 1866	May 14th, 1897	James W. Boyd, Barrow	A. W. Johnston, Washington.
Florida.....	April 25th, 1860	May 26th, 1897	A. W. Walton, Rome	Sam'l P. Hamilton, Savannah.
Georgia.....	October 27th, 1857	October 20th, 1897	James P. Sherwin, Chicago	Gilbert W. Burt, Chicago.
Illinois.....	May 10th, 1854	April 20th, 1898	John H. Nicholson, Richmond	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.
Indiana.....	August 16th, 1829	November 2nd, 1897	Francis H. Loring, Waterloo	Alf. Wingate, Des Moines.
Iowa.....	June 10th, 1838	July 13th, 1897	Ed. H. Doyle, South McAlester	Jos. S. Murrow, Atoka.
Kansas.....	20th, 1838	May 18th, 1898	Geo. H. Jenkins, Kansas City	A. M. Callahan, Topeka.
Kentucky.....	October 4th, 1847	February 18th, 1898	Robert Strong, Louisville	H. B. Grant, Louisville.
Louisiana.....	February 5th, 1852	May 5th, 1897	Frank E. Slay, New Orleans	Rich'd Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine.....	January 23rd, 1827	November 23rd, 1897	Thos. J. Shryock, Baltimore	Stephen Berry, Portland.
Massachusetts.....	May 6th, 1805	June 17th, 1898	Walter Cutting, Pittsfield	Ben. Miller, Baltimore.
Michigan.....	May 16th, 1837	May 24th, 1898	Francis M. Moore, Marquette	John A. Geovon, Lowell, Lynn.
Minnesota.....	October 22nd, 1855	June 17th, 1898	W. E. Richardson, Duluth	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul.
*Mississippi.....	January 14th, 1838	February 14th, 1897	J. T. Harrison, Columbus	John L. Power, Jackson.
Montana.....	May 22nd, 1860	September 21st, 1897	Wm. E. Bell, Fulton	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	December 28th, 1871	April 10th, 1898	John E. Bell, Great Falls	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Hampshire.....	August 21st, 1860	May 18th, 1898	W. K. Williams, York	Geo. Peaply Cleaves, Concord.
New York.....	February 18th, 1813	May 10th, 1897	John Hatch, Concord	Chas. Es. Peckhella, Trenton.
North Carolina.....	June 18th, 1813	September 14th, 1898	W. H. Sebring, Plainfield	John Es. Peckhella, Trenton.
*North Dakota.....	June 10th, 1881	May 18th, 1898	Arthur McArthur, Troy	Horace H. Munson, Albany.
Ohio.....	October 24th, 1803	September 8th, 1897	Mumford D. Bailey, Winston	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
Oklahoma.....	February 10th, 1896	September 1st, 1897	D. Black, Valley City	John Nelson Bell, Dayton.
Oregon.....	April 13th, 1887	October 4th, 1897	Robert L. Hampson, Salem	H. S. Cunningham, Guthrie.
			L. C. Marsnah, Oklahoma City	James F. Robinson, Eugene.

*Last proceedings not received.

Pennsylvania.....	April 11th, 1844	May 25th, 1898	Henry H. Kuhn, Johnston	W. W. Allen, Philadelphia.
South Dakota.....	May 14th, 1884	June 17th, 1898	Wm. T. Doolittle, Sioux Falls	Geo. A. Peckgrew, Grandreau.
Tennessee.....	October 12th, 1859	May 25th, 1898	Samuel B. Dow, Knoxville	Wm. F. Peckgrew, Grandreau.
Texas.....	January 11th, 1844	May 25th, 1898	Samuel B. Dow, Knoxville	Wm. F. Peckgrew, Grandreau.

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 Oklahoma..... February
 Oregon..... April

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Pennsylvania.....	April	11th, 1844	May	25th, 1898	Henry H. Kuhn, Johnstown.....	W. W. Allen, Philadelphia.
South Dakota.....	May	14th, 1884	June	17th, 1898	Wm. T. Doolittle, Sioux Falls.....	Geo. A. Ferguson, Flanconrau.
Tennessee.....	October	19th, 1859	May	25th, 1898	Samuel B. Dow, Knoxville.....	Wilbur F. Edwards, Nashville.
Texas.....	January	19th, 1852	April	13th, 1898	A. A. Johnston, Dallas.....	J. C. Kidd, Houston.
Vermont.....	August	14th, 1825	April	13th, 1898	Esse E. Thomson, Rutland.....	W. G. Reynolds, Burlington.
Washington.....	November	27th, 1822	December	6th, 1897	G. W. Capers, Richmond.....	James B. Blanks, Petersburg.
Washington.....	June	2nd, 1897	June	2nd, 1897	John A. Zerkow, Whiting.....	Y. C. Blalock, Walla Walla.
Wisconsin.....	February	24th, 1874	May	11th, 1898	John A. Zerkow, Whiting.....	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont.
Wisconsin.....	October	28th, 1850	October	12th, 1897	Chas. D. Rogers, Milwaukee.....	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	March	8th, 1888	April	13th, 1898	W. A. Robins, Cheyenne.....	John C. Baird, Cheyenne.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDER.
United States.....	June	21st, 1816	October 12th, 1898	R. H. Lloyd, San Francisco, Cal. Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.

GREAT PRIORITIES.

	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	DATE OF LAST MEETING.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUPREME GRAND MASTER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.
Canada.....	October 9th, 1855	September 13th, 1898	D. F. Macwatt, Barrie, Ont.	Will. H. Whyte, P. O. Box 1207, Montreal.
England.....	.....1791	May.....	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, G. C. I.....	R. Loveland-Loveland, G. C. T. C. F. Matier, Vice-Chancellor, M. M's Hall, London, Eng.
Ireland.....	.....	.....	H. R. H. Arthur Duke of Connaught, G. C. I.....	Lt. Col. A. V. Davoren, G. C. T.
Scotland.....	.....1811	.....	The Marquis of Breadalbane, K. G. C. I.....	R. H. Walker, Vice-Chancellor, Freemason's Hall, Dublin.
Victoria, Aus.....	.....1888	.....	E. H. Williams, M. D. Melbourne	Lindsay Mackery, Edinburgh. J. C. Kennedy, 36 Darling street.



REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

BY WILLIAM W. WHITE, F. R. S.

The following is a summary of the results of the investigations conducted by the author during the past few years. The results are presented in a series of papers which will be published in the next few months. The first paper is on the subject of the structure of the nucleus of the atom. It is shown that the nucleus is composed of protons and neutrons, and that the neutrons are composed of a proton and an electron. The second paper is on the subject of the structure of the atom. It is shown that the atom is composed of a nucleus and a cloud of electrons. The third paper is on the subject of the structure of the molecule. It is shown that the molecule is composed of atoms, and that the atoms are held together by chemical bonds. The fourth paper is on the subject of the structure of the crystal. It is shown that the crystal is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces. The fifth paper is on the subject of the structure of the liquid. It is shown that the liquid is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces. The sixth paper is on the subject of the structure of the gas. It is shown that the gas is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces.



... APPENDIX ...



The following is a list of the papers which are included in the appendix. The first paper is on the subject of the structure of the nucleus of the atom. It is shown that the nucleus is composed of protons and neutrons, and that the neutrons are composed of a proton and an electron. The second paper is on the subject of the structure of the atom. It is shown that the atom is composed of a nucleus and a cloud of electrons. The third paper is on the subject of the structure of the molecule. It is shown that the molecule is composed of atoms, and that the atoms are held together by chemical bonds. The fourth paper is on the subject of the structure of the crystal. It is shown that the crystal is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces. The fifth paper is on the subject of the structure of the liquid. It is shown that the liquid is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces. The sixth paper is on the subject of the structure of the gas. It is shown that the gas is composed of molecules, and that the molecules are held together by intermolecular forces.

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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

By WILL. H. WHYTE, P. O. M.

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

The Masonic grade of the Order of the Temple and Malta is pre-eminently an Anglo-Saxon institution. Outside of the United States and the British Empire the degrees are little known and there are no governing bodies. The only British proceedings we have received for review is that of the Great Priory of England, consequently our report is confined almost wholly to the American jurisdictions. The large body of Templars are comprised in the Grand Commanderies of the United States where the Order for many years has been a very popular one.

The net increase for some years has averaged about 2,500, but this seems principally to come from the older and larger jurisdictions. On looking over the very complete table of statistics compiled by the Grand Recorder of Maryland for the year 1897, we were somewhat surprised to find Canada fourth on the list. The only jurisdictions showing a larger increase being Massachusetts, 524; New York, 339; Pennsylvania, 273, and then Canada follows with 216. This same table, however, shows that during the past year eleven jurisdictions showed a net *decrease* from 1 to 33 members, including the large jurisdiction of Illinois with a net loss of 14. Six jurisdictions showed an increase only of less than 10 members. Eleven were under 43, and twelve ranged from 55 to 92. It has been customary to hear from various quarters that the Order of the Temple was not progressing in Canada, that it was almost at a stand still, etc. Compared with these American statistics this assertion is not well founded. The study of this tabular statement may prove interesting to some of our *fratres*.

It is claimed, and correctly we think, that the success of American Templarism has been largely induced

by parades, drill and the uniform. Outside of the United States the prevalent opinion was that the procuring and wearing of the uniform in the American jurisdictions was obligatory, but the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies the past two years will easily dispel that idea. A large number of the Grand Commanderies have referred to the many members who have failed to uniform and have recommended legislation that would make it obligatory. A number have suggested, and with success, that no Red Cross Companion be advanced until he has previously procured his outfit. Some jurisdictions have declined to place an obligatory law on their records, but have passed resolutions requesting their subordinate Commanderies to include this rule in their by-laws. Others again advocate a charge for initiation that will cover and include the uniform. Nine grand officers from as many jurisdictions have made complaint on this subject and recommended legislation. A large number of the Grand Commanderies are also wrestling with changes in detail of uniform and are suggesting and adopting new regulations.

Maine is doing away with guantlets, and fringe on aprons and baldric. Illinois is trying to change from red to black belt. New Hampshire brought in new regulations. North Carolina wants to change her buttons, Pennsylvania and some others are anxious to drop the baldric for the officers, (they had better drop this article altogether), while a number report great irregularity among the subordinates and are trying to re-arrange, re-affirm and re-adopt existing regulations.

We find also that the ceremony of conferring the Malta degree is "more honored in the breach than in the observance." The Grand Encampment laws enact that imparting the necessary essentials is sufficient, but we notice that one Grand Commander reports that even this was dispensed with by the large majority of his constituents. Numerous complaints are made that the subordinates seldom open or close the Commandery in full form, and resolutions were made that the full form must be observed at least a certain number of times during the year.

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We have referred to these several points, not for any desire to make unfriendly criticism or point out defects to our good friends across the border, but for the instruction of our own fratres, and to show that some of the difficulties that we are contending against, are being felt by our neighbors, and that things at a distance may not always be "couleur de rose." We may take a little cold comfort that we are not the only one, and endeavor fraternally to overcome apathy or old prejudices, without creating any ill-feeling.

The leading questions in the various proceedings, other than those above mentioned, have been the Mississippi and the Tennessee resolutions. The former desires to take away some of the authority of the Grand Encampment, which they think encroaches on "States rights" and make it like the General Grand Chapter, a grand body with little power or utility. We have too much confidence in the common sense of our American fratres to imagine this will ever be done. The Tennessee resolutions are briefly, that they want the Grand Encampment to take measures to stop all societies or others from using the "Maltese Cross." We are afraid this comes a little too late in the day. By the expression "Maltese Cross" we suppose is meant the cross adopted by the American Templars, four triangles meeting in a centre and erroneously so called by many. The Cross of Malta is a white cross formed from having the four arms joined in a small centre and the extremities extended, and notched or indented to resemble fish tails, the fish being a Christian symbol, emblematical of Christ.

Life membership has been troubling a number of the jurisdictions and the feeling seems to be growing, that this should only be granted upon payment of a sum the interest of which would furnish some revenue in place of the amount required for dues. Certainly if a subordinate placed a large majority of its membership upon a non-contributing basis, the cost of meeting running expenses would fall excessively upon a few, or else cause a total suspension of the body.

Continuous membership or enforced affiliation is quite a bone of contention. To our mind monetary

considerations appeared to be at the base of this legislation.

The non-affiliate is quite often a sour, disgruntled member who not being able to climb into office as quickly as he thinks his brilliant talents deserve, loses all interest; or he is a small-souled, carping specimen of humanity, who, because he cannot make things go his way, or as he wished, like the little girl, he wants to pick up his little rag doll and go home—he foolishly imagines he is inflicting much loss upon the Order by retiring. Vain delusion; such men are of no earthly use to the fraternity, and are often a cause of turmoil and worry to the other members. We would ask, What benefit accrues from forcing them to retain membership? Merely a few dollars in dues. Does it pay? We are quite sure it does not.

Perpetual jurisdiction is still being debated and thrashed out. As Frater Gerow, of Michigan, remarks: "If perpetual jurisdiction was an organic law, there would be no use for ever repenting of sin, for Satan would have a perpetual lien on us." It seems very absurd to lay claim to something you have never possessed or accepted.

These subjects, together with Temperance, and Templar creed, are among those that have appeared the more prominently in either the Proceedings or Correspondence reports.

To the many Grand Commanders, Obituary Committees, and Writers of the Guild who have so tenderly and kindly spoken of our late beloved Grand Chancellor, M. Em. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, we gratefully offer Canada's deep and sincere acknowledgments. We may not be able to take individual notice of them all.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS FOR 1897; FROM THE PROCEEDINGS
OF MARYLAND.

