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M. E. Frater DANIEL SPRY, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor, Barrie, Ont.

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

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SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ninth 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 London Masonic Temple, Richmond Street, in the City of London, Province of Ontario, on Tuesday, the 19th day of July, A. M. 5896, A. O. 774.

PRESENT :

M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., Supreme Grand Master.

On the Throne

R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, Deputy Grand Master.

PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Kt. C. A. Humber, Goderich, London District.
R. E. " John A. Angell, Guelph, Hamilton District.
R. E. " Daniel F. MacWatt, Barrie, Toronto District.
R. E. " James Greenfield, Kingston, Kingston District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Thomas Sargent as Grand Chancellor.
R. E. " Rev. Frederick Bates, Grand Chaplain.
R. E. " Robert McGuire, Grand Constable.
R. E. " F. W. Randall, Grand Marshal.
R. E. " O. S. Hillman, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND OFFICERS.

- V. E. Sir Kt. James S. Sanford, as Grand Vice Chancellor.
E. " A. Carruthers, Grand Sub-Marshal.
V. E. " Albert E. Cooper, Grand Almoner.
V. E. " Fred. F. Manley, Grand First Standard Bearer.
V. E. " F. Armstrong, as Grand Second Standard Bearer.
V. E. " W. J. Robertson, Grand Master's Standard Bearer.
E. " G. S. Ryerson, Grand Captain of the Guard.
E. " J. Walker Quinlan, as Grand Sword Bearer.
E. " H. A. Collins, as Grand Pursuivant.
E. " J. H. Mattice, Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

R. E. Sir Kt. E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Ont.
R. E. " John S. Dewar, London, Ont.
R. E. " J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Ont.
R. E. " Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas, Ont.
R. E. " George D. Adams, Windsor, Ont.
R. E. " N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ont.

The Sir Knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Supreme Grand Master, attended by his Banner-Bearer, and preceded by the Acting Grand Chancellor and Grand Sub-Marshal, was conducted to the Dais and received by the Deputy Grand Master. Having taken his seat he directed the Muster Roll to be called, and having ascertained that a constitutional number of Preceptories were represented, the Ninth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was opened in **Ample Form** at 10.30 A. M., the Grand Chaplain having implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Grand Council, as required by the Statutes, appointed R. E. Sir Knights Daniel F. MacWatt, Will. H. Whyte and Samuel Dubber, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies for the Preceptories, before the election of officers was held, they presented the following

REPORT:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that 30 Preceptories are entitled to be represented at the present Annual Assembly, and there are 235 qualified Preceptors on the Muster Roll of Great Priory, making a total of 325 Sir Knights entitled to seats at the present session. Of this number 11 Preceptories are represented by the duly qualified officers and 16 by Proxy and 5 are not represented. There are 49 Past Preceptors present and the total vote entitled to be cast is 112. Your committee are pleased to report that all Preceptories have sent in their Annual Reports, although eleven have omitted to affix the seal.

The following Fratres are present and entitled to seats in Great Priory:

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

Sir Kt. W. L. Hamilton Constable.
R. E. " James Greenfield Preceptor.

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

E. Sir Kt.	Benjamin Allen	Presiding Preceptor.
"	A. A. S. Ardagh	Constable.
"	Wm. Roaf	Marshal.
R. E.	N. T. Lyon	Preceptor.
R. E.	E. T. Malone	"
R. E.	R. L. Patterson	"
R. E.	James Douglas	"
V. E.	John Simpson	"
E.	H. A. Collins	"
R. E.	W. C. Morrison	"
V. E.	James Glanville	"
R. E.	J. Ross Robertson	"
R. E.	E. E. Sheppard	"
V. E.	Thos. Sargant	"
V. E.	J. B. Nixon	"

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

E. Sir Kt.	Gavin Stewart	Presiding Preceptor.
"	J. H. Mattice	Marshal.
R. E.	Wm. Gibson	Preceptor.
R. E.	J. H. Stone	"
R. E.	O. S. Hillman	"

No. 4. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, LONDON, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt.	Arthur Carrothers	Presiding Preceptor.
R. E.	D. B. Burch	Preceptor.
R. E.	John S. Dewar	"
R. E.	A. E. Cooper	"

No. 5. NOVA SCOTIA, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

[Not Represented.]

No. 6. KING BALDWIN, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. L. H. Henderson Preceptor.

No. 7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LEON, MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

E. Sir Kt. Joseph Mitchell Presiding Preceptor.
 R. E. " W. H. Whyte Preceptor.

No. 8. PLANTAGANET, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. John A. Angell Proxy.

No. 9. SUSSEX, STANSTEAD, QUEBEC.

R. E. Sir Kt. W. H. White Proxy.

No. 10.

VICTORIA, GUELPH, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. F. W. Randall Preceptor.
 M. E. " Henry Robertson "
 R. E. " Hugh Walker "
 R. E. " J. A. Angell " and Proxy.
 V. E. " Wm. Watson "

No. 11.

UNION DE MOLAY, ST. JOHN, NFW BRUNSWICK.

[Not Represented.]

No. 12.

MOUNT CALVARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO.

M. E. Sir Kt. Henry Robertson Preceptor.
 R. E. " Daniel F. MacWatt "
 V. E. " S. J. Sanford "

No. 13.

MOORE, PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO.

[Not Represented.]

No. 14.

HARINGTON, ALMONTE, ONTARIO.

[Not Represented.]

No. 15.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, WHITBY, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. John H. Gale Presiding Preceptor.

No. 16.

GONDEMAR, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. David Taylor Preceptor.

No. 17.

ODO DE ST. AMAND, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.

E. Sir Kt. Rev. Alex. W. Richardson Presiding Preceptor.

No. 18.

PALESTINE, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO.

V. E. Sir Kt. J. Walker Quinlan Presiding Preceptor.
 V. E. " W. J. Robertson Preceptor.
 R. E. " Robert J. Craig "
 E. " P. J. Lightburne "

No. 19.

ST. BERNARD, DE CLAIRVEAUX, DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO.

[Not Represented.]

No. 20.

KENT, CHATHAM, ONTARIO.

R. E. Sir Kt. Frederick Bates Preceptor.

No. 21.

BURLEIGH, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO.

V. E. Sir Kt. Luke Slater Presiding Preceptor.
 R. E. " Sampel Dubber Preceptor.

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- No. 22. ST. ELMO, GODERICH, ONTARIO.
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- No. 23. RAY, PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry Proxy.
- No. 24. ALBERT EDWARD, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. W. G. Bell Preceptor and Proxy.
- No. 25. WILLIAM-DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, QTEBEC.
 R. E. " Henry Griffith Preceptor.
- No. 26. WINDSOR, WINDSOR, ONTARIO.
 E. Sir Kt. Frank Armstrong Presiding Preceptor.
 R. E. " Geo. D. Adams Preceptor.
 R. E. " Robert McGuire "
- No. 27. MALTA, TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA.
 R. E. Sir Kt. Henry Griffith Proxy.
- No. 29. CYRENE, TORONTO, ONTARIO.
 Sir Kt. G. S. Ryerson Constable.
 V. E. " Charles F. Mansell Preceptor.
 V. E. " George J. Bennett "
 V. E. " Fred. J. Manley "
- No. 30. WESTERN GATE, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
 M. E. Sir Kt. Daniel Spry, G. C. T. Proxy.
- No. 31. YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.
 (Not Represented.)

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Daniel F. MacWatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Will. H. Whyte, and

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

Letters were received from R. E. Sir Knights Charles Knowles, Quebec, Grand Marshal, and Hon Robert Marshall, S. F. Mathews and R. W. Crookshank, St. John N. B., regretting their inability to be present, and a telegram from R. E. Sir Knight A. R. Milne, Victoria, B. C., to the same effect.

Apologies were made for the absence of the Grand Chancellor who was ill at his hotel in London and unable to be present.

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

The Acting Grand Chancellor commenced reading the recorded minutes of the Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, when it was

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight John Ross Robertson, seconded by Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sovereign Great Priory, at its Eighth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Toronto, on the 21st day of July, 1891, having been printed, and copies forwarded to each Preceptory and Frater entitled to receive them, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed.

The Acting Grand Chancellor presented a petition from Sir Knights E. Franklin Clements, George W. Johnson, Thos. R. Tody, Arthur Rogers, and others, of Yarmouth Preceptory, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, praying for a Warrant of Confirmation, which was referred to the Great Council for report.

M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Supreme Grand Master, then read his

ADDRESS.

Fratres of the Great Priory of Canada:

It becomes my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the duties and responsibilities of another Annual Conclave. It is always a great pleasure to meet old friends, and to make new ones is scarcely less desirable. In these annual gatherings we have admirable opportunities for the exercise of fraternal goodwill and fellowship, and among Templars, I believe that these opportunities are never neglected.

In the discharge of your functions as representatives of all the Knights Templars of Canada, I trust that you will be zealous and energetic, and while carefully guarding the landmarks against encroachment, your legislation should tend to the improvement of the Order and the welfare of the several Preceptories.

Our Order is founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. With humble reverence, we acknowledge our indebtedness to the Great Father of all for his manifold mercies vouchsafed us in times past, and we look for assistance to the Great Captain of our salvation in our future

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efforts for the cause of humanity and progress. May our labors always receive the Divine approbation.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am happy to be able to inform you that during the past year Templarism in Canada has been more than usually prosperous. One new Preceptory has been formed and there are good prospects for three others in the near future. The increase in membership has been greater than for a number of years past, and the returns and receipts this year exceed those of any previous year since our organization. The receipts for the year have been \$1,297.50, and we have a comfortable balance of cash on hand of \$1,017.04.

From nearly all of the districts, I have the most encouraging reports. In some localities the state of the Order has greatly improved and in others the prospects are bright for the future. In a few localities, no progress has been made and this is accounted for in various ways. Financial depression, the unsettled state of the ritual and the uniform question, the low ebb of Capitular Masonry, opposition from other rites, and the limited field in the Province of Quebec, have all been assigned as reasons why the work has not been advanced to its proper position everywhere. Some of these causes are beyond our control, others we may deal with and I trust that our united efforts may mitigate or entirely remove their adverse operation.

RED CROSS AND MALTA.

In furtherance of the legislation of last session as to the Red Cross Degree and Templar and Malta Certificates, I authorized the issuance of the following circular to all the Preceptories:

THE CHANCERY OF THE ORDER,
BARRIE, ONT., Oct. 13th, 1891. }

DEAR SIR AND EMINENT SIR KNIGHT,—

I am directed by M. Em. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Supreme Grand Master to call your attention to the following decisions and enactments of Great Priory, and to request your compliance therewith:

1st. The Red Cross Degree has been made a recognized Degree of this Jurisdiction, and must be conferred upon Candidates before the Templar Degree. (Proceedings 1891, page 213.)

2nd. All Knights Templars who received the Templar Degree before the 31st December, 1890, and who have not been provided with Malta

Certificates as required by the Statutes, can obtain them on payment to me of \$1.00 each. The Statutes require every Preceptory to furnish these certificates. (Proceedings 1891, page 256.)

3rd. That as only one certificate will be issued in future at a cost of \$4 each, which will cover the Red Cross, Templar and Malta Degrees, you are requested to have all these Degrees conferred upon Candidates admitted to your Preceptory, and to enter the dates of giving such Degrees in the annual return of work done, sent to the Grand Chancellor. It will be necessary therefore to confer the Red Cross and Malta Degrees upon all Candidates admitted since the 1st January, 1891, so that they may be properly included in the return which has to be made to Great Priory as soon as possible after the 31st December next. Requesting you to give this subject your prompt attention and acknowledge receipt of this circular.

I am, yours

Courteously and Fraternally,

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

GRAND TREASURER.

On the 30th of December last, having been informed of the serious illness and consequent inability to act of our Grand Treasurer, R. E. Frater David McLellan, I appointed R. E. Frater O. S. Hillman, of Hamilton, to be Grand Treasurer *pro tempore*. Frater Hillman accepted the appointment, and he has since then performed the duties of the office to my entire satisfaction.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In February last I had the pleasure of granting a dispensation for the organization of a new Preceptory at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The petition for the dispensation came to me well signed and recommended. The Fraters composing this new Preceptory have gone properly to work, and at the first meeting twenty three new members were admitted. As they have a good field and good prospects of success, I recommend that a warrant be granted by Great Priory to replace the dispensation.

DECISIONS.

- SEAL.

I have ruled that the Seal of the Great Priory should only be used on official documents issued by the Grand Master or from the Chancery of the Order, and that it should not be used on the letter-headings of the Provincial Priors.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

In reply to a query from a Provincial Prior, I stated that I

could see no objection to the Provincial Prior appointing a Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the office, as such appointment appeared to be sanctioned by custom and usage. As the duties of such appointee would be purely secretarial, I considered that his title should be "District Secretary" to correspond with similar positions in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. The title of "Provincial Registrar" in this connection is objectionable, as that title is already borne by a member of each of the Provincial Governments of Ontario and Quebec.

LODGE SUSPENSION.

There being no provision to the contrary in the statutes of Great Priory, I ruled that the standing of a member in his Preceptory was not affected by his suspension from his Lodge.

PRINTING TENDERS.

Pursuant to the report of the Grand Council, adopted by Great Priory at the last Session, tenders were asked for in May last for printing the proceedings of Great Priory for a term of three years. Five tenders were received, and I awarded the contract to the lowest tenderer, A. McPherson, of Hamilton, at 90 cents per page.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, U. S.

In November last I received from M. E. Frater John P. S. Gobin, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the appointment to the position of Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment near the Great Priory of Canada, which had become vacant through the lamented death of M. E. Frater James A. Henderson. As it is our strong desire to continue the most cordial and knightly relations with the Grand Encampment, I had much satisfaction in accepting the appointment.

RITUAL.

On the 15th of August last I appointed the following Sir Knights as a Special Committee on Ritual, viz., R. E. Fraters E. T. Malone, W. G. Reid, Geo. D. Adams, C. A. Humber, John A. Angell, D. F. MacWatt, Jas. Greenfield, W. H. White, Samuel Dubber, V. E. Frater Albert E. Cooper and E. Frater J. H. Gale. This Committee will report at the present Session, and I trust that you will give this important subject your earnest and careful consideration. The new Ritual proposed last year is almost universally disapproved, only the Preceptories in

Nova Scotia and British Columbia report in its favor. The consensus of opinion appears to be that our own Ritual, with some modifications and changes, will be preferred to any other. It is, in my opinion, imperatively necessary that some definite conclusion should be arrived at as speedily as possible, as the unsettled state of this matter is materially hindering the work of the Order.

UNIFORM.

The question of an out door parade uniform should also be finally settled at this Session. At present, each Preceptory may adopt such parade uniform as it chooses, but the costume to be worn in the Preceptory is strictly defined. An authorized uniform should be adopted for all Canada, and it should be made permissible to wear such uniform at all meetings.

NECROLOGY.

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of one of our Grand Officers. On the 16th of March last R. E. Frater David McLellan, the Grand Treasurer of the Great Priory, ended his earthly career. Frater McLellan had been intimately connected with the affairs of Great Priory for a long time. After holding several other offices he was elected Grand Treasurer in 1877, and he was continuously re-elected to that position each year since. He was universally respected and beloved. His many good qualities of heart and head had endeared him to his associates, and he enjoyed their esteem and affection in a marked degree. His death, although not altogether unexpected, was the cause of profound sorrow among the members of Great Priory and his memory will be cherished by us as that of a true and faithful Templar.

One of our oldest members has also passed away. R. E. Frater Samuel B. Harman was well-known to the older members of Great Priory as a very active worker in the cause of Templarism in days gone by. He was a Past Great Sub-Prior, and was intimately associated with our Grand Masters Moore and Henderson in settling the young Great Priory of Canada upon a secure foundation.

Among the other prominent Sir Knights who have died during the year, I have to mention our well-beloved Edward Mitchell, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge; George T. Smithers, of Halifax, N. S., and John Wright, of Port Hope.

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I would suggest that suitable memorial pages be set apart in our Proceedings, bearing the names of these distinguished Fratrés.

CONCLUSION.

Before bringing this brief account of my administration to a close, I desire to thank the Grand Officers, and especially the Grand Chancellor, for the valuable assistance which they have so cheerfully rendered to me throughout the year. I am fully conscious of my short-comings as your presiding officer, but circumstances are sometimes stronger than one's desire.

We are now evidently in what may be termed a transitional state in the history of Great Priory. The old *regime* has passed away. The new one is yet to come. Old ways and old manners must give way to newer and more progressive ideas. The times change and we must change with them. I fully recognize the situation and as a bridge between the old and the new, my term of office may be styled an *interim*, a period of change during which no great things were to be expected, but during which the moving forces were to gather for the onward movement.

I am a thorough believer in progress in every material condition. I believe that we are now entering upon an era of advancement and improvement. It only requires united effort to place our Order on a much higher plane. There is plenty of enthusiasm among the workers and given the opportunity they will speedily make the results apparent. I look forward with confidence to a great revival of Templarism in Canada in the near future.

In retiring from this high position I do so with gratitude for the many favors bestowed upon me by the members of Great Priory and with the most cordial wishes for your continued health and prosperity.

I am,

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Supreme Grand Master.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman, and

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

The reports of the following Provincial Priors were then presented:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

FRATRES.—In submitting this my report on the condition of the Templar Order in the London District, it is a matter of congratulation to be able to state that some considerable progress has been made in Templarism in the larger portion of the District during the past year; and I am gratified at being able to make a favorable report on the condition of the Order in a majority of the Preceptories, that harmony prevails, no interruption or serious complaint of any kind having been brought to my notice during the year, other than in one or two instances, where it was intimated there was some apathy and want of interest of members, in not being as regular in attendance at their meetings as they should in order to assist in keeping up the continued interest the Order requires and is deserving of, though in my intercourse with some of the Fratres found there were some reasons for this, in the unsettled condition of Ritual, which no doubt will have the best attention of Great Priory at this session, with a view to a satisfactory and final adjustment.

The Preceptories of London District are,

Richard Cœur de Lion No. 4, London.
 Kent No. 20, Chatham.
 Burleigh No. 21, St. Thomas.
 St. Elmo No. 22, Goderich.
 Windsor No. 26, Windsor.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION NO. 4, LONDON.—I visited this Preceptory in March last. The attendance was small owing to a political contest being on in the city at the time and a public meeting being held in the Grand Opera House of the Temple the same evening. This Preceptory has a membership of 61; assemblies during the year, 12; R. C. Degrees conferred, 8; K. T. Degrees conferred, 9; K. of M. Degrees conferred, 7; Members in arrears over 1 year, 16; value of furniture and paraphernalia, \$300; insured; hall rented; assets about \$500; liabilities, \$200; returns have been sent to Great Priory; prospects fairly bright. The Eminent Preceptor and officers are capable and efficient and sufficiently interested in Templarism to keep Richard Cœur de Lion to the front and will no doubt give a good account of themselves in the future. R. E. Frater J. S. Dewar is the right man in the right place as Registrar.

This Preceptory has advantages over many others in the District in having good material offering for increased membership, of which no doubt they will avail themselves. This Preceptory in particular and the Order in general have suffered a severe loss since our last session in the death of V. E. Frater Thomas Buck, whose memory we revere and respect.