GRAND COMMANDERY.	Conclave.	DATE.	No. of Com- manderies.	No. of Knights Templar.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.
Alabama	87	May 12, 1897	10	880	.....	2
Arizona	5	Nov. 9, 1897	8	125	8	.....
Arkansas	25	April 20, 1897	11	492	.....	18
California	39	April 22, 1897	86	8,088	92	.....
Colorado	22	June 1, 1897	26	1,667	16	.....
Connecticut	70	Mar. 16, 1897	11	2,868	65	.....
District of Columbia	2	May 10, 1897	5	1,584	.....	81
Florida	8	May 18, 1897	5	202	7	.....
Georgia	86	May 12, 1897	10	719	27	.....
Illinois	41	Oct. 26, 1897	66	9,506	.....	14
Indiana	48	April 21, 1897	40	8,526	88	.....
Indian Territory	8	Nov. 2, 1897	5	204	84	.....
Iowa	84	July 18, 1897	56	4,484	91	.....
Kansas	28	May 11, 1897	46	8,284	.....	18
Kentucky	50	May 19, 1897	25	2,020	89	.....
Louisiana	84	Feb. 12, 1897	4	820	.....	8
Maine	46	May 6, 1897	19	8,158	86	.....
Maryland	27	Nov. 28, 1897	12	1,197	65	.....
Mass. and R. Island	91	Oct. 28, 1897	46	12,818	524	.....
Michigan	41	May 18, 1897	45	5,529	66	.....
Minnesota	32	June 24, 1897	25	2,448	87	.....
Mississippi	37	Feb. 10, 1897	14	484	49	.....
Missouri	86	April 20, 1897	56	4,287	8	.....
Montana	10	Sept. 18, 1897	8	666	13	.....
Nebraska	26	April 29, 1897	28	1,679	.....	88
New Hampshire	38	Sept. 28, 1897	11	2,115	55	.....
New Jersey	39	May 11, 1897	16	1,779	48	.....
New York	84	Sept. 14, 1897	58	11,876	889	.....
North Carolina	17	May 12, 1897	11	849	2	.....
North Dakota	8	July 1, 1897	7	426	.....	1
Ohio	56	Sept. 8, 1897	56	8,263	192	.....
Oklahoma Territory	2	Feb. 1, 1897	4	148	17	.....
Oregon	11	Oct. 14, 1897	6	898	.....	17
Pennsylvania	44	May 25, 1897	74	11,491	278	.....
South Dakota	14	June 11, 1897	11	766	88	.....
Tennessee	35	May 12, 1897	16	1,091	1	.....
Texas	44	April 21, 1897	81	2,115	.....	14
Vermont	55	June 8, 1897	11	1,499	41	.....
Virginia	75	Dec. 6, 1897	20	1,472	.....	9
Washington	10	June 2, 1897	10	626	84	.....
West Virginia	28	May 12, 1897	12	987	59	.....
Wisconsin	39	Oct. 12, 1897	27	2,965	68	.....
Wyoming	10	May 12, 1897	7	819	57	.....
G. . E. Subordinates			19	1,814	4	.....
Canada	14	Aug. 19, 1897	87	1,764	216	.....
			1014	114,598	2567	158
			1051	116,362	2788	158

The net increase for the United States during 1897 is a little over 2½ per cent., and averaging same to January 1st, 1898, as the reports were received at different times during the past year, makes an increase of 1,218, or a total membership of 115,811 Knights Templar.

The increase for Canada is 14 per cent., and averaging same to January 1st, 1898, makes an increase of 98, or a total membership of 1,857 Knights Templar.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1898.

The Calendar of the Great Priory of England and Wales contains the proceedings of the 10th December, 1897, and the 13th May, 1898.

The December meeting was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G. C. T., the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, with the majority of the Great Officers present.

The report of the Grand Council referred to the acknowledgment from Her Majesty the Queen, of the receipt of the address which had been presented upon her sixtieth anniversary. The Council noted with much satisfaction many feeling and sympathetic allusions made upon the attainment of Her Majesty's Jubilee from the various Grand Commanderies in the United States.

We excerpt the following :

It having been reported that the Antient York Preceptory of Redemption, meeting at Hull, had installed their Preceptor in the chair for the third consecutive term of office, contrary to Statute 88, your Council, after due consideration, admonished the Preceptory and imposed a fine of one guinea.

It was resolved to send a letter of sympathy and condolence to their Past Supreme Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, upon the great loss he had sustained in the death of his estimable Countess.

The May meeting was presided over by the Great Seneschal, the Right Hon. the Viscount Dungarvan, G. C. T., in the absence of the Supreme Grand Master through illness. The business, outside of the report of the Grand Council, which was very short, was principally the election of a Grand Treasurer and members of the Grand Council. The Order of Malta was opened and eleven Knights admitted, after which a banquet was held.

AMERICAN.

ALABAMA—1898.

Thirty-eighth Annual. Selma.

May 11th.

The local Commandery and visiting Knights marched in a body to the hotel, and from thence escorted the officers of the Grand Commandery to the asylum, where addresses of welcome and responses were made. Refreshments were then partaken of, said to be greatly enjoyed by all the participants. After this was over, the Grand Commandery was opened in Ample Form by R. Em. Sir Knight Henry M. Matthews, Grand Commander, with representatives from seven constituent Commanderies.

The Templar Order is reported by the Grand Commander to be peaceful and harmonious in this jurisdiction, and making progress slowly, nineteen only having knocked at the door for admission. The cause attributed to this slow growth is lack of interest in Capitular Masonry, and the want of proper interest taken by some of the officers elected to positions in the Commanderies. The address of the Grand Commander, which is very good, is somewhat marred by the insertion of correspondence in detail, orders and reports from subordinate officers, which would look much better if collated under some other heading; or the substance merely given and referred to. The reports show that the members are not all uniformed, the average reported being about two-thirds.

The Tennessee resolutions, regarding the use of the "Maltese Cross" by other societies, were endorsed, but considered impracticable and impossible.

Sir Knight George F. Moore presented the Correspondence report. He gives a very interesting historical sketch of the first fifteen years of the Order in Alabama. He devotes several pages to the coming triennial of the Grand Encampment, and questions the good received for all the expenditure of time and money. The Ritual also comes in for a goodly share of criticism. The historical accuracy of the Historical

Lecture in the Red Cross is much questioned. The Sir Knight considers the lecture unnecessary and should be dispensed with. We think so, too, and that the degree should follow the lecture. There is not the slightest historical or other connection between it and the Ancient Order of the Templars or Hospitallers. Canadians have adopted it only to enable them to visit American Commanderies.

The Proceedings of Canada do not appear to have reached Sir Kt. Moore.

Membership, 288; decrease, 15; one Commandery in arrears not included.

Philip Milhous. Selma. Grand Commander.
H. Clay Armstrong. (Montgomery), Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA—1897.

Fifth Annual. Bisbee. November 10th.

R. Em. Sir Kt. J. M. Ormsby, Grand Commander, opened the fifth annual Conclave in Ample Form in the Cave of the Copper Queen Mine, near the town of Bisbee. A novel place wherein to hold a meeting. Representatives of three chartered Commanderies were present. The address of the Grand Commander was short. Necrology and the appointing of Grand Representatives covering the greater portion. He stated no questions of Templar law had been submitted, and no complaint of any kind brought to his notice. The Mississippi resolutions were not concurred in, and their Representatives instructed to vote against the proposed change in the Constitution. The new California Tactics were adopted, and the initiation fee altered from seventy-five dollars to fifty dollars. A full-page photogravure of the Grand Commandery in the Cave adorns the Proceedings as a frontispiece.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 125; increase, 3.

Rickmer N. Fredericks, Prescott, Grand Commander.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1898.

Twenty-sixth Annual. Fayetteville. April 19th.

R. Em. Sir Kt. George G. Latta, Grand Commander, presided over the twenty-sixth annual Conclave. Representatives from seven out of the twelve chartered Commanderies were present.

The Grand Commander reported peace and a healthy increase; issued a few dispensations, and made a number of decisions. Among them he stated that the Knights should not wear their uniform to and from meetings of the Commandery; that a place should be provided at the Asylum, as it was contrary to the established rule for Knights Templar to subject themselves to the criticism of making an effort to display themselves in uniform, and that they should only appear in uniform on Masonic occasions: He also refers to the fact that a uniform was adopted eight years ago, and the regulations had not been complied with by all the Commanderies. One Commandery was still using old-style uniforms. A resolution was adopted prohibiting the receiving of a petition from any one engaged in the saloon or liquor traffic, and giving six months to any Knight now in that business to disengage themselves therefrom or be suspended from membership. An assessment of fifty cents per capita was ordered to be levied on the subordinates in order to make up a deficiency in the Grand Treasury.

The Correspondence report did not materialize, but one is promised for next year.

Membership, 502; increase, 10.

Jesse Mapes Dill, Little Rock, Grand Commander.
James Austin Henry, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1898.

Fortieth Annual. San Francisco. April 21st.

Upon calling the roll thirty-four chartered Commanderies were found represented, and fourteen Past Grand Commanders, whereupon R. Em. Sir Kt. George Dickson Metcalf opened the Grand Commandery in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Prelate.

The Proceedings state that :

The regular business was here most pleasantly interrupted by the entrance of a detachment of Sir Knights as escort to the Color Guard, under the command of R. E. Sir Frank William Sumner, Past Grand Commander, bearing magnificent stands of colors consisting of the "Beauseant," presented to Grand Commandery by V. E. Sir Reuben Hedley Lloyd, Deputy Grand Master of Templars of the United States, and the National Flag—"Old Glory"—presented by R. E. Sir Jacob Hart Neff, Past Grand Commander. The colors are of the finest material and workmanship and of full regulation size.

The V. Em. Kt. Reuben Hedley Lloyd, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was then announced, and received with all due honors.

The Grand Commander in his address stated that the business depression of the past few years seems to have lightened; many of the Commanderies, especially the larger ones, have grown very substantially. A new activity, increased spirit and life are generally apparent.

Among his decisions we note a Commandery asked if they could dispense with the Baldric, or only wear them on parade or at funerals. He answered, the first three officers were permitted to discard the Baldric, but the full regulation uniform should be worn by the Commandery at all formal meetings.

There are others beside ourself who object to and dislike the Baldric.

The Grand Commander visited nineteen subordinates. He commends very highly the new Tactics and Monitor by Past Grand Commander Sumner. We have a copy and consider it a very complete and comprehensive work.

The jurisdiction is divided into districts, or Departments as they are called, and an inspecting officer is appointed called a Department Commander. This corresponds to our Districts and Provincial Priors. The Grand Commander, however, recommends that more thorough reports from these officers be made, *complete in all details* regarding the *condition, tone, and spirit* of each Commandery.

During the session Golden Gate Commandery received permission to do away with the uniform coat

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and baldric, and in lieu thereof to substitute a tunic or blouse and a Templar cape, it being considered "simple and comparatively inexpensive, yet characteristic of Templar tradition and history." The sum of \$750 was appropriated for headquarters at the Triennial, and \$125 for each delegate who should attend the sessions.

Sir Kt. William Abraham Davies presented the report on Correspondence. He courteously and ably reviews all the various jurisdictions, Canada for 1897 receiving full and Knightly measure, and very kindly remarks that the entire Journal reflects credit upon those having in charge the business of the Great Priory of Canada.

We would like to courteously point out to our good frater that the office of Grand Chancellor in Canada corresponds to the American Grand Recorder, and not the Grand Registrar, the latter being more honorary than executive.

He states that California Commandery will escort the Deputy Grand Master to Pittsburg, and confidently expects them to return as escort with the M. Em. the Grand Master. We think it very likely.

Membership, 3101 ; net increase, 63.

Robert Morris Powers, San Diego, Grand Commander.
Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO—1898.

Twenty-third Annual. Denver. June 7th.

Representatives from twenty-two chartered Commanderies, all but three, were present. R. Em. Sir Kt. G. F. Dunbaugh, Grand Commander, presided. The address recorded the official actions of the Grand Commander. He recommended change of date for the annual Conclave from June to November. Grand Commandery considered the proposition and eventually changed to September. Proposed changes in Tactics were exemplified and adopted. The funds in the Treasury were running low, but a proposition for the subordinates to pay the mileage of their representatives was defeated.

Five hundred dollars for expenses, was voted to "Maintain the dignity of this Grand Commandery" at the Triennial.

Sir Kt. H. M. Orahood reviewed 43 jurisdictions. He noticed the absence of contention, dispute and bitterness, and when any difference of opinion was expressed it was in a most kindly and courteous language Canada for 1897 receives notice.

On Correspondence Reports he remarks :

The men who read these reports, as well as those who write them, have great influence in making and maintaining the high character and standing of our Order. In our opinion, this high character could not have been attained, and can not be maintained, without the general diffusion of information and knowledge effected by these reports. Yet we join in the regret that they are not more generally read.

Commanderies, 25; Membership, 1666; net loss, 1.
 John M. Maxwell, Leadville, Grand Commander.
 E. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1898.

Seventy-first Annual, Hartford, March 15th.

R. Em. Sir Kt. Samuel M. Bronson, Grand Commander, whose portrait adorns the Proceedings, presided. The eleven subordinate Commanderies were represented. The M. Em. Grand Master, Warren Larue Thomas, of the Grand Encampment, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Warder, were courteously welcomed and received with all due honors. The Grand Commander's address was a short business report. He recommended that each Commandery add enough to their initiation fee to procure a uniform for the entrant, and that he be invested with it at the time he received his Temple degree. His suggestion was approved by the Committee on By-laws, and the recommendation referred to those subordinates who had not made such provision as yet in their By-laws. The Tennessee resolution was not concurred in, and the Committee on the Mississippi resolutions asked for further time for consideration. Business local. The Grand Commander-elect not being present, was installed at a special Conclave of St. Elmo Commandery held

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next day. The M. Em. the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States acted as Installing Officer.

The report on Correspondence is by Sir Kt. Hugh Sterling, P. G. C., forty-two Proceedings passing under careful and interesting review. Canada for 1897 receives pleasant notice, and liberal quotations made from the Grand Master's address. He also would like to see the baldric discarded.

He endorses the opinion of the Grand Commander of Maine, "that Templary will not flourish as it should unless the fees are placed at a price sufficiently large to uniform each initiate," and states that in his experience this can just as well be accomplished, and all will then be uniformed alike. It is our experience also, Sir Knight Sterling, and is the only way to ensure complete uniform and uniformity.

We quote the following from his conclusion :

We have arrived at that period of life's journey to know "that the older one grows the more he wishes he thought he knew what he used to know he knew," and therefore accord to the opinion and labor of others the same consideration we trust they will bestow upon ours.

Membership, 2506; increase, 143.

William E. Withey, New London, Grand Commander
Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Grand Recorder

GEORGIA—1898.

Thirty-seventh Annual, Macon. May 11th.

The annual Conclave was presided over by R. E. Sir Kt. Chas. M. Wiley, Grand Commander, with delegates from 10 subordinates. Previous to the opening, the Grand Commandery was escorted from the Hotel to the asylum of the local Commandery, when addresses of welcome and acknowledgments were made.

The Grand Commander visited each of the ten Commanderies and reported them as "in exceedingly satisfactory condition." He objected to the want of discipline in many of the Commanderies, the members being allowed to talk and walk around the room while the ceremonies were being conferred.

Upon uniform he has this to say :

I further recommend that the E. Commanders be instructed by this Grand Body not to confer the Orders upon any Companion who does not supply himself with a full uniform as soon as possible after he is elected a member of his Commandery.