KENT PRECEPTORY No. 20, CHATHAM.—This is the only Preceptory in the district I did not visit, which was on account of my receiving but one notice of a meeting during the year and which came to hand the night before the date of meeting. I communicated with R. E. Sir Knight Thos. C. McNabb on two or three occasions with a view to having a meeting called so I could visit them but did not succeed. R. E. Sir Knight McNabb writes me stating that on account of them having done so little and likely to do so little in the future, there was but little inducement for a Provincial Prior to visit them, that very few meetings were held, consequently did not issue notices. A few loyal Sir Knights succeed in keeping the Preceptory together for the purpose of being members with a hope that a change for the better may take place in the near future. They have a membership of 12; assemblies during the year, 2; no degrees conferred; value of furniture, &c., \$100; no insurance; hall rented; assets nil; liabilities, none; returns to Great Priory have been made. I do not under the circumstances consider the prospects good. Will not offer any suggestion, but will leave it with Great Priory to suggest what is best to do.

BURLEIGH PRECEPTORY, No. 21, ST. THOMAS.—Visited this Preceptory in February, when the R. C. Degree was exemplified. The presiding Preceptor, V E. Sir Knight Luke Slater, is an exemplary officer, who takes more than ordinary interest in the work of the Order. The Registrar, E. Sir Knight W. E. Idsardi, is also a capable and painstaking officer, all the records being well kept in a businesslike and satisfactory manner. The outlook of Burleigh Preceptory is good, though suffering in some respects for a want of that untiring interest in regular attendance by some of the Fratres, who, as in too many instances, are merely satisfied by being admitted and enrolled as Sir Knights. Present membership, 57; assemblies during the year, 9; R. C. Degrees conferred, 2; K. T. Degrees conferred, 2; members in arrears over one year, 26; value of furniture and paraphernalia, \$50; Insurance \$300; hall rented; assets, \$322.70; liabilities, none. Money deposited

in Bank drawing interest. Returns have been made to Great Priory; prospects, fair.

ST. ELMO PRECEPTORY, No. 22, GODERICH.—This, my Alma Mater, although not increasing in numbers as we would wish, its members are zealous and sufficiently interested to stand by the Order, hoping for an improvement in having material offering from which to increase our numbers. Many of the Fratres live at a distance in the neighboring towns, consequently only occasionally put in an appearance, making it at times difficult to secure sufficient attendance to make meetings interesting. On my official visit, with the assistance of R. E. Sir Knights Toms and R. Radcliffe, installed the Eminent Preceptor and officers elect for the ensuing year. Present membership, 19; assemblies held during year, 5; degrees conferred, none; members in arrears over one year, 15; value of furniture and paraphernalia, \$150; hall rented; assets, \$100; liabilities, \$40.00. Returns have been made to Great Priory. Prospects, only fair. Preceptory is equipped with paraphernalia and every convenience for conferring degrees.

WINDSOR PRECEPTORY, No. 26, WINDSOR.—Visited this Preceptory in February and found the good record it has earned had in no respect deteriorated in interest or otherwise. Present membership, 35; assemblies during the year, 17; R. C. Degrees conferred, 1; K. T. Degrees conferred, 1; K. of M. Degrees conferred, 2; members in arrears over one year, 9; value of furniture, \$300; value of paraphernalia, \$200; insured for \$400; hall rented; assets, \$575; liabilities, none. Returns have been made to Great Priory; prospects, good. Their hall and rooms are among the most convenient in the district. This Preceptory is the only one in the district in sympathy with the American Ritual in its entirety, though sufficiently patriotic as to comply with the requirements of Great Priory in this particular. Have an efficient staff of officers who take special pride in their manoeuvres and drill. Have also adopted a uniform which is worn in assemblies and in their outdoor processions and parade. Are in possession of an excellent banner presented to them by Sir Knight Armstrong, one of their honored members. I desire to express my thanks to the Sir Knights of Windsor Preceptory for their cordial and fraternal reception tendered me on my official visit to them, and to the Fratres throughout the district where I have visited them, who have received me with every kindness and consideration,

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for which I am grateful, and I trust the same courtesy will be extended to my successor in office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. HUMBER,

Provincial Prior London District

Goderich, July 19th, 1892.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—As Provincial Prior for the Hamilton District, I have had the pleasure of visiting all the Preceptories in the jurisdiction, except one. The year has been harmonious and progressive. The membership of the District shows a considerable increase. The roll of the Preceptories has also been increased by the transfer of Odo de St. Amand Preceptory No. 17 to Brantford. The growth in the other Preceptories, though not large, has been healthy and of well selected material. The work has been uniformly well done, and greater interest has been taken in the Order. My reception has been cordial and enthusiastic.

ST. BERNARD DE CLAIRVEAUX PRECEPTORY No. 19, Dunnville, Ont.—In accordance with the request of the Grand Council, I issued notices calling a meeting of this Preceptory for Friday, October 23rd, 1891, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Fratres, when it was promised that they would resume work again, and place their Preceptory in good standing on the Roll of the Sovereign Great Priory, which promise it gives me great pleasure in reporting to you has been fulfilled. They have held regular meetings, elected officers, made their returns to Great Priory, have received two applications, balloted for and accepted one applicant. I regret that business reasons have prevented me from paying them another visit, as I am particularly anxious to assist and encourage them until they get firmly on their feet again, and would recommend that Great Priory accept one year's dues in full of past claims against them.

GODFREY DE BOUILLON PRECEPTORY, No. 3, Hamilton, Ont.—I visited the Preceptory on December 4th, 1891. They are steadily adding good material to their membership. They are in good financial condition, and I must compliment them on the correct and careful manner in which the books of the Preceptory are kept. The Red Cross Degree was conferred on three applicants. The officers deserve great credit for the able

and efficient manner in which the degree was conferred. This is the banner Preceptory of the district, in not of the Dominion of Canada. I regret to state that Godfrey de Bouillon No. 3, and the Templar Order in Canada, have sustained a severe loss in the death of our esteemed and trusted Frater, R. E. Sir Knight David McLellan, Grand Treasurer of the Sovereign Great Priory. Under the pressure of excessive work caused by a too conscientious personal attention to every detail, his health gave way and could not be re-established. He died peacefully at his own house in March last. He was a thorough Mason, genial and kindly in disposition, modest and unassuming in his manner. Esteemed by all who knew him for his many personal qualities, he has left behind him that noblest inheritance, the memory of his virtue.

ODO DE ST. AMAND, No. 17, Brantford.—I am pleased to be able to inform you that after some preliminary visits and considerable correspondence I was able on Wednesday, April 20th, 1892, with the assistance of V. E. Frater H. Lockwood, J. A. Nelles, Wm. Watson, F. W. Randall, Em. Frater Gemmill, Frater Barry, Schultz, Haugh and Tawse of Victoria Preceptory, No. 10, Guelph; also R. E. Frater W. C. Morrison of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, Toronto, (who was one of the original Charter members) to revive the warrant of Odo de St. Amand, No. 17, and completing its removal to Brantford, when twenty well-known Royal Arch Companions were duly balloted for and accepted, received the several degrees, and were duly enrolled as members of the Preceptory. The officers were duly elected and installed. The members have gone to work earnestly and enthusiastically. I feel sure that the efforts will once more place Odo de St. Amand prominently on the Roll of Great Priory. I am greatly indebted to the fratres of Victoria Preceptory for their able assistance; also to the Preceptory for so kindly placing all their paraphernalia at my disposal.

PLANTAGANET PRECEPTORY, No. 8, St. Catharines.—This Preceptory has not had much work to do during the year, adding one member and losing one by death. Their position financially is a healthy one, having a considerable sum drawing interest. No outstanding dues. On examining their books I was pleased to find their Registrars have all taken pride in keeping the books of the Preceptory in a thorough and business-like manner.

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VICTORIA PRECEPTORY, No. 10, Guelph.—This being my mother Preceptory I have attended all their meetings. The average attendance is good and considerable interest being taken in them. One member has been added, two applicants balloted for and accepted. The Preceptory is slowly improving its financial position, with but a small amount of outstanding dues. Their books are well and carefully kept. The prospects for the ensuing year are bright for this Preceptory. They have a careful and painstaking set of officers, who take pride in their work.

RAY PRECEPTORY, No. 23, Port Arthur.—I regret that, owing to business and the great distance, I have been unable to visit this Preceptory. I have written to them a number of times, but since early last fall have been unable to get any reply to my communications until a few days ago, so that I am unable to make report with reference to their condition further than to say that the returns have been made to the Great Priory, and I am informed that the prospects are apparently encouraging. This Preceptory is geographically in Hamilton District, but I would suggest that it be transferred to the Toronto District, as there are a number of Fratres residing in Toronto and Barrie who frequently visit or have business in Port Arthur, who are quite capable, and could be deputed to visit them.

I trust that the question of Ritual will be finally settled at this meeting of the Great Priory, and thus remove a cause of doubt with coming Preceptors and officers, enabling them to get the work up.

To the Fratres of the several Preceptoriums in the District I tender my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesies extended to me.

I am pleased to say that no complaint of any kind has been made to me during my term of office, which speaks well for the harmony and good-will that exist in the District.

Trusting that the deliberations of this important meeting of the Great Priory will redound to the honor of Templarism in general, and the dignity and interest of this Sovereign body in particular,

I am courteously and fraternally yours,

JOHN A. ANGELL,
Provincial Prior Hamilton District.

Guelph, Ont., July 9th, 1892.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—In accordance with the statutes of the Order I beg to submit my report as Provincial Prior of the Toronto District for the year 1891-92.

My first official act was the appointment of V. Em. Frater J. H. McKeggie as Provincial Registrar. Objection having been made to this appointment—not to the Frater, but to the office—I referred the matter to the M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master, who ruled that such an appointment was customary but that the title of the officer should be District Secretary.

There are five Preceptories in the Toronto District and I am glad to report that I have been able to visit all. The following statement shows the work done by each for the year ended 30th June instant :

No.	Name.	No. M'bers.	No. Met'gs.	Degrees Conferred.			
				R. C.	K. T.	K. M.	M. P.
2	Geoffery de St. Aldemar, Toronto.....	117	14	3	4		
12	Mt. Calvary, Barrie.....	35	12	1	1	1	1
15	St. John the Almoner, Whitby.....	20	4				
18	Palestine, Port Hope.....	26	7	2	2		
29	Cyrene, Toronto.....	55	13	4	4	4	

The work as given by Geoffery de St. Aldemar is, as all know, well done, and although it was not exemplified at the time of my visit, owing to the candidates not presenting themselves, as I have frequently had the pleasure of witnessing their work I am satisfied of their efficiency. The members and myself were very pleased to have with us on this occasion the Grand Chancellor. The books are well and correctly kept and with assets of \$1500 and liabilities nil. The Preceptory is in a highly prosperous condition.

My mother Preceptory, Mt. Calvary No. 12, as usual holds its own. Having recently moved into new and beautifully furnished rooms, I have no doubt Knight Templarism will continue to flourish in Barrie. The K. T., K. M. and R. C. degrees are always worked in extenso by the officers. The increase, one, is small, but there are five candidates accepted who will be up in September.

I had the pleasure of witnessing the K. T. degree worked by the officers of St. John the Almoner, Whitby, assisted by R. Em. Frater Howse, on the occasion of my official visit, in an able and impressive manner. I was informed that they could easily increase their membership, but very properly desired to

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be very careful in their selection, They do not hold many meetings, but the books are well kept and the balance is on the right side.

Palestine Preceptory, Port Hope, had no work, but we had a very pleasant meeting. The members residing in Port Hope are few in number, and as many live at a distance it is difficult to keep up that interest which would be taken if more of the members were residents of the town. The town is a live one, and the Masonic Hall and necessary rooms are commodious and well furnished. There should therefore be a greater interest taken in the Order of the Temple in this locality and an addition to the membership from the town of Port Hope.

Cyrène, Toronto, worked the Consecration part of the K. T. degree in an able manner on the occasion of my visit. R. Em. Frater J. McL. Stevenson accompanied me and we had a very pleasant visit. The books are beautifully kept and this Preceptory is in a healthy condition financially and otherwise.

All the Preceptories in the Toronto District are in a sound financial condition, and the books are well and correctly kept. I am also glad to report that the returns are all in the hands of the R. Em. the Grand Chancellor.

While I cannot speak of a very heavy increase in our membership in this district during the year, still this can easily be accounted for, as the severe financial depression has no doubt prevented many from joining the Order, and the depressed state of Capitular Masonry has also had an injurious effect upon Templarism.

The progress of the Order has also been seriously affected this year on account of the proposed change of ritual. I trust this and the question of uniform will be settled at the ensuing meeting of great Priory for years to come, so that we may no longer be injured by these agitations, and whatever changes be made in either direction let them be on Canadian lines.

The prospects for the future are on the whole brighter in the Toronto District than at any previous time, and there is a general feeling towards an increased interest.

I am of opinion that the present ritual, with a few changes, is much better and more suitable than the proposed new one, and this seems to be the opinion of this district so far as I can gather.

I have only, in conclusion, to express my thanks to the Frates of the Toronto District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me Provincial Prior, and also for their kind and courteous treatment and reception.

I am,

Fraternally yours,

D. F. MACWATT,

Provincial Prior Toronto District.

Barrie, 30th June, 1892.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—At the last meeting of the Great Priory the Frates of this District expressed their satisfaction with my efforts by electing me as their Provincial Prior for a second time.

On account of business engagements in the Maritime Provinces and the Mother Land, I have not been able to give that time and attention to the affairs of the District which no doubt the Frates expected from me. I have, however, kept myself posted in all that pertains to Knight Templarism in my jurisdiction, and have great pleasure in reporting a general improvement in all the Preceptories except Harington, No. 10, Almonte, as to which no change for the good may be expected until the removal of same to Ottawa is accomplished.

All the other Preceptories are now watched over by zealous, painstaking and enthusiastic officers, and marked improvement not only in work and attendance is noticeable, but they are making great additions to their rolls of membership.

In February last I had the pleasure of visiting Moore Preceptory, No. 13, Peterborough, and was delighted with the attendance and work. Four candidates presented themselves and received the degrees of the Temple. I had the pleasure of meeting the Right Eminent Frater E. T. Malone, Deputy Grand Master. Eminent Frater, B. Allen, the Presiding Preceptor of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto, and his officers, who exemplified the work with that correctness and ability which has always characterized the officers thereof. I would be glad if the officers of Geoffrey could visit all our Preceptories and give an exhibition of the work, when I feel positive a greater interest would thereafter be taken in the same. A pleasant, enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

Before retiring from the Provincial Prior's office I must ask the Fratres to forgive me for my apparent neglect during the year, and to thank them for the many acts of kindness extended to me. I have no doubt of the prosperity which is in store for the District during the coming year, and I feel confident that Great Priory will grow in strength and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES GREENFIELD,

Provincial Prior Kingston and Ottawa Districts.

Kingston, July 11th, 1892.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—Although the progress of Knight Templarism in the Quebec District has, during the past twelve months, been a quiet one, the Order of the Temple, as regards membership has not retrograded, the returns showing a slight increase of two.

Two Preceptories have held their regular assemblies and received new material, the third meeting several times but doing no work.

RICHARD CŒUR DE LION No. 7, Montreal, had a fair attendance at all their meetings, added four new members; but deaths, suspensions and withdrawals more than counterbalanced this addition, and their roll stands one less than last year.

SUSSEX No. 9, Stanstead, has had a fair year, had a good attendance at their meetings and added five new members. Their roll shows an increase of three, as they lost two members by death.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, No. 25, Quebec, held two meetings, but no work. Although this Preceptory has been very quiet the past few years, they are clear of debt and hopeful for the future. They claim other institutions and orders have for the time being engrossed the attention of the brethren in Quebec city, hence the somewhat lack of interest and aspirants.

The ritual proposed at last session of Great Priory has not met with any particular favor in this district, the consensus of opinion being that the present ritual, with a change in opening, had better be adhered to, or else a complete change to the American work. The latter move, it is feared by many, would have a tendency to wipe our identity of Canadian Templarism.

The Quebec district, from its mixed population, does not give a very large field for any rapid extension of Masonry in any of its higher branches, and if the Order of Knights Templar holds its own for some time to come it is all that its admirers can hopefully expect.

Fraternally submitted,

WILL. H. WHYTE,

Provincial Prior Quebec District.

Montreal, 17th July, 1892.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

FRATRES,—I thank you very much for the honor you conferred on me at the last annual meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory by electing me to the high and honorable position of Provincial Prior for the District of Nova Scotia, and I trust that during my term of office I have merited the confidence reposed in me.

I herewith submit my report of the work performed in this District during the past year, 1891-92. I paid an official visit, in December, 1891, to Malta Preceptory, No. 27, held at Truro, and installed its officers. Although this Preceptory has done no work for some years, it holds its meetings regularly, and is in a good position financially. I examined its books, which are a model of neatness. The total number of members on the roll are nineteen, of whom six are non-residents. During the year twelve regular meetings were held, and two members were suspended for non-payment of dues. I trust the members of Malta will awake, gird on sword, wage war on the enemy and make a better showing numerically next year.

On the 16th March, 1892, I went to Yarmouth, formed the Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 30, and installed its officers. There is the making here of one of the best Preceptories in the Jurisdiction. The members are full of enthusiasm, and have taken hold of the work with a will, which you will appreciate, when I tell you that twenty-three candidates have been fully Knighted in this young Preceptory. It is astonishing to what proficiency the officers have attained in the ritual. I witnessed them conferring the degrees, and must say the work was well and efficiently performed. I have great pleasure in recommending that a warrant be granted the young Preceptory at this meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory.

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At the annual meeting in December, 1891, I made an official visit to the Nova Scotia Preceptory, No. 5, examined its books and installed its officers. Up to this date seven meetings were held, and four candidates Knighted.

In an official capacity I visited the same Preceptory again on the evening of the sixth day of May, 1892, when I examined its books, which are exceedingly well kept by our very energetic Registrar, Sir Knight Alexander Ross, who, since his term of office, has got everything into good shape. This Preceptory is now in a good position; the officers are well up in the work. I witnessed the Red Cross Degree conferred in a very efficient and able manner; in fact it could not be done better. Eminent Preceptor D. H. Campbell is an enthusiast in Masonry, following close in the footsteps of his predecessor, Sir Knight Alexander Ross, who, during his term of office, did good work for this Preceptory. From January, 1892, thirteen meetings were held; the Red Cross was conferred on nine candidates, and Malta on six, while six were Knighted; the grand total for the year 1891-92 is, therefore, as follows:

Red Cross.....	13
Malta.....	10
Knight Templar.....	10

a very good year's work. With quite a number of applications coming in, we contemplate a prosperous future for this Preceptory. With regard to the revision of the ritual this Preceptory is unanimous in favor of the one we now have, and hope the Sovereign Great Priory will retain our own work and so maintain our identity as Canadian Templars.

During the past year we have been forcibly reminded of the frailty of this, our earthly, existence, by the removal by death of two esteemed Knights of the Nova Scotia Preceptory. On the 29th day of January, 1892, V. E. Sir Knight Geo. T. Smithers passed peacefully away at his residence in Halifax. At the time of his death he was Registrar of the Nova Scotia Preceptory, and Secretary and Registrar of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Indeed he was long one of the mainstays of this latter Body, and for his valuable and painstaking services, was rewarded with the highest honor it can bestow—33°. He was an energetic Mason and a good ritualist, and will be very much missed. V. E. Sir Knight Samuel Porter also lately passed peacefully away at his home at Annapolis. He was Preceptor in 1889-90; he was a devoted Mason,

an honest man, a good citizen, a true Christian and a high-minded gentleman. He has laid aside his knightly spurs and robes to be clothed with brighter and purer by the Great Captain of our salvation.

They are gone to their rest ;
Their presence we miss ;
Who would call them back
From that world of bliss ?

Yours fraternally,

J. W. RUHLAND,

Provincial Prior Nova Scotia District.

Halifax, July 5, 1892.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by E. Sir Knight William Gibson, and

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

M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee, presented the Report on

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Moved by V. E. Sir Knight S. J. Sanford, seconded by V. E. Sir Knight Thomas Sargent, and

RESOLVED,—That the Report on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed in the Proceedings. (See Appendix.)

The Grand Chancellor submitted the following Annual Statement of moneys received during the past year, together with the books, for examination and audit :

ANNUAL CASH STATEMENT.

M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Grand Chancellor, in account with the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for the year ended 30th June, 1892.

To cash received from Preceptories:

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Annual Fees.	Certificates.	Ceremonies.	Mrs. Moore Fund.	Status, etc., &c.	Total.	Balance Due.
1	Hugh de Payens	Kingston, Ont.	\$ 10 50		\$ 3 00			\$ 13 50	
2	Geoffrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	60 50	16 00				76 50	
3	Geoffrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont.	50 00	30 00		20 00		105 00	
4	Nichas Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	28 00	30 00	3 00			67 00	
5	John de St. Andrew	Highway Nova Scotia	76 50	16 00				93 50	
6	John de St. Andrew	Bathurst, Que.	46 30	16 00				64 30	
7	Richard Ca r de Lion	Montréal, Que.	46 30	17 00			1 80	35 30	2 20
8	Plantagenet	St. Catharines, Ont.	15 00		9 00			44 00	
9	Sussex	Stanstead, Que.	19 00	24 00				43 00	
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont.	21 50	26 00	6 00		4 30	53 80	42 50
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	17 00	6 00				23 00	
12	Mount Calvary	Barrie, Ont.	5 00	16 00				21 00	
13	Moore	Peterborough, Ont.							4 00
14	Harrington	Almonte, Ont.							
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	10 00					10 00	
16	St. John the Almoner	Brookville, Ont.	10 00	14 00				24 00	
17	St. John the Almoner	Brookville, Ont.	10 00	80 00				90 00	
18	Ode de St. Amand	Port Hope, Ont.							27 00
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Dunnville, Ont.	9 50		3 00			12 50	
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont.	6 00					6 00	
21	Burleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	28 50	5 00			*1 00	34 50	
22	St. Elms	Goderich, Ont.	10 00				30	13 30	
23	Ray	Port Arthur, Ont.	6 50		3 00			6 50	
24	Albert Edward	Winnipeg, Ont.	51 50	22 80		50 00		124 30	
25	William de la More the Martyr	Quebec, Que.	6 00					6 00	
26	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	23 50	4 00			*1 00	28 50	
27	Windsor	Windsor, Ont.	9 50					9 50	*8 50
28	Metropolitan	Paris, N. S.							
29	Cyrene	(Toronto, Australia)	29 50	18 00				47 50	
30	Western Gate	Victoria, B. C.	11 00	96 00			*25 00	141 00	
31	Varmouth	Victoria, B. C.	7 00	80 00	9 00			96 00	
	Individual Frates	Varmouth, N. S.					8 00	8 00	
			\$592 30	\$522 80	\$45 00	\$70 00	\$67 40	\$1297 50	

*Annual Returns received after books were closed and too late to appear in this year's Report.

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By paid Grand Treasurer \$1,297 50

RECAPITULATION.

	1890-91.	1891-92.
Annual Dues from Preceptories . . .	\$501 70	\$592 30
Great Priory Certificates issued . . .	302 00	522 80
Ceremonies of the Order	9 00	45 00
Statutes and Proceedings	12 30	25 40
*Dispensation to open Preceptory . .	30 00	30 00
*Dispensation General	32 00	2 00
Contributions Mrs. Moore Fund . . .	391 20	70 00
Warrant of Confirmation		10 00
	—————\$1,278 20	—————\$1,297 50

DANIEL SPRY,
Grand Chancellor.

Barrie, July 16, 1892.

R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman, Grand Treasurer, presented his Annual Statement of receipts and expenditures as follows :

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight, J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight James Greenfield, and

RESOLVED,—That the Annual Cash Statement of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Grand Council for audit and report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The following reports of the Grand Council were presented :
ON CONDITION OF TEMPLARISM.

Reports have been received from the Provincial Priors of London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, Quebec and Nova Scotia, and a careful review of them enables your Committee to congratulate Great Priory upon a substantial increase, both numerically and financially. Not only is this true with respect to the funds of Great Priory, but also in the improved condition of the Subordinate bodies as a whole, although most of those held in outlying places have barely held their own. We gather from the Provincial Priors, representing the voice of their districts, that immediate improvement is expected to result from decisive action at your hands respecting the much vexed question of ritual, and it is to be hoped that the labors of the Committee on the Revision of our Ritual may meet with approval and adoption. Notwithstanding the urgency of the Preceptories, however, for a settlement of the uniform and Ritual questions, we should beware of hasty or ill-considered action, as it does not appear that either the uniform recommended or the ritual which has been printed fully meets the views of the Preceptories or the requirements of the Order.

The attendance at the meetings of the several Preceptories visited by the Provincial Priors has not been so large as it should have been, but the officers appear to be painstaking and efficient, and the work done shows a marked improvement. It is strongly recommended that Chapters of Instruction be held at central points, and we would urge the attendance at such invaluable exemplifications of the ritual of the officers of Great Priory, and hope that the most efficient workers in all the Preceptories will lend their assistance. This will increase the interest in Templarism throughout this Jurisdiction, as well as increase the excellence of the work.

The St. John's difficulty continues to be a thorn in the side of Knight Templarism, but it is hoped that a fraternal

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visit by a number of officers and members of this Great Priory will be made shortly with a view to effecting a fraternal settlement of this long-standing trouble. It gives us great pleasure to find in the report of the R. E. Grand Chancellor continued prosperity is shown. Out of the thirty-one Preceptories under the Banner of the Great Priory ten have held their own and seven have lost slightly in membership. The two new Preceptories, Odo St. Amand in Brantford, recently revived, and Western Gate, of Victoria, have started out well with new membership of twenty and twenty-four respectively, and Yarmouth, N. S., also with twenty, the aggregate increase for the past year being fifty. This is certainly satisfactory, and should cause us to return thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his kindness to our beloved Order.

EDMUND E. SHEPPARD,
Chairman.

London, 19th July, 1892.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, and

RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Grand Council on the Condition of Templarism be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

FRATRES,—The Council have perused with pleasure the address of the Most Eminent the Grand Master, and recommend same to the careful consideration of all who earnestly desire and look forward to the prosperity of Templarism in this fair Dominion.

It is with feelings of pleasure the Council learns that during the past year the Order has been more than usually prosperous. A new Preceptory has been formed at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and is enjoying unusual prosperity. It has a wide field of operation and its members are enthusiastic and composed of Frates who are a credit and honor to the institution. We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that a Warrant be granted at this session to take the place of his Dispensation. We wish the Preceptory every success and will carefully watch its progress.

It is gratifying to learn of the increase in membership during the year and of the healthy state of the finances of Great Priory.

The Council is of the opinion that an era of prosperity is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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past. The remembrance of his kindness and his loving ways will ever remain with us. The deaths of R. E. Fratres Samuel B. Harman, Edward Mitchell, George T. Smithers and John Wright are also regretted by the Council. We recommend that a suitable memorial page to their memory be placed in our Proceedings. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry will do honor to this matter in their report to be presented to you.

All of which is courteously submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

July 19th, 1892.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight John S. Dewar, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on the Address be adopted.

REPORT ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Grand Council through its Committee on Audit and Finance has examined and audited the books and accounts of the Grand Chancellor and certifies to their correctness. The Finance Committee has also examined the vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and finds them correct.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1892 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand July 1st, 1891.....	\$ 506 16
Cash from Preceptories, annual dues.....	592 30
" " Certificates.....	522 80
" " Ceremonies.....	45 00
Mrs. McLeod Moore donations.....	70 00
Warrants, Statutes, Dispensations, &c.....	67 40
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EXPENDITURE.

(As per Grand Treasurer's Statement.)

Grand Chancellor's salary.....	\$ 200 00
Printing Proceedings, 1891, J. B. Traves.....	161 62
Grand Treasurer McLellan, special grant.....	100 00
Mrs. McLeod Moore, donations.....	70 00
Printing Ritual, \$44.50, Printing circulars, &c., \$13.....	57 50
Certificates stone, \$20, Certificate forms, \$36.....	56 00
Chairman Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
Postage, Express Charges, &c.....	50 00
Expenses of Ritual Committee, 1891.....	41 50
Balance on hand 30th June, 1892.....	1017 04
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The following account is recommended to be paid :

S. Wesley, printing circulars, blank forms, &c\$47 15

Grand Council further recommends that the following expenditure necessary to meet the expenses of the current year be authorized :

Grand Chancellor's salary	\$300 00
Printing Proceedings 1892	175 00
Grand Master's address, circulars, etc	70 00
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	50 00
Printing Certificates, \$100, Ritual, \$100	200 00
Postage, stationery, telegrams and express	50 00
Expenses of Annual Assembly	20 00
Binding Proceedings	20 00
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In the Proceedings of Great Priory for the year 1885, on page 130, the salary of the Grand Chancellor was increased to the sum of \$300. Notwithstanding this, he has only drawn \$200 per annum. As this sum is entirely inadequate, and as Great Priory is now, largely through the Grand Chancellor's efforts, in a first-class financial position, the Grand Council includes the full salary in the estimates for the year 1892 1893.

Your Grand Council finds that, while the funds of Great Priory are deposited in a chartered Bank to the credit of the body, all cheques are issued and signed by the Grand Treasurer alone, and as the Grand Chancellor has informed your Grand Council that a new order book is necessary, your Grand Council would recommend that, instead of an order book, a supply of warrants which will take the place of orders and cheques be procured, and that all warrants in future be signed by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Treasurer. Further, that an arrangement be made with a chartered Bank by which Great Priory may obtain interest on its monthly or quarterly balances.

Your Grand Council finds that there is not in the possession of the Grand Chancellor a complete bound set of the Proceedings of this body, and recommends that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$20 to supply this deficiency.

The contract for printing having expired, tenders were called for, and that of A. McPherson, of Hamilton, being the lowest was accepted.

Your Grand Council is pleased to report that the warrant of Odo de St. Amand has been revived and is in good working

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order at Brantford. As this was largely owing to the exertions of R. Em. Frater J. A. Angell, Provincial Prior of the Hamilton District, Grand Council recommends that a portion of his expenses, amounting to \$10.00, be paid and also recommends that the sum of \$27 due by St. Bernard Preceptory, Drummondville, for dues accruing during the term it was dormant, be remitted, and that the expenses of the Ritual Committee for 1892 be paid.

Your Grand Council further recommends that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to grant a rebate of \$1.00 upon all certificates, now issued at \$4.00 each to all Fratres who have received or shall receive the degree since the 1st January, 1892.

Your Grand Council can again congratulate Great Priory on the able and efficient manner in which the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer have performed the duties of their respective offices.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted,

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

London, 19th July, 1892.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and

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

REPORT ON WARRANTS.

The Grand Council have examined the Minutes of the Meetings of Yarmouth Preceptory, Yarmouth, N. S., and records of its organization, and finding them correct recommend that a warrant be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ANGELL,
Chairman.

London, July 18th, 1892.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight J. A. Angell, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight C. A. Humber, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Grand Council on Warrants be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

FRATRES,—In accordance with the resolution of Great Priory M. Em. Frater Henry Robertson, Supreme Grand Master, appointed the following Fratres a special Committee on Ritual, viz.: R. Em. Sir Knights E. T. Malone, Toronto; W. G. Reid, Hamilton; George D. Adams, Windsor; C. A. Humber, Goderich; J. A. Angell, Guelph; D. F. MacWatt, Barrie; James Greenfield, Toronto; Samuel Dubber, St. Thomas; W. H. Whyte, Montreal; Albert E. Cooper, London; and John H. Gale, Whitby.

Prior to the meeting of the Committee circulars were sent to all the Great Priory officers and members of Committees; also to all the Presiding Preceptors in the Jurisdiction, asking for opinions regarding the proposed Ritual as exemplified last July by the Windsor Fratres in Toronto; also asking for any suggestions which they might deem advisable to make. Replies were received, which with a few exceptions opposed the adoption of the proposed Ritual and favored the one at present in use with slight amendments and modifications.

On the thirteenth day of May last the following members of the Committee met in Toronto in accordance with the notice sent out calling such a meeting, viz.: Fratres Malone, MacWatt, Angell, Humber and Cooper, to which the Chairman took the liberty of adding Lyon, of Toronto; and Hillman, of Hamilton, who proved to be of valuable assistance.

The Committee were enabled to unanimously agree on a Ritual, which is herewith submitted. It will be noticed that the greater portion of the old Ritual has been retained. Slight changes have been made, which will tend to shorten rather than lengthen the ceremonies. A system of military movements or drill has been introduced with the opening and closing ceremonies, but so simple in its character that no trouble may be anticipated in memorizing and perfecting same, and is as workable by the ununiformed as the uniformed Preceptories. The Committee earnestly recommend the adoption of the Ritual submitted. As the various Fratres throughout the Jurisdiction have declared against any radical change, their wishes have been favored. The best ideas which could be gathered from old English and Canadian Rituals have been introduced. Your Council feel satisfied that the immediate adoption of same will be in the best interest of the Templar order of Canada.

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The Committee recommend the immediate printing of same in small book form, somewhat similar to that in use by Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally and courteously submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman.

July 19th, 1892.

After considerable discussion it was moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Committee on Ritual be adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. the Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Knights Wm. Gibson N. T. Lyon, and V. E. Sir Knight S. J. Sanford Scrutineers of the Ballot.

The nominations handed to the Grand Chancellor were announced, previous to the vote being taken for each office, after which the ballots were collected and counted, when the Scrutineers reported that

The following Great Officers were duly elected :

- M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, Supreme Grand Master.
 R. E. " E. E. Sheppard, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Grand Chancellor.
 R. E. " Rev. Alex. W. Richardson, Grand Chaplain.
 R. E. " W. G. Bell, Grand Constable.
 R. E. " A. E. Cooper, Grand Marshal.
 R. E. " O. S. Hillman, Grand Treasurer.
 R. E. " H. A. Collins, Grand Registrar.

The following R. E. 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 PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Kt. J. W. Barringer, Windsor, London District.
 R. E. " F. W. Randall, Guelph, Hamilton District.
 R. E. " James Glanville, Toronto, Toronto District.
 R. E. " Benjamin Shortley, Peterborough, Kingston District.
 R. E. " Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Quebec District.
 R. E. " R. W. Crookshank, St. John, New Brunswick District.
 R. E. " W. B. Alley, Truro, Nova Scotia District.
 R. E. " H. S. Westbrook, Winnipeg, Manitoba District.
 R. E. " Alexander R. Milne, Victoria, British Columbia District.

GRAND OFFICERS.

APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Robert E. Fletcher, Barrie, Ont., Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 V. E. " Frank Armstrong, Windsor, Ont., Grand Sub-Marshal.
 V. E. " W. O. Pike, Stanstead, Que., Grand Almoner.
 V. E. " Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Ont., Grand 1st Standard-Bearer.
 V. E. " Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, Que., Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " Gavin Stewart, Woodstock, Ont., Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
 V. E. " E. T. Clements, Yarmouth, N. S., Grand Capt. of the Guard.
 V. E. " James Haddock, Winnipeg, Man., Grand Sword Bearer.
 V. E. " Angus McKeown, Victoria, B. C., Grand Organist.
 V. E. " F. M. Morson, Toronto, Ont., Grand Pursuivant.
 V. E. " M. Nicholson, Goderich, Ont., Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

ELECTED.

- R. E. Sir Kt. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " D. F. MacWatt, Barrie, Ont.
 R. E. " William Gibson, Beamsville, Ont.
 R. E. " Robert L. Patterson, Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ont.

And the following were appointed by the Supreme Grand Master :

- R. E. Sir Kt. John S. Dewar, London, Ont.
 R. E. " George D. Adams, Windsor, Ont.
 R. E. " James Greenfield, Toronto, Ont.
 R. E. " H. Griffith, Quebec.
 R. E. " John A. Angell, Guelph, Ont.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Collingwood, Ont.

INSTALLATION.

M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Past Grand Master, assumed the throne as installing officer. The Grand Master elect was presented for installation by R. E. Sir Knight Robt. L. Patterson, Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and having taken the vows of office was installed and invested, and proclamation made that

‡ ELIAS T. MALONE, OF TORONTO, ONT., was duly installed Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, in ancient and prescribed form.

The Provincial Priors, Great and Grand Officers, elected and appointed, present, were duly installed, and the Supreme Grand Master directed those absent to be installed in the Preceptories of which they were members.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., LL. B., presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which the Sovereign Great Priory duly acknowledged.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES.

Moved by V. E. Sir Knight Thomas Sargant, and seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight Wm. Gibson,

To amend Statute 7 by repealing the word "member" on the fourth line from the bottom of said Statute, and to insert the word "Preceptory" in place thereof.

To repeal Statutes No. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43, and to enact Statutes providing for the election annually of Standing Committees of three members each on Audit and Finance, the State of the Order, on Foreign Correspondence, on Constitution and Laws, on Appeals and Grievances, and on Fraternal Dead, and to define their duties.

To stand over until next annual assembly, owing to the absence of the Grand Chancellor.

Moved by V. Em. Sir Knight Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. Em. Sir Knight John Ross Robertson, and

RESOLVED,—That Statute 132 be amended by adding after the word "Priory" on the fourth line the words "or shall have been sent to the Grand Chancellor on or before the first day of December preceding the Annual Assembly of Great Priory.

Moved by V. E. Sir Knight Thomas Sargant, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight John Ross Robertson, and

RESOLVED,—That Statute 28 be amended by repealing the words "British Columbia" in section 9, and to enact new sections: 10.—To comprise the Province of British Columbia. 11.—And Great Priory may at any annual assembly, by resolution, establish such further Districts or Provinces as may be required.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Printing Proceedings.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight James Granville, and

RESOLVED,—That the Grand Chancellor be authorized to have 400 copies of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the present annual assembly printed and distributed, and that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in payment of the account.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, and

RESOLVED,—That the question of a standard Templar uniform for the

Jurisdiction be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, said Committee to report to the next annual assembly of Great Priory, and to have a sample of the uniform which they propose to recommend for adoption prepared and ready for inspection at Great Priory.