The Committee on the Address stated a similar recommendation had been passed 15 years previously and they suggested that each Commandery embody and enforce in its by-laws, that no Companion be dubbed Knight of the Temple, until he has provided himself with a uniform. A committee was appointed to procure each year, past Grand Commanders' jewels to be presented to the retiring Grand Commander, and to the oldest Past Grand Commander until all were jewelled.

Sir Kt. Roland B. Hall reviewed for the tenth time forty-four jurisdictions. Canada for 1897 is courteously reviewed. He states that the address of the Grand Master was "an able and comprehensive resume of his official doings." He cannot understand the benefits accruing from conferring the rank of a Past Preceptor upon one who had not earned it. He strongly objects to "making the carrying of their national flag obligatory in parades, and as some would have it, a test of loyalty." Sir Knight Hall's review is pleasant reading, and his comments, though not numerous or lengthy, are interesting and to the point.

Membership, 728 ; net increase, 9.

A. W. Walton,	Rome,	Grand Commander.
S. P. Hamilton,	Savannah,	Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1897.

Forty-first Annual. Chicago. October 26th.

The Grand Commandery was opened in Knightly Form by R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Kt. E. C. Pace. 63 constituent Commanderies were represented out of 67 on the roll. The address of the Grand Commander occupies 40 pages in the proceedings. A very large portion of it is taken up by copies of official correspondence which mars the document as an address.

We would most respectfully and courteously suggest that if official correspondence with all its detail must be inserted in the proceedings, that it should be collated

in an appendix. We cannot see the necessity for its appearance in the printed proceedings at all except to pad out the presiding officer's address, but the Grand Commander of Illinois is not the only one whose annual address would have been otherwise interesting.

The Grand Commander ruled that when a meeting was called to confer the "Red Cross" only, it was optional for the Commandery to open in the "Temple." Also that the first three officers of a Commandery cannot demit during their official term.

The want of uniformity in their uniform was bothering them and a committee had been appointed to interpret the statutes and make suggestions. Upon receipt of their report the Grand Commander issued a notice and chart to all the subordinates.

The report of the genial and efficient Grand Recorder whom we have had the pleasure of meeting more than once shows that the membership has decreased 14, although 507 have been added during the year.

\$1,500 was appropriated for headquarters expenses at the Triennial. A new code, including numerous amendments thereto, was adopted, excepting the section on uniform which was laid over until next year. In these amendments we notice a change from red to black for the belt and a cap without visor. The wearing of the baldric in the asylum to be optional in each subordinate. The wearing of Masonic Jewels and badges of any grade other than Templar is prohibited. The Tennessee or Maltese Cross resolutions were not concurred in, as it was considered that any action thereon would prove non-effective. The Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States, V. E. Sir Kt. Geo. M. Moulton, Wm. H. Mayo, the Grand Recorder, and our old friend Past Grand Commander Theo. S. Parvin, of Iowa, paid a visit during the Conclave and were received with Knightly greetings befitting their rank.

Sir Kt. John Corson Smith, P. G. C., presented his ninth report which is as usual one of much interest. He spent the preceding winter in Jamaica and his readers get the benefit of his travels in an extremely enter-

taining and graphic description of his winter in the Tropics. 56 pages with numerous photographic illustrations of interesting scenes and scenery gives one a remarkably good idea of that southern island.

In his preface he states that there are three or four important questions which should be considered at the coming triennial at Pittsburg. 1st. Continuous membership in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. We are unable to agree with our good friend on this point for we think the question of forced affiliation comes a little late in the world's history, it is a reminder of ancient feudalism. We hold our allegiance to all three for love, we should dislike being forced.

The second question, "The claim of a rejected candidate is indefensible," we are thoroughly in accord with, and quote his remarks:

Does a carpenter claim a stick of timber he has refused of his lumber merchant? Does an operative mason lay claim to a stone which he has never taken from the quarry and which he has even refused to have turned over in its native bed? Or does a girl have perpetual claim for alimony from a rejected suitor? The idea of a perpetual claim upon anything not paid for, and rejected when presented, is too absurd for any reasonable person to present, and the sooner that law is stricken from the code the better.

To the third question, "What to do with the non-affiliate?" we say, "leave him alone." As we have already expressed our opinion of him, we merely add with Bro. Smith that as he came in of his own free will and accord without compulsion so no compulsion should be exerted to keep him in the Order, should he desire to retire.

Canada for 1896 is very fraternally reviewed, states the Grand Master's address was an excellent paper and abounded in good advice, and that the Grand Master urges a distinctive Canadian Templar uniform such as *that worn by the Duke of Kent in 1772, when Grand Master of Masons in Canada and Patron of the Knights Templar.*

From the report we understand General Smith wrote his review of Canada at Kingston, Jamaica, and the climate of that island must have an extremely curious effect upon our good and genial frater for he got the Grand Master's remarks on uniform so tangled

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up. True the Grand Master advocated a "distinctive Canadian Uniform," but his allusion to the uniform promulgated in 1792 for British Templars was merely to point out to those English and Canadian Templars who object to uniform (and there are some) that an outdoor uniform was not a modern or an American innovation. Personally our nether extremities would at least prevent us advocating a return to satin knee breeches, to say nothing about cocked hats and cockades and the cut-away frock coat of that period. No General, please read that portion of the address over again. But as we read on, we forgive him everything for the loving and kindly words he utters over the memory of our late beloved Grand Chancellor.

He thanks M. E. frater Robertson for kind words and liberal quotations, and says to him:

We are here, in Kingston, Jamaica, far away from home and family, but with kind friends and under the protection of the flag of your language, our language, the language of the civilized world, the flag of the mother country, and we feel safe.

Of course you did, my dear Sir Knight, only evil doers feel unsafe under the dear old flag.

Frater Smith does not believe in resolving on Armenian or other outrages, it being contrary to Masonic usage and tradition to interfere in political or national affairs. Correct. There are many interesting remarks in the valiant general's report which we heartily approve, but have not the space wherein to insert. While we write this we notice he is in England visiting our good Frater W. S. Hughan, and trust he and daughter will return benefitted by their sojourn there.

Membership, 9506; increase, 14.

James P. Sherwin, Chicago, Grand Commander.
Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1898.

44th Annual.

Logansport.

April 20th

The proceedings are preceded by a "Præmial," which states that the Grand Commandery was escorted to the Masonic Temple by members of thirteen subordinate Commanderies. The Mayor then gave an

address of welcome which was acknowledged. The parade was dismissed, the Mayor retired and the Grand Commandery was convened and formally opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Knight John E. Redmond, Grand Commander. Representatives present from 39 chartered Commanderies. The Grand Commandery was also welcomed to the city on behalf of St. John Commandery, of Logansport. The address was a report of official acts, a number of pages being occupied with correspondence regarding one of the Grand Commander's decisions. He is opposed to a decision of Past Grand Master McCurdy of the Grand Encampment, and the Committee on Jurisprudence agreed and remarked that they

Are opposed to the Grand Master making law by decisions on matters upon which the Grand Encampment has refrained from legislation.

This decision being that a Knight Templar can only affiliate within the Jurisdiction in which he resides.

The business of the session was routine. A resolution was passed that Grand Commandery urge upon the subordinates the necessity to either open or close every regular Conclave in full and regular form.

Sir Knight Nicholas R. Ruckle, Past Grand Commander, submitted his review of all the Grand Commanderies which met in 1897, Arizona excepted. His preface is clever and facetious, and he utters much truth in a number of his remarks. He is sarcastic over the want of interest evinced by so many members of the Order in the Correspondence Reports as well as in the Order generally. He does not believe in compulsory affiliation, and truly says :

It is the duty of every Freemason to contribute to the support of the Craft. And he who does not, after a certain time, should be debarred from the rights of visitation, to Masonic relief and burial. It is not just, in our opinion, that one who has exercised the privilege of giving up his Masonic fellowship, and has fully renounced all claim to Masonic charity or countenance, should for that reason be dealt with as a Masonic criminal. We cannot always gauge truly the reasons which actuate a non-affiliate.

Canada for 1897 received fraternal notice.

Commanderies, 40; membership, 3,569; increase, 43

John H. Nicholson. Richmond. Grand Commander.
Wm. H. Smythe. Indianapolis. Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1897.

Third Annual. Purcell. November 2nd.

Right Em. Sir Kt. James Elmer Humphrey, Grand Commander, presided over the annual Conclave, with representatives from the four subordinate Commanderies. The address was a short business document, closing with the following sentiments and advice. Alas how seldom are they followed out.

Charity should be our watchword, not only with our purse, but our good counsel and friendly heart greetings. If a Knight be in distress, mental or financial, go to him as a brother soldier of the cross, and not wait for him to come to you.

All men are proud, and pride may keep your frater from coming to you: a touch of the hand and expression of sympathy in his ear, coupled with an offer of aid, will make him your dearest friend for life, and give to him a higher insight into the sublime principles of our magnanimous Order.

Experience teaches us that all men have noble souls; that we too often see our brother at his worst, and never stop to consider that a fellow feeling of our appreciation makes him a better man and gives us a blessing.

The proceedings were routine. No report on correspondence. Membership, 145; increase, 10.

Edm. H. Doyle, South McAlester, Grand Commander.
Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Recorder.

IOWA—1897.

34th Annual. Templar Park. July 13th.

The Grand Commandery, with representatives from 38 constituents, assembled in annual Conclave at their beautiful park on Spirit Lake, presided over by Right Em. Sir Kt. Thos. R. Ercanbrack, whose genial features adorn the frontispiece of the proceedings. A large portion of the address is occupied by details and lists of deaths, (eight pages out of twelve). During the year he paid a visit to Fairfield; had conversations with Masons of all grades and says:

I became convinced that Masonry was in a languishing condition in Jefferson county mainly because facilities were not offered to disseminate the knightly orders.

He therefore encouraged the Knights to send in a petition and upon its receipt granted a dispensation to form a Commandery.

We are afraid our conclusions would have been, that if their Masonry was languishing they were not in a fit condition to maintain a flourishing Commandery.

In his conclusion we note the following:

During the last one-third of a century, the order of Knights Templar has become a strong factor in the social affairs of these United States. Before the civil war Templarism was little known in this country. A long interval had elapsed since the knights of mediæval times had laid aside the arms employed in trying to obtain Christian supremacy in the Orient. Doubtless the spirit of chivalry aroused by internecine contention had much to do in placing Templarism on a firm footing in America. Our own Grand Commandery is the twenty-fourth in the order of establishment and recognition by the Grand Encampment, but it is the seventh in the scale of relative membership.

Among the Grand Commander's dispensations was one to appear in uniform at a charity ball given by a Commandery.

The committee on the address expressed an opinion that a ball was not a Masonic occasion.

In Canada, Masonic or other occasions do not trouble, as the uniform is worn only on Templar occasions.

The Grand Representatives present were called upon, and each arose and presented felicitations from the jurisdictions they represented.

A very interesting and well written report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Kt. J. C. W. Coxe. He dubs himself the "Outlook Committee," and reports the outlook as promising and satisfactory.

He has this to say about reports on Correspondence:

The man of large sympathies is the man of broad intelligence. The widest outlook is from the top of the loftiest towers. "Masonry is a progressive science"—is it so? Then Masons should be progressive men, in close touch with to-day and with

open visions for to-morrow. Reports on correspondence have their place and value; they are indispensable to the alert and would-be intelligent man.

He courteously reviews Canada for 1896 (London), and quotes parts of the Grand Master's address approvingly.

The doctrine of compulsory membership held by a number of American jurisdictions and propounded of late years, does not meet with his approval. We quote his remarks thereon and unhesitatingly endorse them. We cannot see the sense or justice in making the Commandery a collecting agency for the chapter or lodge.

We have no love for the drone who proposes to live on the fruit of other's labor; but we do not believe in compulsory affiliation, nor inflicting punishment on one who, having met all his obligations up to date, voluntarily and honorably withdraws from active participation in lodge duties and demands. His privileges may and should be limited thereby; but to put him under ban, and class him with those who are under sentence for Masonic offence, is not equitable; and against such legislation we have protested and shall so continue. Moreover, we cannot see the justice of making non-affiliation in lodge or chapter a crime in the Commandery, unless we put money above character, and regard dues as of more importance than dessert. "Let every tub stand on its own bottom;" let each body determine the conditions of membership for itself, without an undue and solicitous desire to legislate in the interest of some other body. We do not concede the extreme states' rights theory of some of our brethren as to the absolute supremacy of Grand Lodge legislation over all Masonic bodies. We may be wrong in our views, but until we have clearer light here we stand; we can do no otherwise.

If Frater Coxe is wrong in his views he has goodly company among British Masons (which include Canadian and Australian) as well as many talented and learned Masons in his own country.

Want of space prevents our quoting a number of interesting remarks in this review, which closes with the following:

Our order is no Jonah's gourd—the marvelous growth of a day—but rather as a cedar of Lebanon, requiring centuries to mature. The modern imitators and would-be rivals are legion; they have sprung up as at the touch of a magician's wand; but they will—

"Have their day and cease to be,"

while Templarism goes on its way, increasing in power and influence.

Membership, 4434; Commanderies, 56; increase, 90.
 Francis H. Loring, Waterloo, Grand Commander.
 Alfred Wingate, DesMoines, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1898.

29th Annual. Topeka. May 10th.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Will. C. Chaffee, opened the annual Conclave in ample form. 41 Commanderies out of 46 on the roll were represented.

The address of the Grand Commander, whose portrait adorns the proceedings, is quite lengthy and complete and covers 26 pages. He is very patriotic in his utterances and waxes grandiloquent and defiant over the call to arms for the invasion of Cuba. He draws attention to the fact that the Grand Encampment declared that a communication of the essentials of the Order of Malta was sufficient to enable a K. T. to become a full member of a Commandery. He was surprised to find that a number of the subordinates did not take the trouble to even confer the essentials and ignored the degree completely. He thinks this beautiful degree has been too long neglected and urges the use of full ceremonial. He also urges a more rigid observance of discipline in the Commanderies.

The State is divided into 9 districts and a Grand Officer appointed to inspect the Commanderies in each district. A form of private report was filled up after each visit and forwarded to the Grand Commander who called attention to any errors or irregularities mentioned therein by the Inspector. The Grand Commander states that the first time in many years every Commandery was visited. Visits in the past having been too much of a social event, the inspecting officers notified the Commanders to avoid all social features, the Grand Commander adding that "the new methods were purely on business lines, designed to develop the weak points in our Commanderies." Complaint is made that so few of the Commanderies take the trouble to open in full form

No action was taken on the Mississippi resolution and the Committee on the Tennessee resolution tersely remarked that "this Grand Commandery should not undertake to dictate what other societies shall do."