Annual Meeting.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight D. F. MacWatt,

That the next annual assembly of Great Priory be held in Hamilton on the third Tuesday in October, 1893.

In amendment it was moved by R. E. Sir Knight Geo. D. Adams, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight Thos. Sargent, and

RESOLVED,—That the tenth annual assembly of Great Priory be held at such place as the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. M., may be held, on the third Tuesday of July, 1893.

New Brunswick Matters.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight James Greenfield, and

RESOLVED,—That all matters relating to the New Brunswick question be left to the Supreme Grand Master to deal with as he may deem advisable.

Thanks to London Templars.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight John Ross Robertson, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight F. F. Manley, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Great Priory be tendered to the Templars of London for the courtesies extended, and to the Masonic Hall Board for the use of the new hall.

Grant to Mrs. McLeod Moore.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight O. S. Hillman, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight E. E. Sheppard, and

RESOLVED,—That a grant of \$100 be made by this Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to the widow of our late Grand Master, M. E. Sir Knight W. J. B. McLeod Moore.

Moved by R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, seconded by R. E. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and

RESOLVED,—That in the interest of Canadian Knights Templar it is expedient that this Great Priory be represented at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States to be held in Denver in August next, and that our representative be the Supreme Grand Master or his nominee, and that the expenses of such representative be defrayed by Great Priory.

The Supreme Grand Master appointed R. E. Sir Knight John S. Dewar as the Special Representative for the occasion,

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COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM.


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" "	Will. H. Whyte,	Montreal, Que.
" "	S. J. Sanford,	Barrie, Ont.
" "	Fred. Armstrong,	Windsor, Ont.
" "	A. Carruthers,	London, Ont.



The business of the Sovereign
Great Prior of Knights Templar of
the Dominion of Canada being
concluded, it was closed at 2 P. M.
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E. T. MALONE,
Supreme Grand Master.

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G.C.T., Grand Chancellor.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY.

- M. E. Sir Knight H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, London, England Grand Master Grand Lodge of England, and Supreme Grand Master of Convent General, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight John FitzHenry Townshend, Sovereign Grand Commander A. & A. S. Rite, 33°, for Ireland; Past Grand Sub-Prior of the Great Priory of Ireland, 30 Upper Fitz-William Street, Dublin; Honorary Past Grand Sub-Prior of Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight H. I. H. Prince Demetrius Rhodocanakis, Scio, Athens, Greece; Honorary Grand Master (*ad vitam*) Grand Lodge of Greece; Sovereign Grand Commander of the Hellenic Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, 33°, and Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight George Otis Tyler, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Burlington, Vermont; Honorary Provincial Grand Prior of Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Theodore Sutton Parvin, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Iowa; Past Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Iowa; and Past Grand Secretary Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States; and Honorary Deputy Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Rev. Francis Clark, LL. D., Boyle, Ireland; Deputy Grand Master of Connaught; Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight William James Hughan, of Torquay, England, Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

REPRESENTATIVES.

OF THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight ——from Great Priory of Ireland.
- M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Barrie, Ont., from Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.
- M. Em. 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 Hon. Judge Townshend, at the Great Priory of Ireland.
- M. E. Sir Knight Theodore S. Parvin, Cedar Falls, Iowa, at the Grand Encampment of the United States.

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

GRAND CROSSES 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 of Canada.
- M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge; Past Grand Z. Grand Chapter, Past Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Canada; Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master Great Priory of Victoria, Australia; Honorary Deputy Grand Master and Grand Chancellor of Great Priory of Canada.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF CANADA.

- R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Que., Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec; Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of Quebec.
- R. E. Sir Knight Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, N. B., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past M. P. Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and Past Provincial Grand Prior of New Brunswick.
- R. E. Sir Knight James Moffat, London, Ont., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Grand Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada.
- R. E. Sir Knight Lawrence H. Henderson, Belleville, Ont., Past D. D. G. M. Grand Lodge; Past Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Grand Chancellor of the 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; Past Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston District, Great Priory of Canada.

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PRECEPTORIES ON THE ROLL
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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, and second Friday in May.

E. Sir Knight George Sommerville, Presiding Preceptor.

“ Wm. L. Hamilton, Constable.
V. E. “ Allan McLean, Marshal.
R. E. “ Fleming Rowland, 160 Earl St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight John Kerr.....	1859
R. E.	“ James Greenfield, Jr.....	1869
R. E.	“ Donald Ross.....	1877
K. E.	“ W. D. Gordon.....	1879
V. E.	“ Philip Bajus.....	1880
R. E.	“ Fleming Rowland.....	1883
R. E.	“ Robert V. Matthews.....	1884
V. E.	“ S. W. Scobel.....	1885
V. E.	“ William Waddington.....	1887
V. E.	“ Allan McLean.....	1889-90
E.	“ William M. Drennan.....	1891

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

V. E. Sir Knight Benj. Allan, Presiding Preceptor.

“ A. A. S. Ardagh, Constable.
“ William Roaf, Marshal.
“ Thos. Hills, 554 Front St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight William G. Storm.....	1859
R. E.	“ James K. Kerr, G. C. T.....	1869
R. E.	“ Frederick J. Menet.....	1873
V. E.	“ Marcellus Crombie.....	1874
M. E.	“ Daniel Spry, G. C. T.....	1875
V. E.	“ Thomas Sargant.....	1876
R. E.	“ Richard J. Hovenden (s).....	1877
V. E.	“ William Hamilton, Jr.....	1882
R. E.	“ Napoleon T. Lyon (s).....	1883
M. E.	“ E. T. Maloré.....	1885
R. E.	“ George S. McConkey.....	1886

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V. E.	"	John Hetherington.....	1887
V. E.	"	H. A. Taylor.....	1888
R. E.	"	James Glanville.....	1889
R. E.	"	H. A. Collins.....	1891
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V. E.	Sir Knight	N. Gordon Bigelow (<i>r</i>).....	1872
R. E.	"	W. C. Morrison (<i>s</i>).....	1873
R. E.	"	J. Ross Robertson.....	1881
R. E.	"	Philip J. Slatter.....	1882
R. E.	"	James Douglas.....	1884
V. E.	"	J. Simpson.....	1886
R. E.	"	Edmund E. Sheppard.....	1887
R. E.	"	Robert L. Patterson.....	1888

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dated 12th
April, July,

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

V. E. Sir Knight Gavin Stewart, Presiding Preceptor.
 " D. J. Pearce, Constable.
 " J. H. Mattice, Marshal.
 " William R. Pray, 23 King Street West, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight	John W. Murton.....	1866
R. E.	"	John J. Mason.....	1877
R. E.	"	William Gibson.....	1878
R. E.	"	Charles Magill.....	1879
R. E.	"	John H. Stone.....	1882
R. E.	"	Edwin A. Dalley.....	1883
V. E.	"	W. J. Field.....	1884
R. E.	"	Thomas Hood.....	1885
R. E.	"	William G. Reid.....	1886
R. E.	"	John Malloy.....	1887
R. E.	"	John Tunstead.....	1888
R. E.	"	O. S. Hillman.....	1890-91

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

E. Sir Knight Arthur Carrothers, Presiding Preceptor.

" Henry Stratford, Constable.
 " John Norris, Marshal.

R. E. " John S. Dewar, "Free Press" office, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight	James Moffat, K. C. T.....	1859
R. E.	"	Alfred G. Smith (<i>s</i>).....	1874
R. E.	"	D. Burleigh Burch (<i>s</i>).....	1867
V. E.	"	William Hawthorne (<i>s</i>).....	1889
R. E.	"	James Sutton.....	1882
V. E.	"	John Ferguson.....	1884
R. E.	"	John S. Dewar.....	1885
R. E.	"	H. C. Simpson.....	1886
R. E.	"	Albert E. Cooper.....	1891

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

E. Sir Knight Daniel H. Campbell, Presiding Preceptor.
 " James Halliday, Constable.
 " John James McKeil, Marshal.
 E. " Alexander Ross, 11 Barrington St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight James Dempster 1880
 R. E. " John W. Ruhland 1886
 R. E. " Clarence J. Spike 1887
 E. " Samuel Porter 1889-90
 E. " Alexander Ross 1891

6. KING BALDWIN, Belleville, Ont. Warrant dated 7th June, 1861.
Meets third Tuesday in each month, except July and August.

R. E. Sir Knight S. S. Lazier, Presiding Preceptor.
 " George S. Wright, Constable.
 " T. J. Spafford, Marshal.
 " A. McGinnis, 238 George St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight Lawrence H. Henderson (s) K. C. T. 1866
 R. E. " Samuel S. Lazier (s) 1881
 R. E. " J. Parker Thomas 1885
 E. " J. P. Thomson 1889
 E. " J. J. Farley 1890-91

7. RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que. Warrant dated 5th
December, 1863. Meets fourth Thursday in every month.

V. E. Sir Knight Joseph Mitchell, Presiding Preceptor.
 " C. A. Humphrey, Constable.
 " J. J. McAuley, Marshal.
 " J. J. Coleman, Inland Revenue, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight Alexander A. Stevenson, K. C. T. 1886
 R. E. " E. M. Copeland 1871
 R. E. " Isaac H. Stearns (s) K. C. T. 1873
 R. E. " G. W. Lovejoy, M. D. 1876
 R. E. " John McLean 1879
 R. E. " Alexander G. Adams (s) K. C. T. 1881
 V. E. " William S. Evans 1884
 V. E. " William Le Messurier 1885
 R. E. " William H. White 1890
 E. " William Hill 1891

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

E. Sir Knight J. H. Ingersoll, Presiding Preceptor.
 " C. H. Connor, Constable.
 " J. W. Coy, Marshal.
 " A. E. Swayze, 85 St. Paul St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Knight Edwin Goodman, M. D. (s).....	1869 and 1884
V. E.	“ Isaac P. Wilson (s).....	1871
V. E.	“ Levi Yale.....	1885
V. E.	“ George Burch.....	1890-91

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

V. E.	Sir Knight W. M. Pike, Presiding Preceptor.
“	Alexander Ames, Constable.
“	H. A. Channell, Marshal.
R. E.	“ H. E. Channell, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E.	Sir Knight Charles H. Kathan (s).....	1882
V. E.	“ Edson Kemp (s) (r).....	1873
R. E.	“ E. R. Johnston.....	1879
R. E.	“ Sylvester Lebourveau.....	1884
R. E.	“ H. E. Channell.....	1885
E.	“ W. B. Schofield.....	1887
K. E.	“ Fred. D. Butterfield.....	1888
V. E.	“ George D. Wyman.....	1889
E.	“ A. N. Thompson.....	1890
E.	“ R. C. Parsons.....	1891
V. E.	“ J. H. Graham (Affiliated).....	—
R. E.	“ J. H. Stearns “.....	—

10. VICTORIA, Guelph, Ont. Warrant dated 10th April, 1860. Meets third Monday in every month.

E.	Sir Knight Robert Gemmell, Presiding Preceptor.
“	H. U. Barry, Marshal.
V. E.	“ H. Lockwood, Montreal Bank, Registrar.

Preceptors.

M. E.	Sir Knight Henry Robertson (s).... (Honorary).....	1869
M. E.	“ Daniel Spry (Honorary).....	1880
V. E.	“ Henry Lockwood (s).....	1884
R. E.	“ John A. Angell.....	1886
R. E.	“ Hugh Walker.....	1887
V. E.	“ John A. Nelles.....	1888
V. E.	“ William Watson.....	1889
E.	“ Alexander Bruce.....	1890
R. E.	“ F. W. Randall.....	1891

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

R. E.	Sir Knight Robert W. Crookshank, Presiding Preceptor.
“	William C. Goodsoe, Constable.
“	Charles D. Trueman, Marshal.
“	Charles N. Hanford, 67 Sewel St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight	Hon. Robert Marshall (s) K. C. T.	1865
V. E. "	T. A. D. Foster, M. D.	1870
E. "	James Domville.	1871
R. E. "	S. F. Matthews (s).	1875
R. E. "	J. C. Hathaway, M. D.	1878
R. E. "	James H. Pullen.	1887
R. E. "	William Crookshank.	1888-92

12. MOUNT CALVARY, Barrie, Ont. Warrant dated 15th April, 1870.
Meets second Monday in each month.

V. E. Sir Knight	Robert E. Fletcher, Presiding Preceptor.
"	George Monkman, Constable.
"	James C. Morgan, Marshal.
"	Andrew Urquhart, Owen St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

M. E. Sir Knight	Daniel Spry, G. C. T.	1880
R. E. "	J. McLean Stevenson (s).	1882
V. E. "	Fred. Wilmot.	1883
M. E. "	H. Robertson (Honorary).	1883
V. E. "	John Nettleton.	1883
V. E. "	Charles Cameron.	1883
V. E. "	E. R. Carpenter.	1883
V. E. "	William Downie.	1885
V. E. "	Robert A. Douglas.	1886
R. E. "	Samuel Wesley.	1887
V. E. "	Arthur C. Garden.	1888
R. E. "	Daniel Fraser Macwatt.	1889
V. E. "	Sidney J. Sanford.	1890
V. E. "	James H. McKeggie.	1891
R. E. "	John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B., (Honorary).	1892

13 MOORE, Peterborough, Ont. Warrant dated 27th May, 1870 Meets
second Monday in January, March, April, June, September and
December

V. E. Sir Knight	Charles Camefon, Presiding Preceptor
"	David Spence, Constable
"	A St A Smith, Marshal
V. E. "	Ben Shortly, 550 Aylmer St., Registrar

Preceptors

R. E. Sir Knight	Rev. V. Clementi, B. A.	1871
R. E. "	J. Brooke Traves.	1883
R. E. "	E. H. D. Hall (s).	1879-1884
E. "	Duncan Cameron.	1888
R. E. "	Benj. Shortly.	1891

14 HARRINGTON, Almonte, Ont. Warrant dated 7th February, 1871.
Meets first Monday in every month.

E. Sir Knight	Ralph Hill, Presiding Preceptor
"	John Ballantyne, Constable
"	D. Shepherd, Marshal
V. E. "	John Elliott, Registrar

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V. E. Sir Knight John Elliott.....	1885
E. " David Sheppard	1887
E. " Robert Polluck.....	1888
E. " John M. Munro.....	1889
E. " William Smith.....	1890
E. " Ralph Hill.....	1891

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

V. E. Sir Knight John H. Gale, Presiding Preceptor.
" A. M. Ross, Constable
" Charles King, Marshal
" Joseph White, P. O, Box 52, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight George H. F. Dartnell (s).....	1872
V. E. " C. A. Jones (s).....	1877
E. " John Stanton.....	1878
R. E. " W. R. Howse.....	1885
E. " Philip Taylor (s).....	1888
E. " John H. Gale.....	1890

16. GONDEMAR, Maitland, Ont. Warant dated 3rd May, 1872 Meets Thursday nearest full moon in January, April, July, October and December.

E. Sir Knight George Walter McEathorn, Presiding Preceptor.
E. " George Gale, Constable.
E. " James Alex. Poulton, Marshal.
V. E. " John Easton, M. D., Court House Square, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight John Dumbrille.....	1873-74
V. E. " John Easton, M. D. (s).....	1875
V. E. " E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa.....	1880
V. E. " V. H. Moore, M. D.....	1883
R. E. " David Taylor, Ottawa.....	1885
E. " George Gale.....	1886
R. E. " William Fitzsimmons (s).....	1887
E. " Thomas Kearns.....	1889
E. " C. H. Fitzsimmons.....	1890

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

Em. Sir Knight Rev. A. W. Richardson, Presiding Preceptor.
" James G. Riddell, Constable.
" John H. Couse, Marshal.
" John Sutherland, Registrar.

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

E. Sir Knight J. Walker Quinlan, Presiding Preceptor.
" R. C. Smith, Constable.
" C. Clow, Marshal.
V. E. " W. J. Robertson, John St., Registrar.

Preceptors.

E. Sir Knight	James Moore Irwin (s)	1872
V. E.	Robert Nicholls	1881
R. E.	John B. Trayes (s)	1884
E.	P. J. Lightburne	1888
R. E.	Robert John Craig	1889
E.	William Rankin	1890
V. E.	W. J. Robertson	1891

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

V. E. Sir Knight Robert Hall, Presiding Preceptor.

“ William D. Swayze, Constable.

“ John W. McCallum, Marshal.

V. E. “ Samuel Amsden, Registrar.

Preceptors.

V. E. Sir Knight	William F. Braund	1874
V. E.	John Parry	1875
V. E.	M. C. Upper	1876
V. E.	John Taylor (s)	1878
V. E.	Archibald Couper	1882
V. E.	Samuel Cornick	1883
V. E.	A. Brownson	1884
V. E.	Thomas J. Galbraith	1885
V. E.	Samuel Amsden	1886
V. E.	William Logan	1887
V. E.	Robert Hall	1888

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

R. E. Sir Knight Frederick Bates, Presiding Preceptor.

“ John R. Battisby, Constable.

“ William Ball, Marshal.

R. E. “ Thomas C. MacNabb, 150 King St. W., Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E. Sir Knight	Thomas C. MacNabb (s)	1877-1883
R. E.	Frederick Bates (s)	1883-1886
V. E.	William Ball	1887-1888

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

V. E. Sir Knight Luke Slater, Presiding Preceptor.

“ N. W. Ford, Constable.

“ H. I. McIntyre, Marshal.

E. “ W. E. Idsardi, 611½ Talbot Street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

E. Sir Knight	William H. King	1881
R. E.	E. H. Raymour, Omaha, Neb.	1882
R. E.	A. N. Pettit, Windsor, Ont.	1885
R. E.	Samuel Dubber	1886
E.	W. R. Doherty	1888
E.	W. E. Idsardi	1889
V. E.	Luke Slater	1890

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22. ST. ELMO, Goderich, Ont. Warrant dated 8th March, 1880. Meets first Tuesday in January, March, June, September and December.

V. E. Sir Knight M. Nicholson, Presiding Preceptor.
 " Jasi N. Morton, Constable.
 " D. H. Martyn, Marshal.
 " Wm. Craig, sr., Goderich Street, Registrar.

Preceptors

V. E. Sir Knight Isaac Toms, (s)..... 1880
 R. E. " Richard Radcliffe..... 1883
 R. E. " Joseph Beck, Saltford, Ont..... 1884
 R. E. " F. F. Lawrence..... 1886
 R. E. " Charles A. Humber..... 1888-1891

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

V. E. Sir Knight S. Wellington Ray, Presiding Preceptor.
 V. E. " William J. Clarke, Constable.
 E. " R. E. Mitchell, Marshal.
 " Walter Simms, Registrar.

Preceptors

M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry..... (Charter) 1880
 V. E. " Thomas Sargent..... " 1880
 V. E. " James Wilson..... " 1880
 V. E. " S. Wellington Ray..... " 1880
 V. E. " William J. Clarke..... 1883
 E. " Robert E. Mitchell..... 1887

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

V. E. Sir Knight James Haddock, Presiding Preceptor.
 " William Hall, Constable.
 " Thos. H. Billman, Marshal.
 " Thomas Clouston, Care of Hudson Bay Co., Registrar.

Preceptors

R. E. Sir Knight James O'Connor..... 1885
 R. E. " William G. Bell..... 1887
 R. E. " Thomas W. Taylor..... 1889
 V. E. " W. C. B. Graham, Fairhaven, Washington, U. S. 1890
 V. E. " A. H. Van Etten..... 1890
 R. E. " H. P. Westbrook..... 1891

25. WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR, Quebec, Que. Warrant dated 1st May, 1880. Meets fourth Wednesday of January, April, September and December.

V. E. Sir Knight Carl L. Kuhring, Presiding Preceptor.
 " Francis T. Thomas, Constable.
 " William H. Little, Marshal.
 V. E. " A. F. Lay, Montmorenci Falls, Registrar.

Preceptors

R. E. Sir Knight E. T. D. Chambers..... 1882
 V. E. " Henry Russell, M. D..... 1883
 R. E. " Henry Griffith..... 1884

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R. E.	"	Charles Knowles	1885
V. E.	"	David S. Rickaby	1886
V. E.	"	S. Wilson Drum	1887
V. E.	"	Carl L. A. Kuhring	1888
V. E.	"	Alfred F. A. Lay	1890

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

V. E.	Sir Knight	Frank S. Armstrong, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	Donald Grant, Constable.
"	"	David L. Carley, Marshal.
"	"	George G. Irwin, 39 Aylmer street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight	Joseph Park	1882
R. E.	"	Joseph W. Barringer	1884
R. E.	"	George Duane Adams	1885
R. E.	"	Robert Maguire	1887
V. E.	"	Thomas Robinson	1888
E.	"	Peter A. Crag	1889
E.	"	J. H. Wilkinson	1890

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

E.	Sir Knight	H. W. Yuill, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	C. F. W. Bell, Constable.
"	"	George McLeod, Marshal.

R. E.	"	L. B. Archibald, 71 Queen street, Registrar.
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Preceptors.

R. E.	Sir Knight	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
V. E.	"	W. E. Logan	1889
R. E.	"	W. B. Allay	1890
V. E.	"	John Hay, Millbrook	1891

28. METROPOLITAN, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Warrant dated 1st May, 1886.

[Now under the Jurisdiction of the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.]

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

V. E.	Sir Knight	Fred. T. Morson, Presiding Preceptor.
"	"	G. S. Ryerson, Constable.
"	"	John A. Cowan, Marshal.
"	"	W. Walker, 175 Dowling avenue, Registrar.

R. E.	Sir Knight	John Ross Robertson (Charter)	1887
R. E.	"	George J. Bennett	1887
R. E.	"	George G. Rowe, M. D.	1887
V. E.	"	Charles F. Mansell	1889
V. E.	"	C. W. Postlethwaite	1890
V. E.	"	John Hetherington	Affiliated
V. E.	"	F. F. Manley	1891

DANIEL SPRY, Melbourne, Colony of Victoria, Australia. Warrant dated July 12th, 1887; and AUSTRALIASIAN, Melbourne, Colony of Victoria, Australia. Warrant dated July 12th, 1887.

[Both are now on the Register of the Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, Australia.]

30. WESTERN GATE, Victoria, British Columbia. Dispensation dated 28th May, 1891. Warrant dated 21st July, 1891. Meets first Monday in each month.
- R. E. Sir Knight Angus McKeown, Presiding Preceptor.
 " W. J. Quinlan, Constable.
 " Benjamin Williams, Marshal.
 " W. R. Brown, 63 Yates street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- R. E. Sir Knight Alex. Roland Milne..... 1891
 E. " Angus McKeown..... 1892

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

- V. E. Sir Knight Edward Franklin Clements, Presiding Preceptor.
 " George W. Johnson, Constable.
 " Thomas R. Jolly, Marshal.
 " Arthur Rogers, 76 Prince street, Registrar.

Preceptors.

- V. E. Sir Knight Edward F. Clements..... 1892

LIST OF PRECEPTORIES BY DISTRICTS

LONDON DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Jos. W. Barringer, Windsor, Ont.
 No. 4, Richard Cœur de Lion, London..... County Middlesex.
 " 20, Kent, Chatham..... " Kent.
 " 21, Burleigh, St. Thomas..... " Elgin.
 " 22, St. Elmo, Goderich..... " Huron.
 " 26, Windsor, Windsor..... " Essex.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. F. W. Randall, Guelph, Ont.
 No. 3, Godfrey de Bouillon, Hamilton..... County Wentworth.
 " 8, Plantagenet, St. Catharines..... " Lincoln.
 " 10, Victoria, Guelph..... " Wellington.
 " 17, Odo de St. Amand, Brantford..... " Brant.
 " 19, St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Dunnville..... " Monck.
 " 23, Ray, Port Arthur..... " Algoma.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

- Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. James Gianville, Toronto, Ont.
 No. 2, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Toronto..... County York.
 " 12, Mount Calvary, Barrie..... " Simcoe.
 " 15, St. John the Almoner, Whitby..... " Ontario.
 " 18, Palestine, Port Hope..... " Durham.
 " 29, Cyrene, Toronto..... " York.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. Benjamin Shortly, Peterborough, Ont.

No. 1.	Hugh de Payens, Premier, Kingston	County Frontenac.
" 6.	King Baldwin, Belleville	" Hastings.
" 12.	Moore, Peterborough	" Peterboro'.
" 14.	Harrington, Almonte	" Lanark.
" 16.	Gondemar, Brockville	" Grenville.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. W. H. Whyte, Montreal, Que.

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. R. W. Crookshank, St. John, N. B.

No. 11.	Union de Molay, S. John, N. B.	County St. John.
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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. W. B. Alley, Truro, N. S.

No. 5.	Nova Scotia, Halifax	County Halifax.
" 27.	Malta, Truro	" Colchester.
" 31.	Yarmouth, Yarmouth	" Yarmouth.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. H. S. Westbrook, Winnipeg, Man.

No. 24.	Albert Edward, Winnipeg	County Selkirk.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Provincial Prior—R. E. Sir Kt. A. R. Milne, Victoria, B. C.

No. 30.	Western Gate, Victoria	County Victoria.
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RECAPITULATION.

1.—London District	5	Preceptories.
2.—Hamilton District	6	"
3.—Toronto District	5	"
4.—Kingston District	5	"
5.—Quebec District	3	"
6.—New Brunswick District	1	Preceptory.
7.—Nova Scotia District	3	Preceptories.
8.—Manitoba District	1	Preceptory.
9.—British Columbia District	1	"
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SUSPENDED MEMBERS FOR N. P. D.

No. 3.	GODFREY DE BOUILLON, Hamilton, Ont.	
	Fred. Kelk	4th December, 1891.
	W. A. Cheeseman	" "
No. 7.	RICHARD CŒUR DE LION, Montreal, Que.	
	George Crawford	24th December, 1891.
	David R. D. Coffin	" "
	James Wright	" "

- No. 13. MOORE, Peterborough, Ont.
 Robert Kincard 11th March, 1891
 Allan H. Huffman " " "
- No. 21. BURLEIGH, St. Thomas, Ont. " " "
 John Penwarden 28th December, 1891.
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont.
 Richard C. Brook 2nd November, 1891.
 W. J. Lindsay " " "
- No. 27. MALTA, Truro, N. S.
 Duncan McDonald 1891
 Alex C. McKenzie "

RESTORED.

- No. 2. GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR, Toronto, Ont.
 Francis B. Lockwood 11th December, 1891:
- No. 26. WINDSOR, Windsor, Ont. .
 James Denton 1st December, 1891.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE PRECEPTORIES FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1891.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	No. of Meetings Held.	Members 31 st Dec. '91	Degrees Conferred			Reinstated.	Joined.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Members 31 st Dec. '91	
					Red Cross	Templar.	Malta							
1	Hugh de Pavens	Kingston, Ont.	2	21									21	
2	Godfrey de St. Aldemar	Toronto, Ont.	2	14	3	4	11	1	1	1		3	17	
3	Godfrey de Bouillon	Hamilton, Ont.	12	104	8	10	7		1	2		1	110	
4	Richard Cœur de Lion	London, Ont.	12	49	8	9	4		1			4	56	
5	Richard Cœur de Lion	Halifax, Nova Scotia	13	35	4	4	7	3					42	
6	Richard Cœur de Lion	Halifax, Nova Scotia	13	45	1	3	1						48	
7	Richard Cœur de Lion	Montreal, Que.	8	35	5	3	4		1	3		1	33	
8	Plannagenet	St. Catharines, Ont.	8	35	5	3	4						33	
9	Sussex	Stanstead, Que.	6	35	1	2	5						38	
10	Victoria	Guelph, Ont.	6	19	4	4	4		1			2	22	
11	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	11	40									40	
12	Union de Molay	St. John, N. B.	12	32									32	
13	Moore	Peterborough, Ont.	7	1									1	
14	Harrington	Almonte, Ont.	7	8									8	
15	St. John the Almoner	Whitby, Ont.	1	20									20	
16	Gondemar	Brockville, Ont.	1	20									19	
17	St. Andrew	St. Catharines, Ont.	1	9	20		20						9	
18	Palatine	Port Hope, Ont.	4	18	2	2	2	6					9	
19	St. Bernard de Clairveaux	Dunnville, Ont.	4	18	2	2	2	1					12	
20	Kent	Chatham, Ont.	12	2	2								12	
21	Burdleigh	St. Thomas, Ont.	9	57	2	1	2						55	
22	St. Elma	Goderich, Ont.	6	20									20	
23	St. Elma	St. Catharines, Ont.	2	20									20	
24	Albert Edward	Windsor, Ont.	13	13									13	
25	William de la More the Martyr	Winnipeg, Man.	14	12	6	5							12	
26	Windsor	Quebec, Que.	3	12	2	2	2	1					12	
27	Malta	Windsor, Ont.	2	47	2	2	2						43	
28	Malta	Toronto, Ont.	12	19									17	
29	Malta	(Toronto, N. S.)	11	51	11	4	24		2				55	
30	Cyrene	Toronto, Ont.	11	13	21	24	24						23	
31	Western Gate	Toronto, B. C.	11	13	20	23	20		7				23	
32	Yarmouth	Yarmouth, N. S.	5											

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ROLL OF GREAT AND GRAND OFFICERS, 1892-93.

- M. E. Sir Kt. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Ont., (2) . . . Supreme Grand Master.
 R. E. " E. E. Sheppard, Toronto, Ont., (2). (President Grand Council)
 Deputy Grand Master.

DISTRICT OR PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

- R. E. Sir Kt. J. W. Barringer, Windsor, Ont., (26) London District.
 R. E. " F. W. Randall, Guelph, Ont., (10) Hamilton District.
 R. E. " James Glanville, Toronto, Ont., (2) Toronto District.
 R. E. " Benjamin Shortly, Peterborough, Ont., (13) . . . Kingston District.
 R. E. " Will. H. Whyte, Montreal, Que., (7) Quebec District.
 R. E. " R. W. Crookshank, St. John, N. B., (11). New Brunswick District.
 R. E. " W. B. Alley, Truro, N. S. (27) Nova Scotia District.
 R. E. " H. S. Westbrook, Winnipeg, Man., (24) Manitoba District.
 R. E. " Alexander B. Milne, Victoria, B. C., (30) British Columbia District.

GREAT OFFICERS.

- M. E. " Daniel Spry, G. C. T., Barrie, Ont., (12) . . . Grand Chancellor.
 R. E. " Rev. Alex. W. Richardson, Brantford, Ont., (17) Grand Chaplain.
 R. E. " W. G. Bell, Winnipeg, Man., (24) Grand Constable.
 R. E. " A. E. Cooper, London, Ont., (4) Grand Marshal.
 R. E. " O. S. Hillman, Toronto, Ont., (3) Grand Treasurer.
 R. E. " H. A. Collins, Toronto, Ont., (2) Grand Registrar.

APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME GRAND MASTER.

- V. E. Sir Kt. Robert E. Fletcher, Barrie, Ont., (12) . . . Grand Vice-Chancellor.
 V. E. " Frank Armstrong, Windsor, Ont., (26) Grand Sub-Marshal.
 V. E. " W. M. Fike, Stanstead, Que., (9) Grand Almoner.
 V. E. " Benjamin Allen, Toronto, Ont., (2) . . . Grand 1st Standard-Bearer.
 V. E. " Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, Que., (7) . . . Grand 2nd Standard Bearer.
 V. E. " Gavin Stewart, Woodstock, Ont., (3) . . . Grand Master's Banner Bearer.
 V. E. " E. F. Clements, Yarmouth, N. S., (31) Grand Capt. of the Guard.
 V. E. " James Haddock, Winnipeg, Man., (24) . . . Grand Sword Bearer.
 V. E. " Angus McKeown, Victoria, B. C., (30) Grand Organist.
 V. E. " F. M. Morson, Toronto, Ont., (29) Grand Pursuivant.
 V. E. " M. Nicholson, Goderich, Ont., (22) Grand Guard.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—ELECTED.

- E. Sir Kt. Robert L. Patterson, Toronto, Ont., (2).
 E. " J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Ont., (2).
 E. " N. T. Lyon, Toronto, Ont., (2).
 E. " D. F. MacWatt, Barrie, Ont., (12).
 E. " William Gibson, M. P., Beamsville, Ont., (3).

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—APPOINTED BY THE SUP. G. M.

- E. Sir Kt. James Greenfield, Toronto, Ont. (1).
 E. " John S. Dewar, London, Ont., (4).
 E. " H. Griffiths, Quebec, Que., (25).
 E. " George D. Adams, Windsor, Ont., (26).
 E. " James A. Angell, Guelph, Ont., (10).

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Q. C., Collingwood, Ont. (12).

N. B.—Numbers after the names show Preceptory of which Sir Knight is a member

* All elected officers are members of the Grand Council.

25 William de la More the Martyr
 25 Windsor
 27 Malta
 28 Metropolitan
 29 Yverne, Gate
 30 Yarmouth
 1st May, 1880 4th Wednesday of every month
 9th Sept., 1882 1st Tuesday of every month
 1st Dec., 1885 3rd Tuesday of every month
 1st May, 1888 1st Friday of every month
 1st May, 1891 1st Monday of every month
 1st March, 1892 4th Monday of every month
 Quebec, Que.
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 Yverne, Gate
 Toronto, Ont.
 Victoria, B. C.
 Yarmouth, N. S.
 Geo. Irwin
 L. B. Archibald
 Frank Armstrong
 H. W. Yuill
 W. Walker
 F. M. Morson
 Angus McKeown
 W. R. Brown
 E. F. Clements
 Arthur Rogers

GRAND COUNCIL, 1892-93.

COMMITTEES.

ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.—R. E. Sir Knights E. E. Sheppard, Chairman; Robert L. Patterson, M. E. Sir Knights Henry Robertson, Daniel Stry.

ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.—R. E. Sir Knights D. F. MacWatt, Chairman; John S. Dewar, Wm. Gibson, M. P., N. T. Lyon, James Greenfield, H. S. Westbrook.

ON CONDITION OF TEMPLARISM.—R. E. Sir Knights John Ross Robertson, Chairman; George D. Adams, O. S. Hillman, Benjamin Shortly, Wm. Geo. Bell, H. A. Collins.

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.—R. E. Sir Knights Albert E. Cooper, Chairman; Robert Maguire, F. W. Randall, Alex. R. Milne.

ON WARRANTS.—R. E. Sir Knights Henry Griffith, Chairman; J. A. Angell, J. B. Barringer, W. B. Alley, R. W. Crookshank.

FRATERNAL DEAD.—R. E. Sir Knights Rev. A. W. Richardson, Chairman; James Glanville.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson, Chairman; R. E. Sir Knight Wm. H. Whyte.

ON UNIFORM.—R. E. Sir Knights E. E. Sheppard, Chairman; O. S. Hillman, N. T. Lyon, W. G. Bell, Will. H. Whyte, S. J. Sanford, Fred. Armstrong, A. Carrothers.