\$1,619 was set apart for Triennial purposes.

Sir Kt. A. M. Callaham's report on Correspondence covering 200 pages is a valuable and interesting paper. He is assisted by Sir Kt. M. M. Miller, who reviews eight Grand Jurisdictions.

Canada for 1897 receives fraternal and full notice from Sir Kt. Callaham. Thinks the District Inspectors' reports (Provincial Priors) should not be published and that "the Grand Master might have winnowed the wheat out of that chaff in one page." Our Frater evidently skipped a few pages or he would have noticed this was done by the Committee on the State of the Order.

Referring to the Grand Master's address he says:

He granted dispensations for various things; among them we observe in two instances, to make a "serving frater." We plead ignorance, and ask what is meant by a "serving frater"? We will not even venture a guess what is meant by the term used, but hope to be enlightened next year by Bro. Robertson.

On the next page we note the following:

Under Mississippi we find the answer to our question in relation to "serving knight." He (Robertson) says, "In reply to a query from Frater de Lap, 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.)"

We are glad to know that Bro. Robertson says the nomenclature is wrong. The term "serving knight" in the sense it was used under the head of dispensations granted, appears to us an invidious distinction among knights.

The italics are ours.

After correctly quoting that the Grand Master had granted in two instances a dispensation to make a "serving frater," we are very much at a loss to understand why Sir Kt. Callaham accuses and criticizes the Grand Master of using words (serving knight) that cannot, under the head of dispensations or anywhere else be found in his address. The Grand Masters of Canada do not use the expression "serving knight."

About sixty pages of the report are devoted to a topical department, wherein under different headings are collated remarks made by the various correspondents. It is very interesting and shows that a wide diversity of opinion exists on some of the subjects.

Membership, 3247; increase, 17.

George H. Jenkins, Kansas City, Grand Commander.
A. M. Callaham, Topeka, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1898.

51st Annual. Maysville. May 18th.

The several Commanderies assembled at their respective headquarters and marched to the Masonic Temple where the members of the Grand Commandery had assembled, and escorted the grand body through the principal streets of the city to the Methodist Episcopal church. Divine service was held and conducted by the Grand Prelate, with a sermon by a Reverend Sir Knight of the Order. The Grand Commandery was then escorted back to the temple. A public address of welcome was extended by another Reverend Sir Knight, after which the Grand Commandery was opened in annual Conclave by R. E. Sir Kt. Eugene A. Robinson, the Grand Commander.

Twenty-two subordinates were represented.

The address proper, was very short. The Grand Commander stated that the returns showed a net gain for the year, of 131, the largest gain in 22 years. Only a few unimportant matters had been brought to his attention, and he had not any matter of grievance to refer to.

The business of the session was local. The Committee on Finance recommended that, it appearing that no funds are or will be on hand to pay the \$1,500 voted for expenses at the Pittsburg Triennial, the Grand Treasurer be authorized to borrow that amount.

The Grand Recorder had been detained through severe illness, and a vote of affectionate sympathy was tendered to him. He had been their faithful and devoted executive officer for twenty-five years. We trust he will soon be restored to health.

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A public installation of the Grand officers was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the evening, conducted by the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Warren Larue Thomas.

Among the social features of the Conclave were a hop, reception and floating concert. The addenda gives a graphic description and adds that scores of attractive matrons and pretty girls added much to the attraction. Of course they did.

A very complete and interesting report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Kt. C. R. Woodruff. He gives extended and pleasant notice to Canada. Noticing the Grand Master's remarks on the baldric, that complaint had been made that it was warm, stiff and clumsy, he adds,

We had supposed that "anything warm" was always welcome to the Canadians.

This remark is in keeping with the popular delusion we have very frequently heard among our southern neighbors, that as soon as you cross the line into Canada, frost and cold is the prevailing weather during a greater part of the year. That the north pole may yet be found in Canadian territory we do not doubt, but it is a great many thousand miles away, and in many parts of Canada they scarcely know what snow is. If our good frater will come up and pay us a visit in June, July or August, we can in both the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec treat him to some fine warm weather ranging up in the nineties, wherein even linen and flannel clothing will feel quite sufficient without unnecessary and uncomfortable articles like the baldric.

We tender warm and modest thanks for the following compliment:

The pamphlet of Proceedings is issued in an exceedingly neat form, and contains on the title page the admirable injunction—"Ordered to be read in all Preceptories and preserved."

Under Connecticut and referring to the Grand Encampment, he says to their correspondent:

He might have enquired, for instance, if disposed to look at it in the same light that we do, why the phrase "*Christian Masonic Knighthood*" was introduced into a preamble to the

Constitution? or indeed, wherefore a preamble at all? It seems to us that a "Christian Masonic" institution is quite an anomaly, for although Christian Masons undoubtedly abound throughout the land, there can be no such thing as Christian Masonry, as that ancient and honorable institution now exists, and has long existed. The English Templars, years ago, struck out the word "Masonic" in the expression "Masonic Knights Templar" as it had found its way into their laws, fully recognizing the irrelevancy and incongruity of such an expression.

Sir Knight Woodruff in his conclusion informs us that this is his twenty-fifth Templar report. We heartily congratulate him on his silver anniversary and hope he will come to Canada some fine summer day and see how warm we can make it for him. We can also promise him a good warm welcome, if he is unable to meet us in the summer time, and comes to Montreal when the thermometer gets down toward zero. But zero is not cold weather, friend Woodruff, it is bright, lovely and exhilarating. To quote Bro. Rudyard Kipling:

"There was a young man in Quebec,
Who was snowed right up to the neck.
When asked, are you frizz?
He replied 'yes I is';
But we don't call this cold in Quebec."

Membership 2157; 25 subordinates; net increase 131
Chas. Christopher Vogt, Louisville, Grand Commander.
Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1898.

35th Annual.

New Orleans.

February 18th.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Kt. Robt. Strong, presided with representatives from four constituent Commanderies, and 14 Past Grand Commanders.

The address was a brief retrospect of his official acts. He refers to the death of M. E. Sir Kt. John Quincy Adams Fellows, Past Grand Commander of Louisiana and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and to the great loss Masonry has sustained by his death. We deeply sympathize with our fratres of Louisiana, for Sir Kt. Fellows' reputation for Masonic zeal and learning was world wide.

V. E. Sir Kt. Stoddard, of the Grand Encampment, made an official visit and was courteously received,

A committee appointed at last session on "uniform" recommended that with a slight alteration regarding material in the coat, the entire regulations now existing, adopted in 1875, re-adopted in 1884, be again adopted. This is somewhat peculiar, unless there is a time limit as to the duration of laws in this Jurisdiction.

Proceedings routine and local. No report on Correspondence.

Membership 324; Increase 5;

Robt. Strong, New Orleans, Grand Commander.

Richd. Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1898.

47th Annual.

Portland.

May 5th.

R. E. Sir Kt. Fritz H. Twitchell, the Grand Commander, presided over the annual Conclave, every Commandery on the roll (19) being represented.

The Grand Commander says :

For the past few years there has been a growing tendency to increased interest in the accurate rendering of the ritual and of perfection of the floor work. This, added to the commodious and convenient quarters of nearly all of the Commanderies, has been in my opinion one of the causes of the great increased interest.

It is indeed a treat to witness the conferring of the order of knighthood by many of the Commanderies in the state, and their work is beyond criticism.

We are always pleased to hear of increased interest and attention being paid to the rendering of the degrees.

Among his dispensations and communications we note permission from Lewiston Commandery No. 7 to visit Montreal in August, 1897.

To show how customs and regulations vary in other countries, we quote :

It is not necessary to insert the names of applicants in the notices of the meetings, but simply to state on the notice that balloting will take place. The question of printing the names of the candidates is a matter for each Commandery to decide for itself.

We note in the inspection reports of the Grand Officers that many of the Commanderies are only

partly uniformed; some scarcely one-half, some sixty per cent, while others report that only a few were uniformed, one report remarking, the Commandery is said to be fairly well uniformed but there were no ocular evidence; as at the official visit no uniforms were present except those worn by the officers. Evidently Canada is not the only jurisdiction where the uniform is not compulsory.

The report of the Captain General is quite interesting, we feel compelled to quote the following, for it coincides with our own ideas:

Some concentrate their entire energies and whole mind upon following the phraseology of the ritual, with the expectation, which is always met, of hearing the use of a wrong word or the transposition of a phrase, and omit to observe almost entirely the qualities of ease, dignity and impressiveness. Others concentrate almost their whole attention upon the military evolution, and if these are well done, however deficient some other parts, to them the work is satisfactory.

My conception is that masonic work is a drama, in which the officers and candidates are the principal actors.

Equal attention should be given to every feature of the work, with a view of producing, in the general result, an intelligent impression and harmonious effect. In order to accomplish such a result, each officer must be entirely familiar not only with his own, but with the relation of the different parts to each other. The paraphernalia should be carefully and correctly arranged for the part to be performed, for nothing appears more awkward or less excusable than a halt, a whispered conversation and the consequent arrangement of some piece of furniture. No well acted drama would permit such a scene.

A committee on uniform submitted a report which was adopted. In it we notice that the baldric for the officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Commanders was dispensed with. Both the black and the white uniform is permitted, a section providing that any new Commandery "may adopt either of the uniforms worn in this state." Our Maine fratres do not aim at thorough uniformity in uniform.

Sir Knight Stephen Berry gives one of his very interesting reports on Correspondence. His prelude is poetical, and he sings of the coast of Maine, of the islands in Casco bay, and of charming "old Whitehead." We plead guilty to having a very strong regard and attachment for Cushing's island and old Whitehead.

Many an hour have we stood on that lovely headland, while the green waves of the mighty Atlantic broke into white crested foam against the rocky base, hundreds of feet below, and breathed in the health giving ozone of the ocean breeze. Ah yes, frater Berry, we never visit the beautiful Maine coast but we hurl anathemas at Lord Ashburnham, and we have never forgiven our Yankee cousins for having wined and dined him so well. It was quite cute. But you can't do it again. Canadians look after their own affairs now-a-days.

Canada receives knightly attention, and four pages are devoted to a review of the proceedings of 1897.

Under Colorado, with reference to black balling he makes the following remarks :

Long experience has shown that there are two sides to this question. Sometimes persistence presses a man in, and time shows that the first objector had good judgment and tried to save the craft from a weak man. A man of excellent character is sometimes of such uncomfortable disposition that he ought to be kept out, and sometimes a candidate misjudges his ability to afford the expense of the Commandery. Nearly always the candidate thinks he can pick out the man who rejected him, and in the cases which we have known about, he was generally mistaken.

Very true. We do not look upon a rejection as a blot on a man's character. Men with excellent characters for honesty, sobriety, and morality, but ambitious and incompetent, and with such wretched dispositions that the peace and quietness of the institution would soon be marred and upset by their admission, very often knock at our doors. When such men seek admission the black ball merely says in their case, "your character may be excellent but your company and disposition we do not want." We are particular whom we invite to our homes and family circle, we fight shy of the rude and the uncouth and the quarrelsome. Why should we be less careful of our company in our Lodges.

Under Michigan our good friend thinks the visit of the Canadian Grand Master to Detroit "shows a strong tendency which is influencing Canada to adopt American ways and prosper rather than to follow the English example and vegetate."

We did not imagine, Frater Berry, that returning a friendly and courteous call upon a neighbor was particularly American. Have we not both received the custom from our mother. But we must not linger longer by the shores of Casco Bay and its interesting correspondent.

Membership 3,344; net increase 191.

Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus, Grand Commander.
Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1897.

27th Annual. Baltimore. November 23.

R. E. Sir Kt. George Cook, Grand Commander, was received in due form, when the Grand Commandery was declared open in full and ample form.

M. E. Sir Kt. Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was received with all due honors.

Twelve Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commander in his address complained of the absence of a regulation requiring Knights to procure a proper uniform. He collected statistics showing that in two and one quarter years, 331 Companions had been knighted of which nearly one third had not procured uniforms; and deems the want of such regulation "a great obstacle to the progress of the Order" in his jurisdiction. He appointed a number of deputy inspectors of uniforms. He made numerous Templar visits in company with the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He takes strong exception to uncalled for remarks against the Order, by brethren who know nothing about it.

A resolution was adopted that no Companion of the Red Cross should be knighted until he shall have been fully uniformed as a Templar. It was decided that the Grand Commandery tender the Grand Master of the United States Templars an escort to Pittsburg to be composed of all the Knights in the jurisdiction that could attend. The Mississippi resolutions were not concurred in.

Sir Kt. Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, P. G. C., presented

his twenty-first Correspondence report, reviewing 41 Grand Templar bodies clearly and courteously.

Canada for 1897 is generously and fully reviewed. The address to the Queen, reference to the loss sustained in the death of the late Grand Chancellor, and the conclusion of the Grand Master's address are all quoted.

We regret to notice in his conclusion that this is Sir Kt. Gorgas' last report. He states that this long service has given him an experience which he would not willingly have been deprived of, and that it has always been a "labor of love." His successor is R. E. Sir Kt. Schultze whose record as a writer in other branches of the Masonic fraternity has been long and favorably known.

Membership 1197. Commanderies 12. Net increase 65.
Thos. J. Shryrock. Baltimore, Grand Commander.
John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—1897.

Ninety-first Annual. Boston. October 28th.

The semi-annual was held on the 20th May. 42 subordinates represented. R. E. Sir Kt. Wm. R. Walker presiding. The address reviewed his official acts. He granted a large number of dispensations, many of them for Commanderies to attend divine service in Templar costume, without music. The Committee on Jurisprudence brought in a report fully reviewing the question of life membership and its relation to the finances of the subordinate Commanderies. They strongly objected to fixing the fees at too low a figure, as such a result would be to induce many to take advantage of such privilege and thus seriously affect the revenue. They finally brought in the following recommendation which was unanimously adopted:

First: That life membership fees when established shall be fixed at a sum equal at least to the amount of fifteen times the sum required as annual dues and in no case to be less than fifty dollars.

Second: That the money received for life memberships shall be invested in the name of the Commandery, and the management and investment of the same be placed in the care of a

Board of Trustees who shall be chosen by the Commandery in annual Conclave, and annually make report to the Commandery of the condition and amount of the fund and how the same is invested.

Third: That nothing but the income of the fund shall be used for any purpose whatever unless by two-thirds vote of the Commandery after motion in writing to that effect shall have been made and continued one month with order of notice.