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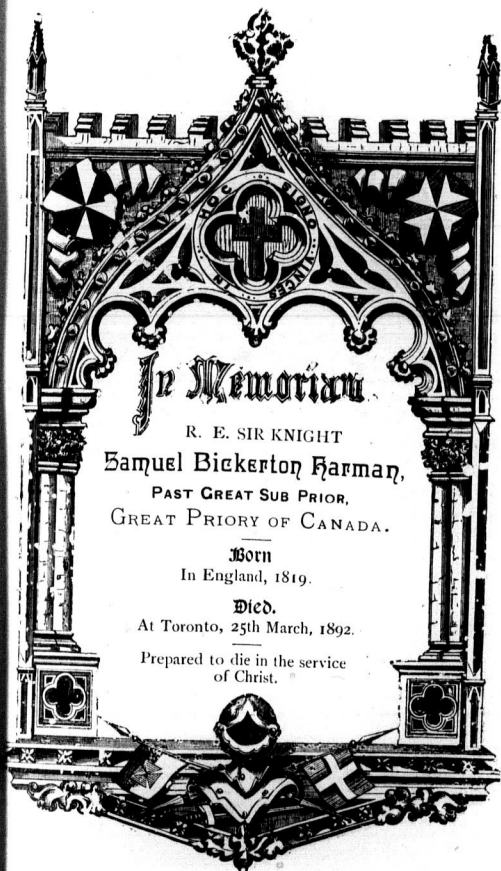
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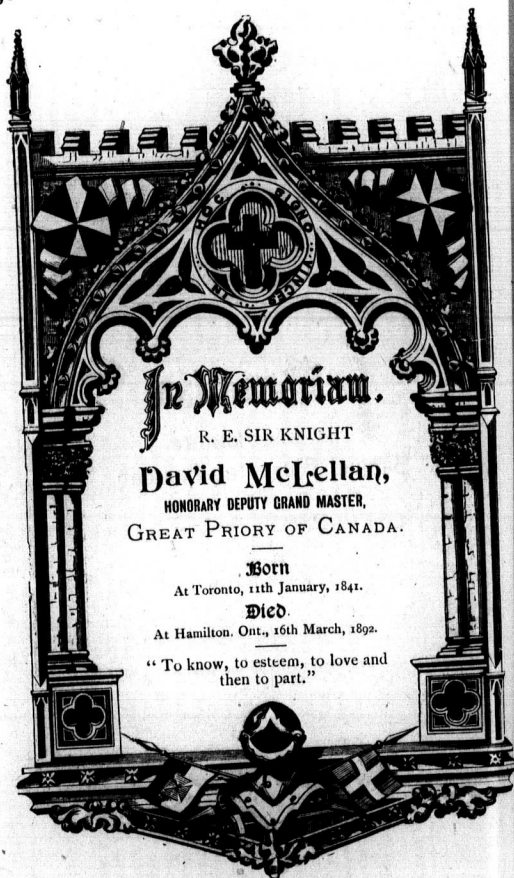
GRAND COMMANDERIES.	DATE OF OR- GANIZATION.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama	Dec. 1, 1862	John A. McKinnon, Selma.	E. R. Hastings, Montgomery	Geo. F. Moore, Montgomery ..
Arkansas	Mar. 25, 1872	Chas. N. Rix, Hot Springs.	James A. Henry, Little Rock	Rev. Innes O. Adams
California	Aug. 10, 1858	Geo. A. Johnson, San Francisco	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco
Colorado	Mar. 14, 1876	Byron L. Carr, Longmont.	Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver ..	Harper M. Oranhood, Denver..
Connecticut	Sept. 13, 1827	Costello Lippitt, Norwich.	Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford ..	Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford
Georgia	April 25, 1860	Richard J. Nunn, Savannah	Sam'l P. Hamilton, Savannah	Roland B. Hall, Macon
Illinois	Oct. 27, 1857	Sylvester O. Spring, Peoria	Wilbert W. Barnard, Chicago	John C. Smith, Chicago
Indiana	May 16, 1854	Jos A. Manning, Michigan City	Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis	Nicholas R. Ruckie, Indianapolis
Iowa	June 16, 1864	N. F. Cleveland, Hadlan.	Alf. Wingate, Des Moines ..	Washington I. Rabb, Mt. Pleasant
Kansas	Dec. 29, 1868	Winfield S. Corbett, Wichita	John H. Brown, Kansas City	John H. Brown, Kansas City ..
Kentucky	Oct. 5, 1847	John W. Prunett, Frankfort	L. D. Croninger, Covington	Chas. R. Woodruff, Louisville ..
Louisiana	Feb. 4, 1864	Samuel Alston, New Orleans	Rich'd Lambert, New Orleans	Jos. P. Horner, New Orleans..
Maine	May 5, 1852	Thomas P. Shaw, Portland.	Stephen Berry, Portland	Stephen Berry, Portland
Maryland	Jan. 23, 1827	Stephen R. Mason, Baltimore	(J. H. Miller, Brown's)	F. J. S. Gorgas, M. D., Baltimore
Massachusetts	May 6, 1805	R. H. Chamberlain, Worcester	Benjamin W. Rowell, Lynn	Rev. H. W. Rugg, Providence, R.I
Michigan	Jan. 15, 1857	Jeff. S. Conover, Coldwater	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids	Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids ..
Minnesota	Oct. 23, 1805	M. E. Powell, Redwood Falls	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul	Thos. Montgomery, St. Paul ..
Mississippi	Jan. 22, 1857	W. A. Bodenhamer, Okalona	John L. Power, Jackson ..	E. Geo. DeLap, Natchez
Missouri	May 22, 1860	D. W. Wallace, Independence	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis ..	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis
Montana	May 14, 1888	Carl T. Peterson, Livingston	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.	Cornelius Hedges, Helena
Nebraska	Dec. 28, 1871	Lewis H. Corty, Omaha ..	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha ..	W. T. Whitmarsh
New Hampshire	Aug. 22, 1826	Geo. W. Currier, Nashua ..	Geo. Perley Cleaves, Concord	Albert S. Wait, Newport
New Jersey	Feb. 14, 1860	Jos. E. Fulper, Washington	Charles Bechtel, Trenton ..	Charles Bechtel, Trenton

DATE OF ORGANIZATION, WITH NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDERS, ETC.—Continued.

GRAND COMMANDERIES.	DATE OF OR- GANIZATION.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.
New York	June 18, 1813	Geo. F. Lodler, Rochester.	Robt. Macoy, Brooklyn.	Jesse B. Anthony.
North Carolina	May 10, 1881	James Southgate, Durham.	H. C. H. Munson, Wilmington.	Geo. W. Blount, Wilson.
North Dakota	June 4, 1890	D. M. Holmes, Grand Forks	Wm. T. Perkins, Bismarck.	Thomas J. Wilder, Fargo.
Ohio	Oct. 24, 1843	Huntington Brown, Mansfield	John Nelson Bell, Dayton. . . . .	. . . . .
Oregon	April 13, 1887	David P. Mason, Albany.	James F. Robinson, Eugene	Rockey P. Earhart, Portland.
Pennsylvania	April 11, 1844	Jos. S. Wright, Philadelphia	Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia	W. J. Kelly, Philadelphia.
South Dakota	May 14, 1884	Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen	Bruce M. Kowley, Huron	Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau
Tennessee	Oct. 12, 1859	Thos. O. Morris, Nashville	Geo. C. Connor, Chattanooga	Geo. C. Connor, Chattanooga.
Texas	Jan. 19, 1855	James Garrity, Corsicana.	Robert Brewster, Houston.	R. M. Elgin, Houston.
Vermont	Aug. 14, ('24)-'31	Kittridge Haskins, Brattleboro	W. G. Reynolds, Burlington	Marsh O. Perkins, Windsor.
Virginia	Nov. 27, 1822	Jas. L. Avis, Harrisonburgh	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond
Washington	June 2, 1887	S. Harry Rush, Spokane.	Y. C. Blalock, Walla Walla	Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla
West Virginia	Feb. 25, 1874	E. L. Butterick, Charleston	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont	Oldell S. Long
Wisconsin	Oct. 28, 1859	D. Lloyd Jones, Stevens Point	John W. Laffin, Milwaukee	Wm. C. Swain, Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Mar. 8, 1888	John C. Baird, Cheyenne.	Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne	John C. Baird, Cheyenne.
Grand Encampment.	June 21, 1816	Ino. P. S. Gobin, Lebanon, Pa.	Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va.	H. Robertson, Collingwood, Ont
Great Priory Canada	Oct. 9, 1886	E. T. Malone, Toronto, Ont.	Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont. . . . .	. . . . .
England and Wales		(Rt. Hon. The Earl of Lathom, G. C. T.)	{ W. Tinkler, 3 and 4 Lin- coln's Inn Field, London, W. C. }	. . . . .
Great Priory Victoria		A. Aitken, Melbourne, Aus.	{ J. O. Neumann, 375 Col- lins St. w., Melbourne, Aus. }	. . . . .



Great Priory Victoria [A. Aitken, Melbourne, Aus.] [Sims St. w., Melbourne, Aus.]



In Memoriam.

R. E. SIR KNIGHT

David McLellan,
HONORARY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

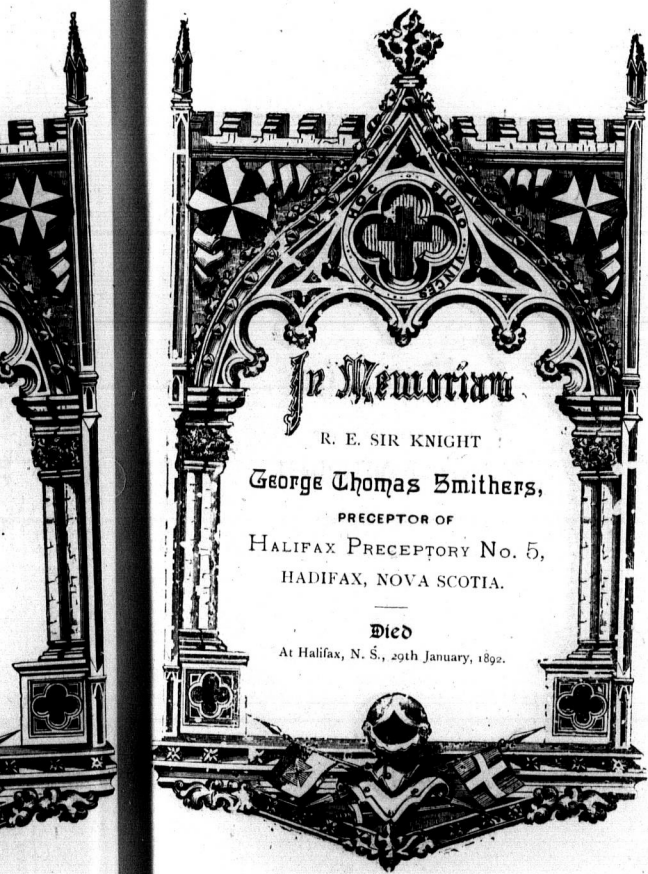
Born

At Toronto, 11th January, 1841.

Died

At Hamilton, Ont., 16th March, 1892.

“To know, to esteem, to love and
then to part.”



In Memoriam

R. E. SIR KNIGHT

George Thomas Smithers,

PRECEPTOR OF

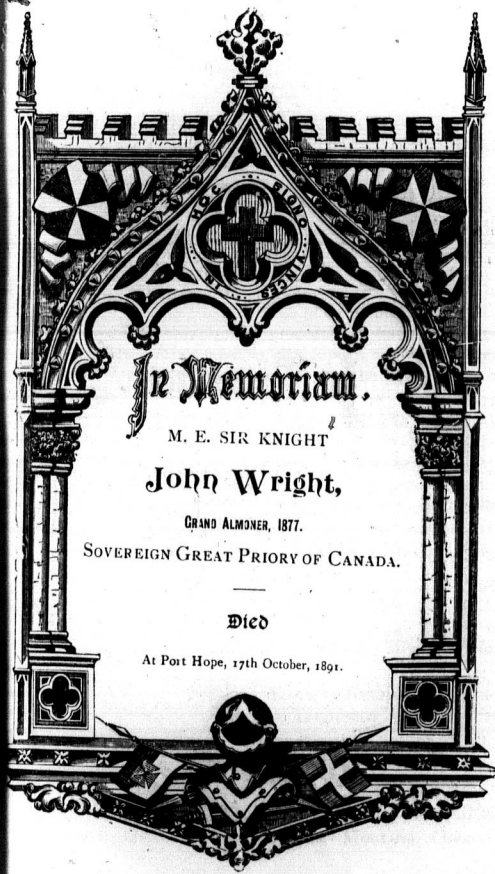
HALIFAX PRECEPTORY No. 5,

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Died

At Halifax, N. S., 29th January, 1892.





In Memoriam.

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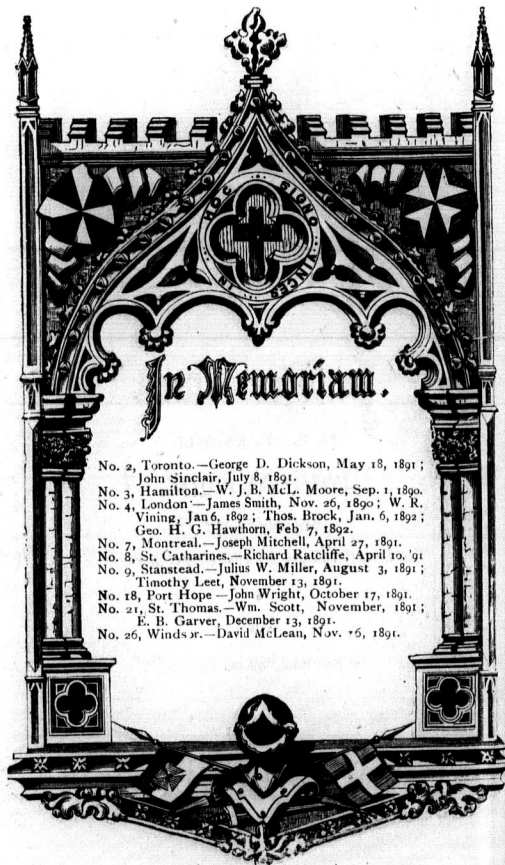
John Wright,

GRAND ALMONER, 1877.

SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

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At Post Hope, 17th October, 1891.



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GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

1892.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

To the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to present the following report. It contains a review of all the proceedings of Grand Templar bodies which have been received during the past year at the office of the Grand Chancellor. A list of the proceedings will be found at the close of the report, and also a list of those jurisdictions whose proceedings have not been received up to the time of closing this report, which has been ordered to be in print before the meeting of the Great Priory in July.

All these proceedings have been carefully examined and the extracts which we give will be found to be the most interesting and instructive passages occurring in the several jurisdictions. It is with much satisfaction that your committee are able to report a continuance of harmony and prosperity throughout the Templar world.

There are thirty-eight Grand Commanderies in the United States, and they meet in the following months :

In February—Louisiana, Mississippi.

In March—Connecticut.

In April—Arkansas, California, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas.

In May—Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia.

In June—Colorado, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington.

In July—Wyoming.

In September—Iowa, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio.

In October—Illinois, Massachusetts, Montana, Oregon, Wisconsin.

In November—Maryland, Virginia.

ALABAMA.

Thirty-first Conclave, Mobile, May 20, 1891. William A. Alexander, G. C.

On the condition of the Order, the Grand Commander says :

"The influence of the prosperity that has attended the material interests of our State during the past year has been felt in all masonic circles in this jurisdiction, and it is with great pleasure and satisfaction I can report an increase of fifteen per cent. in the membership of the Order in this jurisdiction. While some of the Commanderies have been privileged to share in this prosperity to a larger extent than others, but two report no increase in their membership.

The indications for the continued prosperity of the Order are very bright and encouraging. One new Commandery has been formed during the year in Tuscumbia, and other cities are agitating the question of reviving the dormant Commanderies, and forming new ones in the near future."

The work was exemplified by the officers of Mobile Commandery, No. 2, and they were highly complimented upon their beautiful and perfect work.

The time of meeting was changed from the third Wednesday in May to the second Wednesday in May.

John A. McKinnon, (Selma,) G. C.

Edmund R. Hastings, (Montgomery,) G. R.

ARKANSAS.

Nineteenth Conclave, Little Rock, April 28th, 1891. William King Ramsey, G. C.

The business depression caused a scarcity of money and retarded the growth of the State. Its effect on the condition of Templarism is thus stated by the Grand Commander :

"In the cotton growing belt of our state we find that the extraordinary large yield of the fleecy staple has been a curse rather than a blessing. The supply being greater than the demand, prices have of necessity been extremely low, while on the other hand the partial failure in the crop of cereals throughout our entire Southland has caused the necessities of life to command a very high price, thus rendering it difficult for our agricultural friends, in common parlance "to make both ends meet," and when they are not prosperous, of course the commercial part of the community must suffer.

From this state of affairs it could hardly be expected that Templar Masonry would emerge at the end of its year unscathed. There is evidence from several of our Commanderies that the zeal and enthusiasm of the membership has been on the wane ; that many of the valiant and magnanimous Knights have assumed that they have no time to attend to their Knightly duties, they being engaged to their utmost capacity in the struggle to "keep the wolf from their doors." This of course is their first duty

but under the most adverse circumstances I am clearly of opinion that our time can be so divided as always to find opportunity to preserve inviolate fidelity to Christian Knighthood."

All the Commanderies have made returns and but two have not paid their dues.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Eminent Commander of each Subordinate Commandery in this Jurisdiction to order an inspection and drill of his Commandery, in the Asylum and Armory, at least twice in each year in full dress or fatigue uniform, as the Eminent Commander may designate, and that every member must appear at every such Inspection and Drill unless excused by the Eminent Commander." * * *

"Resolved, By this Grand Commandery that the *Masonic Trowel*, published by Sir George Thornburgh, is a true and faithful exponent of Masonic truths, and is deserving of the support and patronage of all Sir Knights of this, as well as other Jurisdictions."

It was also decided to ask the Grand Commandery of Texas for concurrent jurisdiction over that portion of the city of Texarkana that is located in the State of Texas.

The report on correspondence is by Innes O. Adams. Our proceedings for 1890 receive due notice. Frater Adams says that the "Carson" ritual was the "weakest, the most imperfect and meaningless thing that ever was born in a Grand Encampment." In his notice of Michigan, he has the following remarks on the uniform :

"The black uniform has been adopted, and the Order of the Grand Commandery requiring the procuring the same has been issued. In many instances the Sir Knights of our Grand Jurisdiction have obeyed its mandate, and at considerable expense have made the necessary changes, though occasionally see an old uniform and the white feather, but they must all appear before the next Annual Grand Conclave. We have no particular objection to the new uniform, but we deeply regret the taking away the baidric from the officers. There seems to be a strange inconsistency in sacrificing the *baidric* for the *shoulder straps*. By the advocates of the change we are told they prefer it because they could not wear both without great trouble. So the *military sash* that has always been known in heraldry the distinction of a Knight has to be thrown aside to humor the whim of a few officers who do not care to hide their hands of velvet and gold or the difficulty in fastening them over their baldrics. And the shoulder strap has never had any connection with or been a mark of Knighthood until adopted by our Grand Encampment, being only a sign of rank in the United States army and navy. No more shall the beautiful symbolism that has always connected the plate on the baldric with the breast plate of the Christian warrior have reference to an Officer of our Grand Commandery or of any of its Subordinates."

Commanderies, 13 ; Members, 469.

Charles N. Rix, (Hot Springs,) G. C.
James A. Henry, (Little Rock,) G. R.

CALIFORNIA.

Thirty-third conclave, San Francisco, April 23rd, 1891.
Samuel Hopkins Wagener, G. C.

He visited all the Commanderies in the State, and is satisfied that his visits have effected good results. He is convinced that nothing cheers the members and gives them so much real pleasure as a visit from the Grand Officers :

"When elected to fill this most important and honorable position, I resolved to visit if possible, every Commandery in the State, and see for myself the condition of Templarism, that I might be able to report to you the general situation as it presents itself to me. This resolution I have been able to carry out and have within the year visited the twenty-nine Commanderies in this jurisdiction. (Let me say here that the appropriation made each year is not sufficient to pay the *traveling expenses* of the Grand Commander, if it is desired that he should visit the subordinate Commanderies. Our State is a large one and the Commanderies widely separated. The Inspectors are doing excellent work but are very much hampered, for the simple reason that no provision has been made by this Grand Body to furnish them with a copy of the ritual. They are expected to report upon the proficiency of the work in the Commanderies. Now with all due respect to the Inspectors and their knowledge of the work, I am satisfied that the majority of them are, like your Grand Commander, so long out of practice that they have become somewhat 'rusty.' I would, therefore, recommend that each Inspector be furnished with a copy of the ritual, that when he inspects a Commandery he may be so prepared that he will not have to depend upon the Eminent Commander (whose Commandery he is about to inspect), for a peep into the leaves of his. I have been appealed to by most of our Inspectors for help in this direction, but having only one copy myself, was helpless to supply their wants. You can hardly expect a mechanic to work without tools, much less an Inspector without a ritual."

The report on Correspondence, by the Grand Recorder, appears in the body of the proceedings, immediately after the Officers' Reports. Our proceedings for 1890 receive due notice. We copy one of his comments on the address of the Grand Master :

"The Grand Master of Canada has but a sorry opinion of American Templary and fights hard to prevent any branch of it from being engrained upon the English work. The sight of a man clad in the uniform of a Yankee militiaman posing as a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta makes him tired, and we are not at all surprised that it should be so."

We are glad to notice that the action of our Great Priory in reference to the Great Priory of England receives the approval of this learned and distinguished frater :

"The Special Committee on the allocation of the Supreme Grand Master, in their report, do not agree with that official, who recommended a course of proceeding in the matter of the difficulty with the Great Priory of England, which would have been a square backdown and an acknow-

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judgment of wrong-doing on the part of Canada most humiliating. The committee take a dignified view of the question and report as follows :—

‘With regard to the situation with the Great Priory of England, your committee cannot agree with the recommendations of the Grand Master. That body, by its own act, severed fraternal relations with this Great Priory, and while we are anxious, at all times, to be on the most friendly terms with our frateres in England, we cannot acknowledge that there has been any misconception on our part of our rights on the question of the Australian warrants. Your committee would be glad to notice any evidence from the Great Priory of England that they contemplated the revocation of their edict.’

We are pleased to say that the report was adopted. We have always upheld Canada in her action in this matter and are glad to see that she will not be bullied by an overbearing, though inferior body. The Great Priory of Canada is a Sovereign, independent, Grand Body, while that of England is subject to Convent General, and is not the peer of Canada. England shut the door in the face of Canada and Canada can stand it just as long as England can. If any concessions are to be made, let them be made by the party which declared non-intercourse."

On the absurd use of the word "pilgrimage" in certain quarters, Frater Caswell has the following excellent remarks, and we agree with him that it is quite time to drop it :

“A number of special dispensations were granted for sundry purposes, two of which were for subordinate Commanderies to "make pilgrimages," that is to say, to go on a junketing excursion to some pleasure resort, or to visit some other Commandery for festive purposes. We trust this gross misapplication of the word "pilgrimage," will be at once and forever abandoned. The ancient pilgrim went forth, clad in coarse habit, with sandals, staff and scrip, and on foot plodded his weary way to some sacred shrine at which he desired to pay his devotions, and returned, if indeed he returned at all, weary, foot-sore, and frequently exhausted and dying from the ravages of disease contracted from the hardships of his peregrinations. The modern pilgrim (?) goes forth in troops, clad in gorgeous raiment, with banners flying and plumes waving; fair ladies often accompany him to relieve the tedium of his pilgrimage; his commissary department is supplied with appetizing solids and seductive fluids; the strains of martial music cheer and encourage him on his arduous journey; he enters a luxurious Pullman and is whirled to his destination, where dancing, feasting and revelry, are the order of the day. Having paid his devotions at the shrines of Bacchus and Terpsichore, he returns, wearied and worn-out with his pious exercises, and ill from the affects of too much climate, he takes a Seidlitz and swears off until the next pilgrimage.

The absurdity of applying the word "pilgrimage," which simply means a pious journey, to one of these high-jinks rackets, must be apparent to every intelligent mind. Let us drop it."

The "invasion of jurisdiction" humbug also receives his righteous condemnation :

“We would very much like to see this confounded nonsense and boy's play entirely eliminated from the Order. We are free American citizens, and have the right to go where we please, so long as we obey the laws and

behave ourselves, even if we go dressed in the uniform of a Knight Templar. This asking permission to pass through a territory as free as the air is to the eagle, is a piece of absurdity that should be stamped out of Templar usages, unless we desire to become a laughing-stock to sensible men both in and out of the Order."

On the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, it was decided by the Grand Commandery, that the uniform code of by-laws, adopted some years ago, must be adopted by all Commanderies now in existence and all hereafter organized.

Commanderies, 30; members, 2553; increase, 78.

George Asbury Johnson, (San Francisco,) G. C.
Thomas Hubbard Caswell, (San Francisco,) G. R.

COLORADO.

Sixteenth Conclave, Denver, June 2nd, 1891. George Wyman, G. C.

The condition of the Order is more than usually prosperous, there being a very gratifying increase in membership. New Commanderies were formed at Salida and Trinidad, and another will be instituted at Montrose.

The following standing order was adopted:

"Sir Knights belonging to Commanderies in this Jurisdiction should not apply for dimitts in order to sign a petition for dispensation, but they should pay dues to the time of the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, and receipts therefor should accompany the petition.

Sir Knights not belonging to Commanderies in this Jurisdiction must present dimitts with the petition for dispensation."

The Rituals of the Red Cross and Templar Degrees presented by the Grand Commander were fully considered and adopted.

The report on Correspondence is by Harper M. Orahood, and notices Canada for 1890. In his conclusion, he says:

"Some questions seem to come up periodically to vex the souls of Grand Commanders, writers of Reports on Correspondence and others. The one particularly prominent in the proceedings and reports we have read this year, is the old but ever varying subject of Ritual. The attempt to settle this question by the adoption of a uniform Ritual at St. Louis, was so unsatisfactory as to render it more uncertain than ever. The action at Washington was more nearly successful, but not entirely satisfactory. Should a complete Ritual be adopted next year and made obligatory, we fear it will cause trouble. As a matter of policy we prefer the present condition: Essentials prescribed and made obligatory. In addition to this a full Ritual which shall be approved and recommended by the Grand Encampment, but its use to be left to the option of the Grand Commanderies

If it can be done successfully and harmoniously, about which we entertain some doubts, we prefer a uniform Ritual throughout, and its use obligatory.

The powers of the Grand Master and the Grand Encampment, and embraced in this the powers of the Grand Commanderies, have been very fully discussed. The general feeling seems to tend toward the support of the former; probably from a desire to have a centralized directing and governing power to which all shall render obedience, and, in case of conflict, to which appeal may be made, and by which disputes may be finally settled and the decisions enforced."

Commanderies, 18; Members, 1,094; Increase, 155.

Byron L. Carr, (Longmont,) G. C.

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

CONNECTICUT.

Sixty-fourth Conclave, Middletown, March 17th, 1891.
Ira L. Gardiner, G. C.

The Order is in a prosperous condition. The Grand Commander decided that a Commandery cannot legally hold its conclaves in any other place than where it is located.

The following report of the Committee on Uniform was adopted:

"That action upon the adoption of a standard uniform be deferred until the next annual Grand Conclave.

The appointment of a Uniform Committee consisting of one representative from each subordinate commandery.

That the Uniform Committee meet, and consider the matter of a standard uniform, at least six months before the next Grand Conclave.

That each subordinate commandery be requested to provide at that meeting a duplicate of its full uniform, and to furnish the committee a record of any action it may take upon the subject, and that each commandery that meets have a hearing by the committee if it requests.

That the Uniform Committee be instructed to furnish each subordinate commandery, at least two months before the next Grand Conclave, a copy of so much of their report as particularly defines the uniform, or any part thereof, which they second for the adoption of this Grand Commandery."

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Recorder our proceedings for 1890 receive due notice. Frater Wheeler in error in supposing that our "Grand Registrar" corresponds to their office of Grand Recorder. Our "Grand Chancellor" the Secretary, to whom all communications should be addressed, Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario.

Commanderies, 11; members, 851; increase, 92.

Costello Lippit, (Norwich,) G. C.

Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford,) G. R.

GEORGIA.

Thirtieth Conclave, Macon, May 6th, 1891. Azariah G. Howard, G. C.

In his record of visitations, he says :

"With one exception I have carried out my intention of visiting and personally inspecting each Commandery in the State, endeavoring so far as possible to ascertain the true condition and needs of each, to give such instructions and make such suggestions as might seem best, and it is very gratifying to me to be able to report that I find as a general thing the Commanderies in a very satisfactory condition and, therefore, not greatly in need of instruction, their officers are generally men of a high order of intellect, the principal officers well informed and versed in their duties and fully competent to instruct their Commanderies. There is only a need on the part of some to make more effort to impart the instruction and require every subordinate officer to post himself thoroughly in his duties and perform them when called upon to do so without books or promptings. It is the duty of every officer to look after the membership of the Commandery, instruct them in the work and movements and encourage their attendance upon the conclaves, instead of relying upon the Eminent Commander or some other zealous Templar to do it all."

A series of resolutions were adopted for a more intimate interchange of fraternal courtesies between all the branches of Masonry through the various Committees on Correspondence. One of the proposals is that each correspondent should review all the proceedings of all the Masonic bodies in his State. This, in our opinion, would add too much to the length of these reports.

The following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That at each Annual Grand Conclave of this Grand Commandery, one Subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction in the order of seniority, beginning with Georgia, No. 1, shall be required to give an exhibition drill of not less than fifteen minutes, unless excused by the Right Eminent Grand Commander for good cause shown."

Several extracts are given from the address of our Grand Master for 1890, together with fraternal expressions of sympathy for his decease.

Commanderies, 8 ; members, 511 ; increase, 48.

Richard J. Nunn, (Savannah,) G. C.

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

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-fifth Conclave, Chicago, October 29th, 1891.
Joseph Edward Dyas, G. C.

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encampments, was exceedingly satisfactory to those participating. A new Commandery was opened at Mount Carroll. The asylum floor work in this jurisdiction is regulated by "Puriton's Tactics."

Camp Damascus, the Encampment which was held at Riverside Park, near Havana, for four days in July, is thus described :

"The following daily programme was observed during the Encampment, to wit : Reveille, 5:30 a. m. ; Breakfast, 6:30 a. m. ; Guard Mount, 7:30 a. m. ; Commandery Drill, 9 a. m. ; Dinner, 12:30 p. m. ; Battalion Drill, 4 p. m. ; Dress Parade, 5 p. m. ; Supper, 6 p. m. ; Tattoo, 10 p. m. ; Taps, 11 p. m.

The attendance of Knights and ladies during the Encampment was very good, far surpassing that of former Encampments. The first Encampment at this place, two years ago, was attended by seventy swords; the second, one year ago, by one hundred and twenty-five swords, and the third, the present, by two hundred and twenty swords. To this may be added the large number of ladies and other guests, making the constant attendance many hundred. The weather was fine during the entire week ; there was great interest in the daily drill, and the social feature of the occasion was highly enjoyable.

To provide for current expenses of the Encampment the following commanderies contributed \$50.00 each, to wit : Damascus, DeMolay, Wood, Constantine, Tancred, St. Aldemar, Hospitaler, Hugh De Mayens, Peoria, St. Omer, and Beaumanoir, which, together with the receipts for the use of tents and cots, realized a sufficient fund to cover all expenses, leaving a balance of \$130.08 in the hands of the Quarter-master.

Among the interesting features of the Encampment was the presence of the Young Ladies' Drill Corps of Belleville, who, under the direction of eminent Sir John Heinzelman, gave daily exhibition of their skill. As an incentive to friendly emulation and competition, the M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio, presented a handsome Beauseant Flag of finest silk to the Commandery (of not less than twenty swords) showing the greatest proficiency in drill. This was awarded on the morning of the last day, to Wood, No. 6, of Springfield, as was also awarded a beautiful Prelate's sword to Damascus Commandery, No. 42, on account of largest average daily attendance. These awards were made by Right Eminent Sirs John Parsons and Sol. E. Waggoner, both of whom are Past Grand Commanders of the State of Missouri, and who kindly consented to act as judges of the contests. The occasion was also honored by the presence of Right Eminent Sir Joseph E. Dyas, Grand Commander, who spent one day in camp, and who added much interest to the occasion by inspecting and reviewing the battalion.

The general sentiment of all who attended is unquestionably in favor of continuing these encampments as a means of both pleasure and profit. There should be one at Riverside Park every year. Nature has made this an interesting spot, and the Jacksonville Southeastern Line, the owners of the park, are making it more attractive every year and are untiring in their efforts to please all who attend. The citizens of Havana, and particularly

the Knights of Damascus, No. 42, fully appreciate their guests and at all times manifest 'the unwearied zeal.'

The reports of the inspecting Grand Officers show that they performed their duties faithfully. These reports are printed in advance with the address of the Grand Commander and from them we learn that the Order is in a most prosperous condition.

The plan proposed last year for printing the proceedings in parts was dropped for the present.

The hearty sympathy of the Grand Commandery of Illinois is extended to the Great Priory of Canada in their affliction at the loss of Grand Master Henderson.

A committee was appointed to present a ritual for the use of Commanderies on Easter and Ascension days.

Sir Henry C. Ranney introduced a resolution against the practice which has prevailed in this jurisdiction for several years past, of advancing Grand Officers step by step. This rotation in office is, in our opinion, very absurd, and it should be broken up everywhere. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows and their report was adopted :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of R/ E. Sir H. C. Ranney disapproving the regular advancement in the time of the several officers of this Grand Commandery, would respectfully report that they are without authority to dictate to any member of this Grand Body how and for whom he shall cast his ballot. Every one must decide for himself. Your Committee, however, would suggest that being in line in office is no sufficient evidence in itself that the candidate possesses the necessary qualifications for advancement, but is only one of the many reasons which should influence every Sir Knight in casting his ballot for any officer in this Grand Commandery."

A resolution was passed excusing Grand Officers from making official visitations for the current year. Also one providing that no Commandery hereafter chartered shall be named after a living person.

Fratr John Coason Smith presents a very excellent report on correspondence, dealing with all the subjects that come before him with great ability and truly fraternal consideration. He received the address of our acting Grand Master of 1891, but not the proceedings. He gives numerous extracts from the address and makes the following comments :

"From the Allocution we learn that our fratres on the other side of the Great Lakes are prosperous, and believing as we do, that they are just on the threshold of important changes in Ritual and Uniform which will

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"Warrant restored in Odo De St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17, and its new station is to be in the city of Brantford. Dispensation granted for a Preceptory at Victoria, British Columbia. This will certainly be the advance post of the Templar Army in the great Northwest, and we have no doubt of its success, knowing that its interests have been entrusted to valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights, of whom the hardy pioneers of a new country furnish some of the best specimens."

He copies remarks of the Acting Grand Master on the subject of the ritual and then says:

"We are anxiously looking to see what action was had on the above, sincerely hoping the whole subject was deferred until after next year. We are in hopes that the question of Ritual will then have been settled in the Grand Encampment U. S. A., by the adoption of a work which will meet the approval of our fratres in both countries, and thus unite us as one grand army under the same ceremonials, as we now are as to the essentials."

He is justly severe on the "invasion" business, which, in our opinion, is a piece of nonsense that should be summarily abolished, and we can see no reason why any such permission should be asked to visit Canada any more than any other State or Territory. We are all Templars and entitled to visit each other as often as we please without any formal permission. We in Canada decline to grant any such permission, as our doors are always open, our latch-string always out, and we rejoice exceedingly whenever any of our neighboring Fratres, whether in uniform or not, come to see us.

"How gracious on the part of Grand Commanders of Maine and New Hampshire to have permitted the armed invasion of their jurisdictions. When will such nonsense end? To visit Canada or some other foreign country, such "permission" might in courtesy be asked; but in the United States it smacks of the old militia days' training. There would be some sense in requiring permission of Grand Commander for a Commandery to leave its station to visit another in the same state, and if to visit in another jurisdiction, then that the approval of the Grand Master of Templars be asked, as the Commander-in-chief should know when his forces leave one to enter into another department."

Commanderies, 59; members, 7978; increase, 339.

Sylvester Omer Spring, (Peoria,) G. C.

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

INDIANA.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Evansville, April 19th, 1892.

Ervin B. Webber, G. C.

Peace and harmony prevail and there have been no dis-

sensions during the year. They have lost their venerable Father Hacker, a Past Grand Commander, who died at the age of 81, deeply lamented and regretted. A new Commandery was opened in Komoko.

The constitution was amended to provide that Ascension Day and Easter Sunday should be anniversary days and Commanderies granted the privilege of meeting and celebrating in a proper manner.

It was resolved that where a Companion elected to receive the degrees fails to present himself within twelve months, his election shall be void.

A Committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of providing a permanent home for widows and orphans of this jurisdiction.

Frater Nicholas R. Ruckle reports on correspondence. On the subject of Masonic Homes, he very sensibly says:

"One should be chary of criticism where the purposes are noble and unselfish. But it is fairly questionable whether Grand Bodies, which are created for legislative and executive purposes only, should take upon themselves the administration of any enterprise however laudable. Institutionalized charity should not be made a substitute for Masonic charity—which is more than alms-giving. Masonry can not carry the burden of great public institutions without greatly increasing its tax upon its membership—and the institutions themselves will assuredly grow more rapidly than the Order."

Our proceedings for 1891 receive good notice, which concludes with the following remarks:

"These two sessions mark a great departure from the former lines of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. With the death of the venerable frater, Macleod Moore, passes away the Grand Mastership *ad vitam*. The adoption of the American Red Cross Degree, the use of the new Ritual containing many of the American features, and the disposition to adopt an outdoor uniform, betokens an assimilation to the Templar bodies of the United States."

Commanderies, 35; Members, 2989; increase, 111. }
Joseph A. Manning, (Michigan City,) G. C.
William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis,) G. R.

IOWA.

Twenty-eighth Conclave, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 14th, 1891. James A. Guest, G. C.

Three new Commanderies were formed. The Grand Commander decided that an Eminent Commander, who had

been suspended by the Grand Lodge for connection with the "Cerneau" Masons, was thereby suspended from Templary and that his office was vacant. We also quote the following :

Question. What steps are necessary to suspend a Sir Knight who has been suspended by his Blue Lodge?

Answer. If a Sir Knight is suspended by his lodge for unmaasonic conduct, a certificate from the lodge or oral testimony is sufficient for the Eminent Commander to declare the Sir Knight suspended.

Question. The Masons contemplate the holding of a Masonic celebration on St. John's day, June 24th. Can the Commandery attend and participate jointly with them in the ceremonies?

Answer. No. St. John's day is not a distinctive Templar occasion. If a parade is contemplated, and the Blue Lodge invite you, permission will be granted you to act as escort.

Question. Can the Blue Lodge take part in a funeral service where the Commandery conducts the services?

Answer. No. A Sir Knight while living, or his family after his death, decides which organization shall bury his remains. A joint service is not permitted. When a Sir Knight is buried by his lodge it is the custom for the Blue Lodge to invite the Commandery to act as escort."

In the report of the committee on the address of the Grand Commander, we find the following references to our two Grand Masters :

"The name of William J. B. MacLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, has long been familiar to the reading Masons of America. He has been known as a Mason of very superior accomplishments. His death is the extinguishment of one of the brightest Templar lights.

His death was soon followed by that of his successor in office, Sir Knight James Alexander Henderson. Sir James was distinguished as a polished gentleman of highest character, and an ornament to the Great Priory of which he was for a short time the Grand Master. Our sister Grand Body may well lament the great loss they have sustained. Templarism throughout the American continent utters its deep lament that it shall no longer be adorned by the great names of Moore and Henderson."

Their "Templar Park" appears to be in a fair way to become a great success. It must be a very pleasant place and the Templars of Iowa are to be congratulated upon having acquired such a magnificent summer residence.

"We concur with the views of the Grand Commander in regard to Templar Park. We are gratefully surprised that so many valiant Knights, ladies, and rollicking children have come to Templar Park at this observance of Templar Festal Week. We are charmed at the enthusiasm displayed. The grove is everywhere vocal with sounds of mirth and expressions of personal regard. Every moment friendships among Iowa Templars and their dear ones are being formed that will continue for all time. Indeed, so rapid is our growth in friendship for each other, that

this eminence may be truly called the Mount of Spiritual Transfiguration for all. We are of opinion that we have inaugurated a plan that will supersede our former custom of attending the great triennials. We believe that the hallowed influences of this sacred place will soon transcend in our estimation the glare and glamour of monstrous parades, and that we shall much prefer the genial joy of Templar Park to the crowded discomfort of a national jamboree. We believe that it is wiser for us to expend our money in improving a property that we may all possess and enjoy than to appropriate large sums for the benefit of the few that are able to attend at the more distant assemblies. Since we have owned Templar Park its market price has increased at the rate of twenty-five per cent per annum. It is now a valuable piece of real estate. It is a twenty-acre homestead for every Iowa Templar, his family and intimate friends. Each individual Iowa Knight Templar is as much the owner of it as any man who lives. Though he may abide here for the whole season, he is no tenant or trespasser. Here he may plant his domestic vine and fig tree and peacefully dwell under the shadow thereof."