Fourth: That one-tenth of the fees paid by each successful candidate for the orders be allotted and paid into such permanent fund.

The annual Conclave held on the the 28th October was also presided over by the Grand Commander, with 45 subordinates. The address included some interesting statistics. In 1887 the membership was 7,217, in 1897, 10 years later, it had increased to 12,313, an increase of seventy per cent.

The Grand Commander objected strongly to the practice of putting on the notices after the names of the candidates to be balloted for, the words "to receive the Order of the Red Cross if elected." In the event of a rejection this places all concerned in a very uncomfortable and undignified position. He considered all applicants for the Orders should wait until they received formal notice in writing from the Recorder to present themselves for initiation.

It was resolved that in future the Committee on Correspondence consist of one member only.

The proceedings are embellished with miniature portraits of 37 of their Grand Representatives as well as a photogravure cabinet size of Grand Commander Walker.

The report on Correspondence is the joint product of E. Sir Kt. the Rev. Henry W. Rugg and Thos. E. St. John. The former writes the introduction, from which we extract the following:

Templary is not a mere social and fraternal institution, for its very life is permeated by intellectual and spiritual elements; nevertheless, one of its chief functions is to bring men into the relations of pleasant companionship, helping them to realize that as friends and brothers they are workers together towards common ends. The complete life of our humanity is made possible in no other way. "There is only one real want in life," says a modern writer, "and that is comradeship—comradeship with the Divine, and that we call religion; with the human, and that we call love."

He remarks also that,

"Men whose allegiance to any institution is compulsory are of little help to it."

to which we heartily agree.

Canada for 1896 is freely reviewed by Frater Rugg. He explains that the Sovereign Great Priory is the governing body of Templarism, and exercises authority in a jurisdiction of vast extent, reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and covers territory embracing three and one-half millions of square miles. We are so used to this great expanse of country, and so accustomed to see delegates attend our conventions, from both shores, that we do not realize the idea of our greatness until some one draws our serious attention to the size and extent of this Dominion of ours. The address receives courteous attention, and quotations made from it. Reference is made to the death of our late Grand Chancellor.

On the question of uniform, Frater Rugg considers the best course is to include the cost in the initiation fee, thus obtaining uniformity in both style and price, and at moderate cost. We quite agree with this, for having been instrumental in having this regulation adopted in our own Preceptory, we can speak of the excellent results which have followed.

Sir Knight Rugg's conclusion is also very interesting, some of his remarks and references therein being very familiar; but great heads, they say, often think alike.

As Sir Knight St. John has left the jurisdiction, Sir Knight Rugg is the sole reporter for the coming year.

Sir Knight B. W. Rowell, the efficient Recorder, gives some very interesting statistics. He states Boston Commandery leads the world in numbers, its membership being 945.

Membership, 12,313; Commanderies, 46; increase, 537.

Walter Cutting, Pittsfield, Mass., Grand Commander.
Ben. W. Rowell, Lynn, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN—1898.

Forty-second Annual. Port Huron. May 17th.

An excellent photo of R. Em. Sir Knight Albert Stiles, Grand Commander, who presided at the annual Conclave, serves as a frontispiece to the proceedings. 44 Commanderies represented. We note in the Grand Commander's address that some portions of the uniform evidently worried the good Knights of the Peninsular State, for upon the query, should Templars of Michigan wear baldric and gauntlet when in full Templar uniform, the Grand Commander ruled that he would not object to dispensing with the gauntlets, as they are cumbersome and not essential in the work, but he held that the baldric should always be worn when in full Templar uniform. He thought likewise that it would be better for the Wardens to leave off the baldric; but there was no law allowing them.

He received many invitations to be present with them at their Christmas observations. He learned with pleasure that

Detroit and Damascus Commanderies made an eventful occasion of it by inviting all Sir Knights and their families to meet with them in their beautiful Temple and join in the services, toasts and responses and that they had the courage and good taste to use pure water for the libations instead of intoxicating liquors.

He is quite right regarding the proper conferring of degrees upon candidates:

I believe it for the best interest of Templar Masonry that some method should be adopted to bring about a reform of the manner in which the work is now being done by many of our Commanderies in our Grand Jurisdiction; fully believing that the candidate for Orders is entitled to the very best efforts of the Commandery in conferring the Orders of Knighthood upon him, for which they have demanded his money as well as obligations, and the Commandery has no moral right to render him a farce or defraud him of what he has a right to expect and has paid for, than he has to pay the fees in Mexican dollars.

We congratulate the Grand Recorder in being able to get his proceedings printed in fifteen days.

Em. Sir Knight the Rev. F. A. Blades, presented a long and eloquent report on Necrology, the death of Canada's late Grand Chancellor receiving kindly and

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full notice. We add our sincere and deep sympathy for the personal bereavement which befel our dear frater during the year.

In sympathy with a recommendation in the Grand Commander's address, it was decided to give him authority to appoint an official inspector each year, to visit and instruct any Commandery he deems in need of instruction, such officer to be paid his necessary travelling expenses and three dollars per diem during time employed.

R. Em. Sir Knight John A. Gerow offers his fifth annual report, and we regret very much to hear that it is his last. He states that he found the task pleasant though it was more than he could sustain, so he asked to be relieved and introduces his successor in R. E. Sir Knight H. L. Anthony, P. G. C. Sir Knight Gerow is a bright and sparkling writer, and will be much missed from the round table.

He gives Canada a pleasant review of the proceedings of 1897. He is very chary in this report of his remarks and opinions, but gives a good epitome of the doings of each Grand Jurisdiction.

Membership, 5,635 ; 44 subordinates ; net increase, 113.

Francis M. Moore, Marquette, Grand Commander.
John A. Gerow, Detroit, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1898.

Thirty-third Annual. Faribault. June 24th.

The Grand Officers being all present, the lines were formed, the Grand Commander and his immediate Grand Officers received, and the roll called, nineteen out of twenty-five subordinates responding.

The address of R. Em. Sir Knight D. F. Farmer was a short business document. No long padding of correspondence and orders ; but everything concisely stated.

A proposition to change date of meeting from June to September was brought forward. \$750 appropriated for expenses of the Grand Commandery at Pittsburg Triennial.

A resolution that Grand Officers while making official visits would be excused from wearing the baldric, was deferred to next year.

The Correspondence report is by Thomas Montgomery, P. G. C., and covers 85 pages. Canada for 1897 is courteously reviewed and allusion made to the death of our late Grand Chancellor. Several lengthy quotations were made from the Grand Master's address.

Sir Knight Montgomery writes a pleasing report, is very much opposed to enforced affiliation and considers nothing but bitterness is gained by attempts to enforce membership under penalty. Thinks much suspension or non-affiliation could be obviated if secretaries or recorders collected dues up closely and promptly. We extract the following from his conclusion which may be of interest to our readers:

By the way, we made a discovery recently, and if we are not mistaken it may be unknown to many, that the Order of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, according to the Grand Encampment law, is only one Order and not two separate Orders, and hence, as enacted in 1892, no one can be known or enrolled as a Knight Templar until he receives the appendant Order of Malta. The committee said: "As by the constitution, section 65, article IV. (which reads, 'The rule of succession of conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: (1) The Knight of the Red Cross, (2) Knight Templar and Knight of Malta'), as adopted in 1856, and which has not been changed since that time, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta was considered as one Order, and has so been considered under the name of Knights Templar; and as the former meagre ritual has been superseded by a more elaborate one since 1888, such elaboration of that part of the ritual pertaining to that part of the Order called Malta does not change or affect the designation or the fact that a Knight Templar includes the ceremony of Knight of Malta." They go on to say that it is improper to proclaim a candidate a Knight Templar until he has received the ceremony of Malta. This being the law of our Order, the appendant Order of Malta should invariably be given, in its essentials at least, immediately after the first part of the degree or Order, that of the Temple, is finished. This will not prevent the elaboration of the Order of Malta at any subsequent period. Our point is, that as the two named Orders are regarded as only one in fact, the ceremony of conferring them should occur at the same conclave, for only then, and not till then, can the candidate be recognized or reported as a Knight Templar or a member of the Commandery.

Membership 2534. Commanderies 25 Increase 87.
 Wm. Richardson, Duluth, Grand Commander.
 Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1898.

Thirty-seventh Annual. St. Louis. April 26th.

The Grand Commandery was duly opened in ample and knightly form, Sir Knight John Gillies, the R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. His portrait adorns the proceedings and looks as if it was just about to remark, "I'm brawly, hoos a' wi' yoursel?" The address is a courteous, well written document, and gives his official acts. He "found the laws relating to uniforms utterly disregarded," and issued orders thereanent, and recommended a committee on investigation to define what the uniform shall consist of.

He states his readiness to rally to the call should his adopted country require his services, and calls himself a pilgrim from "auld Scotia's classic sod," who had found a home among them.

Several amendments to the by-laws, and blank form of report showing the condition of each Commandery for the year under seal, and over the signature of the Commander and Recorder, was adopted.

The Grand Commander elect came up from Jefferson Barracks, after his day's work with the troops from Missouri, then being mustered into the U. S. army, and was installed.

The Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Knight Wm. H. Mayo, is the author of the Correspondence report. He says twenty years' experience has taught him not to do all the talking, but to let the other fellow have a show. This is all very well, but we would like to hear more of Sir Knight Mayo.

Canada is very fraternally reviewed for 1897. Of the address he most kindly says:

The address of the Supreme Grand Master is exceedingly interesting and evinces the fact that the Orders of Christian Knighthood occupy a very warm spot in his heart.

He notes the manner Canadian business is transacted, and remarks.

The business was greatly expedited by committees and all was peace and harmony.

Much continuous and steady work is done the pre-

ceding evening by the various committees in preparing reports, Comp. Mayo, and much time consequently saved at the annual session next day.

Membership, 4,311; 56 Commanderies; increase, 74.
 Morris F. Bell, Fulton, Grand Commander.
 Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

MONTANA—1897.

Tenth Annual, Helena. September 13th.

Who has not heard of "Hedges," of Montana, whose excellent picture adorns the proceedings of this jurisdiction and who presided over the deliberations of the tenth annual Conclave. One would not think from the kindly face and the big heart that shines out from under the heavily shaded eyebrows, that he was such a fierce, fiery and determined opponent of the "beastly Turk," as he styles the ruler of the Ottoman Empire.

Eight Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commander reports having visited every subordinate during the year. These visitations occupied 16 days. He advocates a Triennial of their own as few of the Knights could attend the Grand Encampment Triennial. He refused several dispensations because "Grand Commanders are creatures of limited and defined powers."

The Californian Tactics and Manual of the Sword was adopted. Other business routine.

Sir Kt. Hedges writes the Correspondence report, it is bright and interesting and his ideas are plentifully scattered throughout its pages. He is decidedly down on the "unspeakable Turk," does not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, and thinks the Grand Encampment must be radically changed or some Grand Lodge regulations materially altered.

We think the latter have overlegislated very much on several questions and had better come back to ancient law and customs.

Canada (London) 1896 receives kind attention, and he remarks that "the address of the Grand Master was a noble one in spirit and diction." For his friendly and

courteous review we extend our thanks, and regret we did not have an opportunity of shaking hands at the Boston Triennial.

In his remarks over Sir Kt. Henry Robertson's review, he says:

For ourselves we hardly recognize our northern boundary as being a dividing line, and regard the day of possible estrangement as forever past.

Sir Kt. Hedges, the rapid march of events during the short months that have elapsed since you penned the above lines have made your remarks even more pronounced.

Is it not full time that the two great sections of the Anglo-Saxon family should sing with the English laureate:

"We severed have been too long,
Now let us have done with a worn-out tale—
The tale of an ancient wrong;
And our friendship last long as love doth last,
And be stronger than death is strong."

We turn over the pages, and we come to his review of the Great Priory of England and Wales. He refers to the presentation of the address to Her Majesty the Queen in the following chivalric and kindly sentiments, which we are sure will be sincerely and courteously appreciated by every Briton:

In the spirit and sentiment of that address, as Grand Commander of Montana, we most heartily join. In our admiration and respect for the noble Queen of England, who has done so much to promote peace and union among all who speak the English tongue, and to exalt domestic virtues, the Templars of Montana vie with her most loyal subjects at home in their loyal congratulations and good wishes. The chivalry of the new world unites with that of old England and her colonies in paying homage to England's noble Queen. A common tongue, common laws, faith, literature, and higher common interests make us all one people, and this is the greatest revelation of the closing years of the Nineteenth Century.

He strongly advises including the price of the uniform in the initiation fee, and states it has worked well in Montana.

We wish we had the space to quote many of the Sir Knight's interesting remarks. He would like to smash the Turk and see England in possession of Syria

and Palestine, and would stand by England in pushing the Turk back into Central Asia. He is not alone now, but was far in advance of the great majority of his countrymen when he wrote his review, and advocated a "foreign policy world wide." But we must not go into political questions and therefore stop.

Membership 366; Commanderies 8; increase 18.

W. E. Chamberlain, Great Falls, Grand Commander.
Edward D. Neill, Helena, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA—1898.

Twenty-sixth Annual. Omaha. April 21st.

The annual Conclave was presided over by R. Em. Sir Knight Edwin C. Webster, Grand Commander, with representatives from 19 of the 23 chartered Commanderies. The Grand Commander stated that with improved and better times many of their best citizens were knocking at their doors. He referred to the number of deaths and suspensions for N. P. D., and considered the Order stronger and better for the absence of delinquents. He thinks if the dues were larger more interest would be taken and that they would be more cheerfully met:

If any one is able and still unwilling or neglects to pay the small item needful to the maintenance of our Commanderies, he has not sufficient of the spirit of a Templar to be of any benefit to them. The conclusion is almost forced upon us that if the dues were as large as many readily pay to their clubs and other social organizations or spent in social indulgence or habits, the resources of our Commanderies would be vastly increased, affording ample means for the promulgation of the principles of our Order—and would even be more cheerfully met—and would result in the contributor taking more active interest in our institution.

During the session it was decided to strongly oppose the idea of making Washington the permanent location of the Grand Encampment.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 1,655; a net decrease of 34.

Wilton K. Williams, York, Grand Commander.
William R. Bowen, Omaha, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1897.

Concord. September 28th.

R. E. Sir Kt. John Hatch, Grand Commander presided over the annual Conclave. Eleven Past Grand Commanders and representatives from seven out of eleven subordinates.

The Grand Commander made a most remarkable decision. He was asked whether a Commandery had authority to accept applicants who were not citizens of the United States, nor who had not made application for naturalization, although resident long enough in the United States to become a member of and receive the Capitular degrees. He replied that an application for the Orders of Knighthood could not be received from a foreign subject. He made a long case of special pleading, which to our mind was very absurd. In support of his action he says among others:

A sojourner "is a stranger who dwells in a place for a time." Can a foreigner be considered anything more than a sojourner? If, after a sufficient extended residence in this country to have received the degrees of Capitular masonry, he has not renounced his allegiance to the sovereign of his native land, or taken the preliminary steps for so doing, it must be presumed that either he does not intend permanently to make this his home, or that our political institutions and form of government have not sufficiently commended themselves to him to induce him to become a part of the body politic. A Knight Templar is a loyal subject, and supporter of the civil government of his country.

A Knight Templar 'tis true, is, and should be, a loyal subject, and should respect the civil government of the country wherein he resides and which affords him protection while so residing. But to say he should renounce all allegiance to the country of his nativity in order to obtain the degrees of Templarism is a most remarkable utterance.

This is carrying the question of nationality to the extreme. The qualification of a certain length of residence has been the rule in every jurisdiction and in the Grand Encampment, but to use the Order of the Temple for proselyting citizenship to the United States is certainly a novel and startling idea. The Grand Commander is afraid "if foreigners are to be admitted, there

is no limit to the number of men hostile to our form of government." This is a strange remark to apply to Royal Arch Masons of the United States; and why they should be more dangerous as Templars than as Capitular Masons, is more than one can comprehend.

Among the names of their prominent dead which received extended and loving notice occurs that of Andrew Bunton, Past Grand Commander. The report says "Everybody knew him and he knew everybody," and, that "every one was his friend, liked him and enjoyed his presence."

The late Sir Knight had many friends in Canada who can readily agree with the many kind things said of him.

The Committee on Jurisprudence asked time for further consideration of the Grand Commander's novel and singular decision, until the next annual Conclave.

A committee on uniform brought in a report with a number of amendments. Some of the regulations permit of the baldric and apron being omitted in the asylum, and other portions of the uniform may likewise be dispensed with during visitations. New Commanderies in the future must wear black leather sword scabbards.

The report ends with the following :

This uniform coat shall not be absolutely required; the black frock coat recognized in the society of gentlemen shall suffice, when accompanied by the ornaments prescribed, but the "Regulation" clothing shall be given the preference and shall be as herein described and set forth.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated for the expenses at the Pittsburg Triennial.

Sir Kt. A. S. Wait whom we have met at other round tables prepared the Correspondence report in his usual complete and graphic style. He gave Canada for 1896 full and courteous notice and Sir Kt. Henry Robertson's introduction in full.

Regarding the Order he says :

We have no great predilection for the fuss and feathers, but we are much of the impression that when the Templar Orders, if they ever do, get out of touch with the social tendencies of the world, they will have lost the influence which they are now

so manifestly exerting upon society. If this is ever the case the spirit of Knight Templary will have gone out of them and their value for any purpose will have departed.

Upon enforced affiliation he very concisely remarks

We cannot bring our mind into sympathy with the legislation which assumes to fix the stigma of masonic crime upon a brother for the mere reason that he is not affiliated with a Lodge.

To our mind it looks as if the influence of the mighty dollar was at the bottom of all such unwise and as we think unworthy legislation.

Membership 2115 ; Commanderies 11 ; increase 55.

John Hatch, Concord, Grand Commander.
Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1898.

40th Annual. Trenton. May 10th.

Opened in ample form, R. E. Sir Kt. John E. Rowe, Grand Commander, presiding with representatives from fourteen subordinates out of sixteen on the roll.

The Grand Commander reported his official actions, recommended an addition to their Tactics which would include the proper reception of Grand Officers, and a more comprehensive form of inspection.

He objected to notices containing matters of business being forwarded through the mails in unsealed envelopes.

These were endorsed by the committee and adopted by the meeting. Business of the session was local.

Sir Kt. Peter McGill reviewed the proceedings of 41 Grand Jurisdictions, Canada for 1897 being included. A number of excerpts are reproduced from the address, and he tenderly and kindly offers "New Jersey's myrtle wreath of sympathy and love over the death of our late beloved Grand Chancellor, which we gratefully accept on behalf of our Canadian fratres. He says "the thoughtful face of M. E. Sir Kt. Macwatt looks at us on the frontispiece of the volume."

He does not believe in compelling a K. T. to drop his Commandery or Chapter and stick to his Blue Lodge if he cannot afford all three, and says :

A compulsory member of any body is not likely to be a valuable one in any sense except as a source of revenue.

Very true. To our mind this is a very doubtful quality, for we do not believe that Masonry should be always guided and measured by dollars and cents.

Sir Kt. McGill labored under difficulties in writing his report, his connection with the State Naval Militia and the great activity in recruiting and examination of new material had left him little spare time.

We wonder, under the circumstances, how he managed to concentrate his thoughts.

Membership, 1801; Subordinates, 16; Increase 19.

W. H. Sebring, Plainfield, Grand Commander.

Charles Becketl, Trenton, Grand Reorder.

NEW YORK—1897.

Eighty-fourth Annual. Jamestown. September 14th.

R. Em. Sir Knight John A. Mapes, Grand Commander, whose well executed engraving forms the frontispiece to the proceedings, opened the annual Conclave in ample form. 56 Commanderies were represented out of the 58.

The Grand Commandery was welcomed to the city by the Mayor, in a very interesting speech, which was replied to by the Grand Commander.

The Rev. C. C. Albertson, on behalf of the local Commandery, likewise welcomed the Grand body.

The Grand Commander gave a lengthy report of his acts. Three pages were devoted to the deaths of his own and sister jurisdictions; his dispensations occupying nearly as much space. He draws attention to a regulation which provides that unaffiliation or suspension for N. P. of dues, by Lodge or Chapter, shall deprive a Knight of membership in the Commandery, and says:

In other words *we are inflicting a penalty of our own* for failure to pay dues in other bodies, which penalty is to be enforced without even the semblance of a trial.

And further on states that

It is a cardinal principle in all Masonic law that no Mason can be deprived of his Masonic rights without due trial, and the opportunity to be heard in his own defence. †

In a large jurisdiction like New York the death roll is always a heavy one, and full and loving tribute is paid to those who have gone before.

\$1000 was voted towards the expenses of the Grand officers at the Pittsburg Triennial.

Report on uniform was held over until next annual Conclave.

The report on Correspondence, embracing 43 Grand Jurisdictions, was presented by the Chairman, Sir Knight Jesse B. Anthony, and covers 130 pages. He hopes to see the time when continuous membership in Lodge and Chapter will be required to the maintenance of Templar standing. As this doctrine or dogma is American and not British, we merely look on while our American fratres thrash it out among themselves.

Referring to Turkish and Armenian affairs, he says:

We do not ourselves believe that the Templar or Masonic Grand Bodies should take action upon matters which properly belong to the body politic and which should emanate from us in the character of citizens.

Sir Knight Anthony does not believe in the harsh measures adopted in some jurisdictions regarding non-affiliates and rightly says any fiat which destroys a Templar's Masonic life, without trial, is "an outrageous law and contrary to the principles of Masonry, and will result in its own correction by a demand for repeal in self protection."

Canada for 1896 has fraternal notice; and a number of quotations approvingly made from the Grand Master's address.

Some very interesting tables of Knights Templar statistics are given as well as a comparison table and the membership of the Masonic grades: from which the relative membership in the three great branches are shown as follows:

The proportions of Knights Templar to Master Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 122,835 to 768,689; equal to 1 to 6.77.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Royal Arch Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 112,885 to 201,880; equal to 1 to 1.79.

The smallest Commandery in this jurisdiction has a membership of 35 and the largest 540.

Membership 11,376; Commanderies 58; net gain 339.
 Arthur MacArthur, Troy, Grand Commander,
 John F. Shafer, Albany, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1898.

18th Annual. Raleigh. May 18th.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample and knightly form by R. Sir Kt. Joseph H. Hackburn, Grand Commander. Eleven Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander's address was a business document. He regretted not being able to report a large increase in membership, and lays it to the financial depression, and to the fact that there were few large cities in the State, and that it was almost impossible for a small town to maintain a Commandery,

The question of uniform buttons was laid over until next year.

Sir Kt. John C. Chase writes his fourth report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1897 is courteously reviewed. Upon the question of Great Priory conferring rank upon members of a subordinate Preceptory who have not earned it, he says he considers the Grand Master's stand "too sound to be questioned."

He thinks that if it was understood in the beginning that continuous membership must be maintained in all the bodies it would probably deter some, if not a good many, from going beyond the Blue Lodge, "as they would naturally hesitate about loading up with more than they could tote."

Sir Kt. Chase's running fire of comment makes pleasant reading.

Membership, 362; subordinates, 11; net gain, 13.
 Mumford D. Bailey, Winston, Grand Commander.
 Horace H. Munson, Wilmington, Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1897.

55th Annual. Toledo. September 8th and 9th.

To the Proceedings is a "præludium," containing details of the celebration the day previous to the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, of the attainment, by Toledo Commandery No. 7 of the fiftieth year of its existence.

The occasion was fittingly celebrated by the attendance of many of the Commanderies of the state, accompanied by ladies innumerable. From the account, the event was indeed a gala one. The city was "en fete," and the social receptions all that could be desired. A parade, review and exhibition drill being included in the programme.

The annual Conclave was presided over by the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Kt. Barton Smith, whose portrait prefaces the Proceedings. 54 Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commandery received courteous and hearty welcome to the city, from the Mayor, the Governor of the State and from Toledo Commandery. The Grand Commander gave a long and exhaustive address. Paid a loving tribute to the memory of their late Grand Prelate, the Rev. T. J. Melish, and a large number of Eminent fratres whose loss they mourn. He reported that every Commandery had been inspected during the year and that they were generally in a most satisfactory and prosperous condition, but from the reports the inspections had come to be needed. He suggested a committee to prepare instructions for inspections which would cover the duties of the inspecting officer as well as the Commandery. He stated that 45 Commanderies had attended divine service once or more during the year at either Good Friday, Easter or Ascension services, the larger number at both of the two latter days.

An interesting account of their Masonic Home is presented. The Mississippi proposition to shear the Grand Encampment of most of its authority was concurred in.

Sir Knight Enoch T. Carson, now their oldest Past Grand Commander, submitted his twenty-second

report on Correspondence, which is as usual an able one. Canada 1896 (Assembly at London) is fraternally and courteously reviewed. The Grand Master's address is styled "an able document," and from it over two pages of extracts are taken. Sir Knight Henry Robertson's preface to his report on Correspondence is given in full and called a very readable report. Frater Carson is very severe upon the Order of the Eastern Star and has a tilt with many of the guild over it. He styles it an "excessance," that its "prominent founders were Masons for revenue mostly, if not only," and that "it is a favorite among long haired men and short haired women," and many other loving appellations.

We are not aware of this female Order being imported into Canada as yet, and therefore have no personal experiences or remarks to offer on the subject.

Sir Knight Carson gives an extremely interesting, personal and autobiographical account of himself in his conclusion, in connection principally with the ritual in the Grand Commandery of Ohio and in the Grand Encampment.

Memberships, 8,263; 56 subordinates; net increase, 192.
 Robert V. Hampson, Salem, Grand Commander.
 John Nelson Bell, Dayton, Grand Recorder.

OKLAHOMA—1897.

Second Annual. El Reno, O. T. February 1st.

The officers of the Grand Commandery, having assembled at the Hotel Kerfoot, were duly received by the local Commandery and escorted to the Masonic Hall.

R. E. Sir Knight C. M. Barnes, Grand Commander, presided. Three chartered Commanderies and one U. D. were represented.

The proceedings contain the routine work of the session, which naturally in a new and small jurisdiction is not large.

The Grand Commander encourages his Knights, and says it is their duty to make the Order known and respected, for

This can not be done by simply displaying our insignia of rank and honor. We should do everything that may be done to make known to the world the glories of our Order. Let our deeds of charity and pure beneficence be quietly and modestly performed, but let it be known and understood of all men that this Order has no place for any but the best of men.

Noble impulses are speechless prophets. Let us give voice and our earnest endeavor to enlarge and increase our usefulness during the coming year.

4 subordinates ; membership. 148 ; increase, 21.

DeForest D. Leach, Oklahoma City, Grand Commander.
H. S. Cunningham, Guthrie, Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1897.

Eleventh Annual. Eugene. October 14th.

R. E. Sir Knight Robert S. Bean, Grand Commander, presided, with six Commanderies answering to the roll call. The address stated that owing to the extreme financial depression an increase could not be reported, but that the strength of Templarism is not to be determined by the number of its votaries, but by their manly character and knightly virtues.

The Grand Commander orally referred to the Order of Malta, whereupon

After discussion it was agreed that the communication of the essentials in connection with the Order of the Temple was required to comply with the law of the Grand Encampment.

The Tennessee resolutions were fully concurred in, and they hoped the Grand Encampment would find some means of correcting the abuse referred to. Is it not rather too late in the day? Any such attempt would be rather Quixotic.

A banquet was held at the close of the session.

Sir Knight J. M. Hodson writes the report on Correspondence. He reviews Canada for 1896, says "The address was a pleasing and instructive discourse," and makes several quotations. States that M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson puts up one of the most interesting reports on Correspondence.

He considers the term "*Templarism*" as an abomination from a Templar standpoint, even if it is used by

eloquent speakers, and wishes it understood that he objects to the word every time it is used, whether he mentions it or not.

He evidently objects to the Order being termed an "isms."

With reference to the American and Cretan questions he remarks as follows:

The greatest trouble in the whole matter is, the struggling masses of semi-Christians referred to are degenerate races, almost entirely incapable of doing anything for themselves: hence, if we were to reach forth the helping hand to those people, we know in advance that, even if placed upon their feet, they are totally unable to stand. They are a shame to their ancient blood.

Sir Kt. Hodson is correct in the above assertion. Their Christianity is oftener more in name than otherwise, and they have exhibited, when opportunity offered, quite as much brutality and ferocity as their inveterate foe the Turk.

Sir Knight Hodson makes an interesting and pleasing report, his running comments being very enjoyable.

Membership, 398; net loss, 16.

L. C. Marshall, Albany, Grand Commander.
James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1894

45th Annual. Harrisburg. May 25th

The Grand Commandery was opened by R. E. Sir Kt. Harry M. Van Zant, Grand Commander.

The Mayor of the city extended a welcome, which was acknowledged by the Grand Prelate on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander in his report was properly indignant over a Commandery who loaned its name for a monetary consideration to an excursion to the "Holy Land." He being reliably informed that not one member of said Commandery participated in it, and that the affair had been commented upon in a manner which reflected no credit upon the Commandery.

Upon the Order of Malta he makes the following rather peculiar remarks and assertions:

I find that a majority of the Commanderies overlook the importance or necessity of conferring this order upon all their members, that they themselves do not appreciate the fact nor impress upon the candidates the fact that they are not members in full standing, and have no right to vote or hold office until they have received the Order of Malta.

I do not wish to be understood as suggesting a seditious thought, but I do believe that it would inure to the benefit of Templarism if the Grand Encampment could be persuaded to eliminate the Order of Malta from the Ritual, as I do not think that either in theory or fact is it a part of Templarism.

What about the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, what part of Templarism is it, *either in theory or in fact.*

He concludes his report in a very grandiloquent peroration of the Cuban difficulty.

Committee on Drill and Tactics considered their system at present in use, not up to the standard, and decided to adopt and engraft a portion of the H. B. Grant tactics.

The Triennial Committee made a detailed report. The per capita tax of 90 cents for each member in the jurisdiction for Triennial expenses realized \$10,772.10. They will likely need it all.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and it was adopted: That a life member having demitted and affiliated with another Commandery, then demitted from the second Commandery, and is again admitted into one in which he was a life member, is not entitled to the life membership privileges, he having voluntarily abandoned and surrendered all his rights and privileges which he possessed therein, at the time of his demission.

R. E. Sir Kt. Lee S. Smith, P. G. C., indites the Correspondence report. He gives a courteous two page review to Canada for 1897 and is pleased to style the Grand Master's address "a most interesting and carefully prepared paper."

Under Maryland he says regarding uniforms:

We do it a little differently in this section of Pennsylvania, namely, the subordinate Commanderies charge the initiate a fixed sum and furnish him a uniform in connection with his initiation. This necessitates a supply of the uniform, and makes them in general character alike.

We also note the adoption of the resolution on cloak or Military overcoat, and have often thought it was one of the foolish customs of the Order to think that it was essential that the living Sir Knights should risk their lives and health, in order to pay tribute to the memory of the dead.

Owing to the pressure of Triennial affairs Sir Kt. Smith expresses relief upon completion of his report. His conclusion is interesting and in it he remarks:

Many correspondents, and some proceedings still adhere to using the prefix of title when applied to title or officer, viz: Sir Wm. Johnson, R. E. Grand Commander. Of course, it really matters but little how we use the terms, as the salaries go on just the same, but at the same time it is just as easy to have it right as wrong. We have always contended that this form of address is wrong, and the Grand Encampment decided it in that way a few years ago. In other words, that the prefix Most Eminent, Right Eminent or Eminent were titles of honor addressed to persons holding the office, and not a part of name or title of office. That the officer sign himself Commander, Grand Commander or Grand Master, but that in addressing them we should apply the prefix. Thus in making record:

R. E. Sir Wm. Johnson, Grand Commander, or if addressing on the floor, R. E. Grand Commander.

This is correct with the exception that the word "Knight" is omitted. The word Sir is an appellation or title of rank in other countries and should never be used without the word "Knight" in addressing or referring to a Templar frater. He is not a "Sir" but a "Sir Knight" of the Temple. We find this omission very frequently among our American fratres. It is a misleading misnomer.

Regarding the Spanish Cuban war he says :

There may have been difference of opinion as to the necessity and propriety of this war, but since it seems that it must be, there is but one feeling regarding it throughout all our great country.

And now that the dogs of war are loosed, where are those who cried loudest for war? At home in safety.

One of them said on the floor of Congress, that the result of this war would be worth all the blood that might be shed. Yea, verily, as long as it is some other fellow's blood.

Yes. Like Artemus Ward, they are quite ready to sacrifice all their wife's relations.

Sir Kt. Smith offers a prayer that a honorable and victorious peace will soon spread her wings over his beloved land ; to which we add a fervent "Amen."

We have had the pleasure of shaking hands with Sir Kt. Smith in our fair city of Montreal, and shall be pleased to welcome him again we hope, at a not very distant day.

Commanderies 74, Membership 11,969, Increase 474.
Henry H. Kuhn, Johnstown, Grand Commander.
Wm. W. Allen, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1897.

Fifteenth Annual. —Sioux Falls, June 17th.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Knight Joseph T. Morrow, the Grand Commander, whose portrait is given in the proceedings. The address is a short business one. Prays for the safety of the Fratres of the Temple who are fighting under the flag, whether on land or sea. Reports the deaths in his and other jurisdictions, and the number of dispensations issued and the visits paid.

Ten Commanderies were represented.

It was decided to adopt a manual similar to that of Iowa.

Sir Knight S. H. Jumper commenced his report on Correspondence in the spring time. He gives a pleasant poetical description in prose of that time of the year in his North-west State, and as we likewise took up our pen in the spring, it reminds us of our own Dr. Drummond, in his French dialect poems of the "Habitant" of the Province of Quebec. We are tempted to quote for our good frater:

O! dat was the place w'en de spring tam she's comin,
W'en snow go away, an de sky is all blue—
W'en ice lef' de water, and sun is get hotter,
An' back on de medder is sing de gou-glou—

W'en small sheep is firs' comin' out on the pasture,
Deir nice leetle tail stickin' up on deir back,
Dey roun wit' deir moder, an' play wit' each oder,
An' jomp all de tam jus' de sam, dey was crack—

An' ole cow also, she's glad winter is over,
So she kick herse'f up an' start off on de race,
Wit' de two year ole heifer, dat's purty soon lef'her,
W'y ev'ryting's crazee all over de place!

Sir Kt. Jumper has very kindly words for the 1897 meeting of the Great Priory of Canada.

He gives a pleasant review of the various jurisdictions. Thinks they have enough to do in the new west, providing homes for themselves and families, and should not be expected to compete with the Eastern Commanderies, or give more attention to "drill and work of the Order." We make no comment on the remark regarding drill, but we are puzzled to know what our good Knight intends by the latter part, "work of the Order."

Membership 751 ; net loss of 4.

William T. Doolittle, Sioux Falls, Grand Commander.
Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI—1898.

36th Annual. Franklin. May 25th.

An antecedent record in the proceedings, tells how the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies assembled at the Masonic Temple at 10.30 a. m., and marched through the streets from the Temple to the Tabernacle, where they were greeted with music and words of friendly welcome.

R. E. Sir Kt. W. J. Ely, the Grand Commander, assembled and opened the Grand Commandery in ample form, in the afternoon, 16 subordinates answering to the roll call.

The Grand Commander is of the opinion that the Order does not properly appreciate the printed proceedings, especially the reports on Correspondence. He says :

These reports being the result of patient thought and study by some of the wisest and most competent writers, contain much valuable information.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead paid loving tribute to the departed Knights of their own and other jurisdictions, including our own beloved M. E. Sir Kt. Spry, of whom they say :

Few Canadian Masons have been so well known or so much loved in the United States.

The evening of the first day was devoted to devotional exercises in the Tabernacle, and afterwards to social events.

The Grand Recorder gives a short rhapsodical report of these festivities, the thought of the banquet still holding a strong place in his memory.

Committee on Uniform appointed at last session reported progress, and asked for another year's delay which was granted.

The Massachusetts regulations relating to life membership was adopted as the law of Tennessee.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee to report upon the best method of making a system of inspection effective and beneficial to subordinate Commanderies.

A very courteous and interesting report on Correspondence is presented by Sir Knight Wilbur F. Foster, who faithfully reports all he had seen and heard in the notable assembly of Templar States, Provinces and Kingdoms.

Canada at its annual session in Montreal is allotted nearly three pages. He notes the form of procedure at the opening of Great Priory, and says:

No unseemly haste or slipshod methods in that dignified assembly.

We note the following:

Our Canadian brethren do not seem to be altogether comfortable in their new clothes. Numerous communications have reached the Grand Master objecting to the baldric as "warm, stiff and clumsy," and the Grand Master says: "I regret the Great Priory adopted this feature of the uniform, and think the black silk sash formerly worn with a very narrow white stripe through the centre, would have been more comfortable." Undoubtedly correct, and the Canadians have our profound sympathy. By the way, we wonder how they enjoy that wonderful contrivance for making a man miserable, called "the chapeau"—especially under the ardent rays of a midsummer sun, and far from shade or water. Perhaps they failed to adopt the chapeau. If so, let them get it at once, and they will then believe that the baldric is the perfection of ease and comfort.

Well, Frater Foster, we had to have some kind of a head gear, and finally decided that as we might want to occasionally visit with our American cousins, we

would adopt the black chapeau. But then we do not parade as much as you do, and do not have so many "Masonic occasions," and do not always meet or parade in the "dog days." So it has not worried us very much, as yet, but that velvet harness in a warm, close lodge room, we are certainly not in love with, and from all we can read and hear it is gradually losing its place in the affections of American Templars. The signs are certainly pointing that way in many jurisdictions, and we note many speak and write as we feel about it.

Sir Knight Foster is strongly opposed to compulsory membership in all branches of the fraternity, and objects to the Templar Order being made a collecting agency. Under New York he says:

Right you are, Grand Commmander Mapes! The Commandery should never be forced into the degrading and ungracious attitude of a collecting agent to enforce payment of debts to *anybody* but itself. Oh, no; let Lodge and Chapter and Commandery each manage its own financial troubles, and punish its own delinquents within its own closed doors.

We should like to quote more of our good frater's interesting report, but space is limited.

Membership, 1,075: 16 Commanderies; net increase, 16.
 Samuel B. Dow, Knoxville, Grand Commander.
 Wilbur F. Foster, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS—1898.

45th Annual. Dallas. April 13th.

The Grand Commandery was escorted to the First Methodist Church at ten o'clock a. m., by the Knights Templar of Texas.

The Rev. Sir Kt. J. F. Smith on behalf of Dallas Commandery gave an address of welcome, responded to by the Grand Commander. Sir Kt. J. R. Carter, acting Grand Prelate, then delivered the annual address after which the Grand Commandery was escorted to the Templar Asylum.

The Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Kt. L. T. Noyes, then opened the Grand Body in full form. The roll call being responded to by twenty-two Commanderies.

V. E. Sir Kt. H. B. Stoddard, the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, was announced and greeted with all the honors.

Ten pages in the Grand Commander's address are devoted to "In Memoriam" of departed fratres of the Temple, including our own beloved, the late Grand Chancellor. A page is also set apart in the proceedings to his memory, for which we tender Canada's deep gratitude and thanks for the kindly courtesy.

The report covers 49 pages and is filled with copies of correspondence and orders which if read in full to the Conclave, must have wearied the Knights by its length of detail.

A proposition to appoint an official Drill Master was not adopted. An Historical Committee previously appointed was continued and the sum of \$500 voted towards a history of Knights Templar of Texas.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Sir Kt. R. M. Elgin, Past Grand Commander.

Canada for 1897 receives courteous notice.

Under Iowa we find the following:

The only dispensation not approved by the Committee on Grand Officer's Report was one authorizing the members to appear in uniform at a charity ball given by the Commandery and given under its sole supervision. The committee say, without criticism, that the Grand Commandery has decided that a ball is not a "Masonic occasion."

It is not always easy to decide what is a Masonic occasion. In another year we will have been a Mason for a half century and arrived at that age in which men are prone to look back and wish for the good old times of the past. To regard that only as proper which was the custom "when I was made a Mason." When I was a young Mason we never had a public installation of officers, a St. John's-day celebration or a meeting of the Grand Lodge that we did not have a "Masonic Ball." And remembering how they were enjoyed, the pleasure with which they were anticipated and the sweet recollections that followed them, the writer cannot say that he would not have done as Grand Commander Ercanbrack did. Perhaps if they had called it by another name, although the same company assembled, the same topics discussed, the same ends attained, it would have been otherwise.

We imagine that our fratres of the United States have been so prone to put on their uniform and parade

at the slightest provocation, that the pendulum is now swinging the other way.

We are pleased that the veteran knight gives his opinion upon the manner in which many of the Grand Commanders make up their reports, we can hardly give some of them the dignified name of "address."

We like the way the Grand Commander makes up his address. Instead of sandwiching his official correspondence, general orders and like matters of reference in the body of his address, he attaches them as an appendix, and they do not interfere with or mar the beauty and solidity of the address. It would be a great convenience to reporters if all the Grand Commanders would do likewise.

He states that the Order of Malta has been sadly neglected in their jurisdiction, and its beauties are unknown, and that he knew of only two Commanderies which are prepared to, and which have conferred the order in full form.

In reply to a correspondent on the Armenian and other national affairs, who advocated "shot and shell," he says:

Such sentiments are all right for a citizen, but our dear brother must remember that shot and shell are not the weapons of the Templar. For hundreds of years Masons have denied that they ever interfered with the politics of the country or the affairs of the nation—the charges of "His Holiness" to the contrary notwithstanding—and we do not think the wise and conservative leaders in the Order will at this day change the long-settled policy of the Order. We regret to see our enthusiastic young men fly off at a tangent.

We would like to add to Frater Elgin's remarks a few verses from "The Saga of King Olaf":

" Cross against corslet,	Stronger than steel
Love against hatred,	Is the sword of the spirit;
Peace-cry for war-cry!	Swifter than arrows
Patience is powerful,	The light of the truth is,
He that o'ercometh	Greater than anger
Hath power o'er the nations.	Is love, and subdueth!

The dawn is not distant
Nor is the night starless;
Love is eternal!
God is still God, and
His faith shall not fail us;
Christ is eternal!"

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But we must leave Frater Elgin and his interesting report.

Membership, 2,155; Commanderies, 31; net increase, 40.

A. A. Johnston, Dallas, Grand Commander.
J. C. Kidd, Houston, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1898

Fifty-sixth Annual. Burlington. June 14th.

Grand Commandery was opened by R. E. Sir Knight Robert J. Wright, the Grand Commander. Eleven Commanderies represented.

The Very Eminent Knight Joseph A. Locke, Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment and the representative of the Grand Master, was received and welcomed.

The Grand Commander was pleased to welcome the Knights for the first time to their new Masonic Temple. They had gained in numbers, a new Commandery instituted, and a petition for another received.

In Canada the seal of the Grand body is attached to all dispensations and documents by the Grand Chancellor or Grand Secretary, who attests and keeps official record, after the presiding officer signs, but in Vermont it appears the presiding officer has a private seal for dispensations, etc. He evidently likes to add Secretary's work as well to his other duties.

The Grand Recorder in his twelfth annual report was pleased to announce the largest gain in number, the past year, in their history, there being a net gain of 101.

\$400 was appropriated to maintaining headquarters at Pittsburg.

Past Grand Commander George O. Tyler, an honorary member of Canada, was as usual in attendance, and in evidence on several of the Committees.

Our Green Mountain fratres devoted a memorial page to our beloved Daniel Spry, late Grand Chancellor, and Canada appreciates the kindly and knightly honor to his memory.

Our Vermont brethren have always been in close and fraternal touch with Canadian Masonry.

Kittredge Haskins signs his name to the Correspondence report of Vermont Templars for the fifth time.

Canada, 1897 at Montreal is fraternally and courteously reviewed. Refers to the Jubilee address to Her Majesty the Queen, quotes part of it and says:

This, certainly, was a very appropriate thing for Canadian Templars to do, and the address expresses the sentiments of the people of this country with reference to the splendid reign of Victoria.

Sir Kt. Haskins, your kindly expressions we appreciate.

He does not believe in continuous membership in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery being made obligatory, nor that a non-affiliate holding a $\text{\textcircled{d}}$ emrit should be placed on the same level as a suspended member for N. P. D. especially if the effect is to deprive the member of all Masonic rights.

Our sentiments also, Frater Haskins. He says:

We do contend, however, that the legislation by Grand Lodges against non-affiliates, to deprive them of Masonic good standing, is unsupported by justice. It is indisputable that the Lodge can deprive this class of Masons of all rights in Lodges, of the privileges of visitation, of the right to Masonic relief or burial, and the non-affiliate has no right to complain of such deprivation. To legislate further than this in the Grand Lodge, in the spirit that they are to be punished by driving them out of the Chapter and Templar associations, does not appear to be in accord with the Masonic spirit.

Under Mississippi he has the following:

That aside from the fact that the receiving of the degrees in Lodge and Chapter are made pre-requisite to an admission to the Orders of Knighthood, it will require the use of a microscope to discover any connection or similarity between Ancient Craft, or Capitular Masonry and the Order of the Temple. Therefore, that which the Order of the Temple might be permitted to do the Blue Lodge and Chapter would be inhibited from doing.

Membership, 1600; net increase, 101.

Jesse E. Thomson, Rutland, Grand Commander
Warren G. Reynolds; Burlington, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA—1897.

Seventy-fifth Annual. Petersburg. December 6th.

R. E. Sir Knight E. H. Miller, Grand Commander, presided, with the representatives from 18 subordinate Commanderies. The Grand Commander in welcoming the Sir Knights to the Conclave stated that there were only two other Grand Bodies in the United States having the proud distinction of an earlier origin than the Grand Commandery of Virginia. In referring to the ritual, he had been advised that some of the Commanderies were not conferring the degree of Malta and he suggested such action be taken as would require subordinates to conform in this respect with the laws of the Grand Encampment.

"Grant's" Tactics were adopted as the standard for Virginia, and the following resolution:

That in future at the installation of the officers of this Grand Commandery, the officers elect shall appear in full dress of a Templar on foot.

The Tennessee resolutions were not concurred in.

Invitations were accepted to unite with the local Commandery in public religious services in the Presbyterian Church and partake of a banquet afterwards in honor of the "75th or Diamond Jubilee" of the Grand Commandery.

No report on Correspondence.

Membership, 1,472; decrease 9.

J. H. Capers, Richmond, Grand Commander.
James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Recorder.

WEST VIRGINIA—1898.

Twenty-fourth Annual. Parkersburg. May 11th.

The Grand Commandery was opened in ample form by R. E. Sir Knight Lewis N. Tavenner, Grand Commander. Eleven subordinates answered to the roll.

The Grand Commander, owing to the appointment of an inspector, was "relieved of the imperative duty of visitation of the subordinate Preceptories." During the year he granted two dispensations to appear in

regalia, and one to ballot within the required time, and made one ruling. West Virginia evidently did not encroach very much on their Grand Commander's time.

The report of the Grand Inspector General was interesting. He stated that

The reception of the Em. Commander and rehearsal of duties at the opening, were never attempted in many of the Commanderies, and but very seldom in any: the short form of opening almost invariably being adhered to.

Regarding the uniform, he stated that not one Commandery fully conformed to the regulations. On the other hand he congratulated the subordinates upon having supplied themselves with full paraphernalia for the conferring of the degrees.

A portrait of the late R. E. Sir Knight Odel S. Long and many resolutions from the subordinates upon his death are inserted.

The second report on Templar Correspondence by R. E. Sir Knight W. W. VanWinkle covers 44 jurisdictions, and is a very complete review of the doings of the Grand bodies. He devotes four pages to Canada for 1897 at Montreal, and makes some very complimentary remarks, the address receiving long and full attention.

Sir Knight VanWinkle, while giving us very little comment of his own, succeeds in placing a very full account of the affairs of each jurisdiction before his readers.

Membership, 1,026; net increase 75.

John A. Zora, Wheeling, Grand Commander.
R. C. Dunnington. Fairmont, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON—1898.

Eleventh Annual. Tacoma. June 8th.

A portrait of the Right Em. Sir Knight Jacob Weatherwax, Grand Commander, prefaces the proceedings. Ten subordinate Commanderies responded to the roll call.

The Grand Commander is not only patriotic and warlike but has a rhyming turn of mind.

He reports granting permission to Seattle Commandery to appear in full Templar uniform on Memorial Day. Admits it is not a Masonic occasion, but being representatives of an ancient and warlike body, and his country being now in a state of war, he thought it right to turn out in uniform to decorate graves of those who had died for their country. The Committee on the Address could not construe it into a Masonic occasion and consequently did not approve of the Grand Commander's action, notwithstanding the high motives of patriotism which prompted it.

The war excitement got the better of the Grand Commander and some of the Knights of his jurisdiction, for he telegraphed to the Secretary of War at Washington as follows :

In the event of war with Spain I am authorized by the Knights Templar of the State of Washington to tender through you our services to President McKinley and the nation.

The Grand Commander made numerous visitations, and his report thereon is interesting. He commends some for their Templar enthusiasm, and requested others to "brace up," and show more. In one Commandery he stated he "found the Knights filled with enthusiasm," and had a very pleasant and enjoyable time which will remain long in his memory. He, however, omitted to state when the Knights "filled" up what they took with their "enthusiasm."

In another Commandery he "found the Sir Knights in good condition and full of enthusiasm."

He ends his address by breaking into his propensity for rhyme, and "has the complaint badly." He presented a rhyming resolution to the "Ladies," in acknowledgment for flowers, and the following day the Grand Recorder presented it set to music and sung it; and the minutes state :

Which so surprised the Grand Commander and Sir Knights, no further action was taken in the matter.

Now we wonder whether the rhyme or the music caused the paralysis, or was it the combination ?

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved—That this Grand Commandery call the attention of the officers of the Grand Encampment and the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions to the pressing need of more work and action at the Triennials and less of recreation and junketing.

Sir Knight Yancey C. Blalock, P. G. M. and Grand Recorder, writes the Correspondence report, and crowds it into 60 pages. Canada for 1897 is passed in review, and he makes a most remarkable statement that

Fifty dollars was appropriated to each of the first four Grand officers if they attend the Grand Encampment at Pittsburg, and \$350 for entertainment purposes.

Frater Blalock has got sadly mixed; no such action or resolution was carried or thought of, nor can it be found anywhere in the printed proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. We wonder where he got it. Must have been visiting with the Grand Commander.

Membership 633; subordinates 10; net increase 7.
Carmi Dibble, New Whatcom, Grand Commander.
Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1897.

39th Annual. Milwaukee. October 12th.

R. E. Sir Kt. Edmond C. Deane, Grand Commander.
26 Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander says in his address:

Sir Knights, I am not of those who are of opinion that our Order is growing too fast. I cannot believe that the sublime truths, the divine teachings of our lectures, can be too often imparted to our worthy companions. The field from which we draw recruits has been cultivated and improved by the ballot in Lodge and Chapter. Those who come to us are, as a rule, the best in intelligence, attainments, and all that goes to make applicants desirable.

Then let us not be afraid to display our banners, to let our light shine before our companions, that they may be attracted to us, and, if found worthy, be admitted to a participation in our labors. Templar Masonry is no longer a subject of conjecture. Its merits are known, and its name familiar in almost every home in the land. As members of our Order we should be proud, though not boastful. The past has been grand, the present is assured, the future will be what we make it.

Seven hundred and fifty dollars was voted for Triennial expenses.

A form for reception of Grand Officers was adopted.

Sir Kt. W. C. Swain for the fifteenth time indites the Correspondence report. He reviews the 1896 meeting of the Great Priory of Canada, and quotes from the address, as well as from the Correspondence report.

Under Georgia we find the following :

While there is a good point in his suggestion that a clergyman should, when possible, fill the position of Prelate, in our experience we have found the work generally better done by laymen. Emmons Taylor, of this jurisdiction, who died some twenty-three years ago, while filling the office of Grand Commander, never failed, as Prelate, to bring tears to the eyes of his candidate, and he was a lawyer. A clergyman is too apt to give a routine effect to his work.

Sir Knight Swain is interesting and facetious, and is an old hand at the quill. He inserts short, pointed anecdotes which makes his report pleasant reading.

In reply to a Correspondent who was rather sensitive and unable to see through one of Swain's jocular remarks, he retorts :

In our youthful days we had a weakness from which, we are obliged to confess, we have not yet recovered, for pretty girls. We met, at a party, a golden-haired lassie, who sank deep into our susceptibilities. We obtained permission to call, which we did at the first opportunity, and found a copy of "Arabian Nights Entertainment" on the table. Asked if she was reading it. Yes. "How do you like it?" "I don't like it at all. It is full of the biggest lies I ever heard of."

Membership, 2695 ; subordinates, 27 ; net increase, 63.
Charles D. Rogers, Milwaukee, Grand Commander.
John W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

WYOMING—1898.

Eleventh Annual. Evanston. April 13th.

R. E. Sir Kt. David H. Craig, Grand Commander.

Six subordinates represented.

The Grand Commander stated that death had dealt very gently during the past year, with their Grand Commandery, not a single member had been taken from their ranks, and only two Knights Templar in the State had died during the year.

Proceedings of the session routine and local.

The report on Correspondence is written by Sir Kt. John C. Baird, their Grand Recorder. Canada for 1897 receives fraternal notice. He is somewhat mixed on the nomenclature of Canada's officers, and credits the annual address to the Grand Chancellor, (Recorder). The Supreme Grand Master, and not the Grand Chancellor, is the presiding officer in the Great Priory of Canada, Frater Baird, and delivers the annual address, and the proceedings so states.

He makes the following remark regarding the address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration :

It was just as ardent as any address ever sent to the throne from the most loyal subjects of any monarch in history.

Sir Kt. Baird claims he sent three copies of their proceedings to "Sir Whyte" last year, and yet Wyoming was not in last year's review. Sir Kt. Baird is probably thinking of this year's (1898) proceedings, which are hereby reviewed. Sir Kt. Whyte was not Grand Chancellor last year and would have been surprised if he had received them.

Membership 326 ; 7 Commanderies ; net increase 5.
 W. A. Robins, Cheyenne, Grand Commander.
 John C. Baird, Cheyenne, Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Third Annual. Washington. May 9.

We had closed our report, when the District of Columbia proceedings came to hand, and as the printer had not quite finished, we are enabled to include them.

A special Conclave was held on the 7th January. A Special Committee on the new Masonic Temple reported. The proposed plan of the new Temple Association was ratified, and \$500 was subscribed to the capital stock.

Five subordinate Commanderies were represented at the annual Conclave, over which R. E. Sir Knight R. W. Darby, the Grand Commander, presided. The Annual Address was short, and the several points

referred to were put in a concise manner. Business local.

Sir Knight Geo. H. Walker wrote the Correspondence report. In his preface he says :

Your Committee desires to manifest its appreciation of the fact that few better agencies are offered of getting in touch with the Templar world, of learning what is going on in sister jurisdictions, of profiting by their experience, and in acquainting us with much that we really should know, than this medium of Foreign Correspondence. * * * * *

By the exchange of fraternal greetings we learn how the various matters that interest us all are regarded, what is done concerning them, and note the results.

Canada for 1897 is fraternally noticed. We would courteously remark that the executive officer of Great Priory is the "Grand Chancellor," not the "Grand Registrar."

Membership 1467 ; Commanderies 5 ; net increase 67.
 Eldred G. Davis, Washington, Grand Commander.
 A. W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We have thus reviewed the following jurisdictions :

England and Wales.....	1898	Missouri.....	1898
Alabama.....	1898	Montana.....	1897
Arizona.....	1897	Nebraska.....	1898
Arkansas.....	1898	New Hampshire.....	1897
California.....	1898	New Jersey.....	1898
Colorado.....	1898	New York.....	1897
Connecticut.....	1898	North Carolina.....	1898
District of Columbia.....	1898	Ohio.....	1897
Georgia.....	1898	Oklahoma.....	1897
Illinois.....	1897	Oregon.....	1897
Indiana.....	1898	Pennsylvania.....	1898
Indian Territory.....	1897	South Dakota.....	1898
Iowa.....	1897	Tennessee.....	1898
Kansas.....	1898	Texas.....	1898
Kentucky.....	1898	Vermont.....	1898
Louisiana.....	1898	Virginia.....	1897
Maine.....	1898	Washington.....	1898
Maryland.....	1897	West Virginia.....	1897
Mass. and Rhode Island.....	1897	Wisconsin.....	1897
Michigan.....	1898	Wyoming.....	1898
Minnesota.....	1898		

Three proceedings, Florida, Mississippi and North Dakota, have not come to hand, although written for.

The first, no doubt, has been delayed through the sickness and death of their Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir Kt. Judge McLean, whose death we recently had notice of. We tender sincere sympathy to our Florida fratres.

We trust this review of forty-one Grand Jurisdictions may prove of interest to our fratres. We have written for both our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, but this is our first entry into the Templar arena as a correspondent.

Since commencing our report, our neighbor, the Great Republic to the south of us, has become embroiled in warfare, and their arms have come out victorious. As a member of the great Anglo-Saxon race, we have earnestly and anxiously watched them in their struggle, and with the families, more especially of the Knights of our Order, who responded to the call of duty, we desire to express our sincere sympathy for any who may be bereft of loved ones, through either Spanish bullets or disease.

We have with all lovers of peace, concord and good will, hailed with pleasure the better "rapprochement" of the two great families of the Anglo-Saxon race. May not the fraternal visits of Templar bodies to and from the United States and Canada, help to cement and bind more closely in the ties of brotherly love and goodfellowship, those who dwell beneath "Old Glory" and the "Union Jack."

Will. S. Whyte

Montreal, September, 1898.