On the "Cerneau" question, the following was adopted:

"Any Sir Knight of this Grand Jurisdiction who retains his membership in the branch of Masonry denominated 'Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies,' known as the 'Cerneau body of Scottish Rite,' or who hereafter receives such orders under said Rite, and whether an affiliated or non-affiliated Master Mason, is guilty of an offence against Templar Masonry, and shall be proceeded against and tried therefor, and upon conviction shall stand expelled from all the rights and privileges of Templar Masonry."

W. I. Babb reports on correspondence and includes a review of our proceedings of 1890.

Commanderies, 53; members, 3789; increase, 4.

W. F. Cleveland, (Harlan,) G. C.

Alf. Wingate, (Des Moines,) G. R.

KANSAS.

Twenty-third Conclave, Parsons, May 12th, 1891. George W. Port, G. C.

The action of the Grand Commander as to organizing new Commanderies is thus reported by him:

"In October, 1890, Sir Tully Scott and ten others petitioned for a commandery at Oberlin, Decatur county. Said petition was recommended by Aleppo Commandery, No. 31, Hays City.

Considering the deplorable condition of affairs in the western portion of the State, it was, in my opinion, extremely doubtful about a commandery receiving that degree of support necessary to insure a permanent success. The petition therefore was respectfully declined.

On March 10, 1891, I received a very urgent request from Sir Knight J. G. Bourne, Goodland, Sherman county, for a dispensation to organize

commandery at that place. Having previously received an informal petition signed by Sir Bourne and nine others, which did not even have the recommendation of the nearest commandery endorsed upon it, and not having complied with the Laws of the Grand Commandery in many particulars, and not deeming it the proper time or place for establishing a commandery, I declined to grant the dispensation.

The time has not come for planting a commandery out in that new country; better wait until the foot-prints of the red man have been entirely obliterated from the sands of those plains; when the seasons become more favorable, and the solicitations for aid less frequent.

The Grand Recorder reports that the past year was one of general prosperity, most of the Commanderies made satisfactory gains and an increase of interest was also visible.

A new code of statutes was adopted.

The Grand Recorder reports on correspondence, and notices our proceedings for 1890.

Commanderies, 34; members, 2,383; increase, 128.

Winfield S. Corbett, (Wichita,) G. C.

John H. Brown, (Kansas City,) G. R.

KENTUCKY.

Forty-fourth Conclave, Frankfort, May 27, 1891. William T. Meffert, G. C.

The Grand Commander reports an unusual activity in the growth of Templar Masonry. He records the death of Hiram Bassett, one of the most prominent Masons of the United States, who had filled all the chief positions in their Grand bodies and who was well known and universally esteemed. The affairs of their "Home" are in good shape. Since it was opened in 1871, 514 beneficiaries have been sheltered, fed, clothed and educated under its protecting roof and there are now 225 inmates.

A new commandery was opened at Paris.

Charles R. Woodruff reports on correspondence and gives very flattering notice to our proceedings of 1890. In his closing remarks, he says:

"A glance at the financial condition of the various Grand Commanderies presents a most gratifying showing, and proves that this important portion of Templar interests is under sound management in every direction; not only are the finances of every Grand Commandery in a healthy condition, but the Subordinates also appear to be equally flourishing, and the frequency in payment of Grand Commandery dues seems to have become a thing of the past.

The total amount of uninvested cash balances in the treasuries of the Grand Commanderies, as reported, amounts to \$77,801.25, which sum is exclusive of the amounts held in the shape of a permanent Grand Fund, or otherwise permanently invested, but only a few of the Grand Commanderies are favored with so much prosperity, and altogether these permanent investments do not aggregate a large sum.

The Grand Encampment reports the sum of \$2,407.25 as the uninvested cash balance on hand, which added to the above amount makes the total \$80,208.50, immediately available in the various Grand Treasuries.

The number of Templars in the United States, affiliated under the Grand Commanderies and Grand Encampment, is placed at 83,933 by Sir Knight STEPHEN BERRY in his report of May, 1890, so that the cash on hand only represents a sum equal to about one dollar per member.

Indeed there seems to be no reason for the accumulation of large sums of money in the Templar treasuries, unless the desire for National Headquarters should become popular, and culminate in the erection of a suitable and imposing Templar building at Washington, D. C., or some other beautiful locality—say Louisville, Kentucky.²³

Commanderies, 24 ; members, 1689 ; increase, 28.

John W. Pruett, (Frankfort,) G. C.

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

LOUISIANA.

Twenty-ninth Conclave, New Orleans, February 12, 1892.
A. S. Badger, G. C.

There is a small loss in membership, consequent upon the surrender of its charter by Baton Rouge Commandery and its members not all having affiliated with some other Commandery. The community there is largely Roman Catholic and consequently the field for material is limited in extent.

It was decided that they could not exchange representatives with the Grand Encampment of Scotland, as such action would be in conflict with the regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which provide for the exchange of representatives between Sovereign Bodies only.

The following report was adopted :

“ Your committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Commander respectfully report :

That the official acts of the R. E. Grand Commander be approved.

That a page of our records be dedicated to the memory of V. E. Sir John W. Madden, Past Deputy Grand Commander, and to the memory of Sir John G. Fleming, Past Grand Captain General.

That the thanks of this Grand Commandery be tendered to Sir Wm. A. Snyeley, rector of Trinity Church, the vestry and choir of said church.

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celebration of Ascension Day.

That the annual religious pilgrimage in this jurisdiction be either on
Easter Sunday or Ascension Day, at the discretion of the subordinate
commanderies."

Commanderies, 3; members, 284; loss, 9.

Samuel Alston, (New Orleans,) G. C.

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

MAINE.

Fortieth Conclave, Portland, May 7, 1891. Edwin M.
Fuller, G. C.

The work of the Grand Commander of this Jurisdiction
the past year has been of the very pleasantest character.
the opening paragraphs of his address, he says :

"It has been a year of peacefulness and harmony along our knightly
order, and it is believed and hoped that the present conclave will be as
monious and as free from dissensions as the thirty-nine conclaves which
have gone down into history. This is to be expected in all bodies as
representative as this, for 'tis here we have been taught the sublime prin-
ciples of truth and brotherly love, and that principle permeates our order
completely as any with which I am acquainted. A healthful growth has
been uniformly maintained in every subordinate commandery, and repre-
sentatives of a newly born commandery will appear at this conclave for its
christening at the hands of a loving Alma Mater."

The subject of electing the Grand Commander for a
second term having engaged the attention of Frater Fuller, he
issued a circular to the various Grand Commanderies of the
United States in order to ascertain their opinions. Responses
were received from twenty-four Jurisdictions, of which twenty
were in favor of the one year term and four in favor of two
years. The four in favor of two years were Alabama, Georgia,
Maine and Vermont. In consequence of the remarks of
Frater Fuller, which are copied below, Maine adopted the one-
year term :

"For several years past I have been of the opinion that it would be
better for the interests of Templar Masonry in this state if the custom of
electing a Grand Commander for a second year or term did not prevail.
In my position now to speak upon the subject openly, without advancing
an opinion which might seem to be done for personal reasons. The mem-
bers of this Grand Commandery are made up of the best Templar Masons
in the jurisdiction. There are scores of Sir Knights just as capable,
and as deserving, just as much entitled to this honor as I am myself. If
the present custom should be followed, in the next twenty years but ten
Sir Knights will probably have received the honor; whereas, if the custom
of electing a Grand Commander for one year or term should prevail, twice

that number would have received it. It is my opinion that it would be better for all our interests, if a Grand Commander should serve but one year, making his term of service express and reflect his best endeavors.

The Sir Knight who is appointed as Grand Warden would, everything being equal, hold office continuously about twenty years before he would be elected Grand Commander.

This fact being well understood, deters many of the best men of the command from accepting the positions.

Believing that this sentiment is right and in the interest of the best welfare of the institution, I propose to initiate the custom of withholding my name for re-nomination or re-election for a second year.

The office is one of great honor, pleasure and satisfaction to any man who holds it, but in an Order made up entirely of distinguished men of ability, honor and integrity, I am fully convinced that a change of our usual custom should prevail."

A memorial from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was received, asking that the Council Degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master should be placed in the direct line of Masonic advancement and made a prerequisite to the orders of knighthood. This memorial was referred to a special committee to report at the next Conclave.

Frater Stephen Berry reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1890, giving a biographical sketch of our late Grand Master Moore and numerous extracts from our proceedings.

Commanderies, 19; members, 2,463; increase, 133.

Arlington B. Marston, (Bangor,) G. C.

Ira Berry, (Portland,) G. R.

MARYLAND.

Twenty-first Conclave, Baltimore, November 24th, 1890.
Henry Ogier Reese, G. C.

The Grand Commander visited all the Commanderies except two, found their general condition good and their financial condition healthy.

Columbia Commandery, No. 2, of Washington, presents the Grand Commandery with a very handsome silver libation service for the use of the five Commanderies stationed in Baltimore.

The following is taken from the report of the Executive Committee :

"That they commend the energy of the R. E. Grand Commander in his efforts to aid the Grand Master of Maryland in securing a tempo-

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lum for the brethren and Sir Knights of Baltimore; and also for his prompt action towards the recovery of such relics as the disastrous fire on Christmas day, 1890, had spared to the members of the different Commanderies of Baltimore City. They, also, concur in the suggestion of the R. V. Grand Commander that a vote of thanks be accorded to Sir Knight CHARLES E. WRIGHT, of Monumental Commander, No. 3, for his valuable services in this connection.

They, also, concur in the recommendation of the R. V. E. V. Grand Commander that a safe be procured, to ensure the safety of the records, papers, &c., of the Grand Commandery and the several city Commanderies; also, that new Grand Commandery jewels be procured to replace such as were destroyed."

"Your Committee heartily concur in the suggestion of the R. V. E. V. Grand Commander that the thanks of this Grand Body are due to Sir Knight JOHN H. MILLER, our E. V. Grand Recorder, for his untiring efforts and labor, in his endeavor to procure for the Templar Library of the Grand Commandery of Maryland a complete set of Records and other valuable documents so necessary to the business of our Grand Body. It is with confidence that they are able to report that E. Sir Knight MILLER'S efforts have been crowned with success, as you have learned from his report.

Your Committee would also recommend that the thanks of the Grand Commandery of Maryland be accorded to all those who have so generously assisted themselves in supplying copies of the proceedings of their Grand Commanderies and other valuable documents."

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Recorder of each Subordinate Commandery of this Jurisdiction be required to notify the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery immediately after the stated Conclave of his Commandery, every rejection of an applicant for the Orders or Membership and of every suspension, expulsion, reinstatement, withdrawal or decease of any member, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to inform each Subordinate Commandery of this Jurisdiction of such action, upon the first of the succeeding month.

Resolved, That each Subordinate Commandery shall keep a special record book, in which shall be alphabetically arranged every rejection, suspension, expulsion, reinstatement, withdrawal or death that may occur or be reported to it."

Resolved, That the limits of each Commandery in this Jurisdiction extend in all directions to half the distance by a direct line between the next nearest Commanderies."

The report on correspondence is again by Frater Ferdinand Gorgas. He has a very good notice of our proceedings for 1891. The restoration of their Temple is progressing rapidly and it will be ready for occupation in September, 1892.

Commanderies, 8 ; members, 890 ; decrease, 17.

Stephen L. Mason, (Baltimore,) G. C.

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

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Eighty-fifth Conclave, Boston, October 30th, 1891. John P. Sanborn, G. C.

The year past has been one of unparalleled peace and prosperity. The work of the several Commanderies has exceeded that of any previous year. Boston Commandery still maintains its supremacy with 700 members, the largest since its Body in existence.

Fitting mention was made of the great loss they had sustained in the death of Frater Alfred F. Chapman, for many years Grand Recorder and chairman of correspondence.

Every Commandery in the Jurisdiction has been officially visited and inspected by some one of the Grand Officers. The reports of the Inspecting Officers are full and minute and of very interesting reading. They show the Order to be in the most prosperous condition. On the ritual question, the Grand Commander says:

"In every instance the Orders have been conferred upon actual candidates, and the new ritual adopted by this Grand Commandery has been strictly adhered to by all officers throughout our jurisdiction. There is very general satisfaction with this ritual, and we sincerely hope there will be no further occasion for further change. The Grand Encampment, in our opinion, acted wisely when it adopted certain essentials for the convenience of all Knights Templars, leaving the ceremonials for the Grand Commanderies to prescribe as they shall think best. While there may hereafter be absolute uniformity of work in all parts of our land, there is no doubt that the best and most essential to the cause—harmony and good will—will be what is better and more essential to the cause—harmony and good will."

The following report was adopted by a vote of 66 to 10, the principal difference of opinion being on the last resolution.

"The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of R. E. Grand Commander, James Swords, at the Annual Conclave in 1890, as pertains to the subject of Representation of this Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment of the United States, would report as follows:

The facts to which he calls attention are worthy of the serious consideration of this Grand Body, and if any legitimate means can be devised by which the evils he portrays can be remedied or even alleviated, they should be applied.

The inequality of the present system of representation appeared very strongly at the last Triennial Conclave at Washington, D. C., where the official report shows that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island having on its rolls at that time 8,110 Sir Knights had but eight votes, while one Grand Commandery with a total membership of 303 had nine votes, another with a membership of 423 had ten votes, and still another with a membership of 849 had seventeen votes. There were at that Conclave fourteen jurisdictions, the combined membership

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which was but about the same as that of this Grand Commandery, and yet they had 121 representatives of fifteen times as many votes as this Grand Commandery had.

If the Conclave of the Grand Encampment were merely, or principally, for social enjoyment, it would make but very little difference whether the Grand Commanderies were represented by few or many, or not at all. But such is not the fact. Questions of great importance to the prosperity of the Templars of the whole country, and sometimes of vital interest to some particular jurisdiction, are continually coming up for discussion and decision.

These discussions should be discussed and decided upon the fundamental principles of the Order, and with due regard for the wishes and rights of all, and not upon mere local or sectional prejudice or bias. We are of the opinion that as a matter of simple justice, some plan should be devised by which each Grand Commandery should be represented, partly in proportion to its membership; perhaps as fair a way as any, would be to give it one representative for each five hundred Sir Knights on its roll of membership, in addition to its representation under the present system.

We therefore recommend the passage of the resolution relating to the subject, appended to this report.

The matter of additional representation is however wholly within the control of the Grand Encampment, and for the present at least, the regular plan of representation must be adhered to. It seems to us that there may be a means of partially remedying the evil referred to, within the power of this Grand Commandery itself. There is no doubt but that some of those in this jurisdiction, who are entitled to vote in the Grand Encampment, do not attend its meetings, on account of the expense involved, which they do not feel able to incur, in addition to giving the time required. It would seem that this Grand Body ought not to be deprived of their presence, influence and vote, in the Grand Encampment for such a reason.

We are therefore of the opinion that it would be wise, for this Grand Body to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the railroad fares and ordinary hotel expenses, of each one of its members who is entitled to vote in the Grand Encampment, who will agree to be present at its several sessions and give his time and attention to the business that comes before it. We therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, assembled in Annual Conclave, that the present system of representation in the Grand Encampment of the United States, should be so amended as to provide that each Grand Commandery shall be entitled to, and have, one vote for each and every five hundred Sir Knights in its roll of membership, in addition to its representation under the present system.

Resolved, That we consider the subordinate Commanderies holding directly under the Grand Encampment of the United States to be its wards, and while they should each one be entitled to have a representation on the floor of the Grand Encampment, with the privilege of speaking upon any question affecting these subordinate Commanderies, yet they ought not to have any vote in that Grand Body.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Commandery, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, should be so

amended, that Past Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies shall be entitled to send a Proxy to the Conclaves of said Grand Encampment, whose powers and duties shall be the same as those of the Right Eminent Sir Knight, he represents.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to pay to each member of this Grand Commandery, who is entitled to vote in the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, a sum sufficient to defray his necessary travelling expenses and ordinary hotel bills, not to exceed one hundred dollars, during the sessions of the Grand Encampment, while attending its Triennial Conclaves, upon his promise to be present at its several sessions."

Frater Henry W. Rugg has an excellent report on correspondence, in which we find a good notice of Canada for 1891.

We copy the following table from the report of the Grand Recorder :

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	Month	Year					
Alabama	May	20, 1891	9	56	308	99	...
Arkansas	April	29, 1891	13	45	469	29	...
California	April	23, 1891	29	138	2,553	78	...
Colorado	June	2, 1891	18	156	1,094	155	...
Connecticut	March	7, 1891	11	115	1,851	117	...
Dakota (South)	June	9, 1891	8	72	529	50	...
Dakota (North)	June	16, 1890	4	30	180	...	...
Georgia	May	7, 1891	8	63	511	48	...
Illinois	October	29, 1890	57	301	7,507	85	...
Indiana	April	21, 1891	32	171	2,898	60	...
Iowa	August	21, 1890	54	201	3,793	63	...
Kansas	May	12, 1891	34	273	2,383	135	...
Kentucky	May	28, 1891	24	103	1,689	29	...
Louisiana	February	13, 1891	4	7	293	18	...
Maine	May	7, 1890	19	205	2,463	133	...
Maryland	April	7, 1891	8	43	907	10	...
Massachusetts & Rhode Id.	October	30, 1891	43	709	8,995	505	...
Michigan	May	20, 1891	42	285	4,367	140	...
Mississippi	February	10, 1891	11	36	297	53	...
Missouri	April	21, 1891	56	278	3,435	182	...
Montana	Sept.	30, 1890	6	25	258	23	...
Nebraska	April	7, 1891	22	85	1,315	183	...
New Hampshire	Sept.	30, 1890	10	122	1,558	85	...
New Jersey	May	11, 1891	16	112	1,415	90	...
New York	Sept.	1, 1891	56	833	9,151	488	...
North Carolina	June	11, 1891	8	10	234	42	...
Ohio	August	1, 1890	48	444	6,351	218	...
Oregon	October	28, 1890	3	42	234	43	...
Pennsylvania	May	27, 1890	66	670	9,034	276	...
Tennessee	April	7, 1891	14	156	967	46	...
Texas	April	7, 1891	26	200	1,532	112	...
Vermont	June	13, 1891	10	82	1,153	60	...
Virginia	October	30, 1890	19	83	1,064	40	...
Washington	June	30, 1891	9	63	365	138	...
West Virginia	May	13, 1891	10	81	572	80	...
Wisconsin	October	14, 1890	22	139	2,258	67	...
Wyoming	July	8, 1891	3	4	139	...	22
Grand Encamp't Subord'tes		1890	23	210	2,050	118	...
Total, in United States			867	6802	89,238	4120	22
Canada	July	19, 1891	28	71	1,003	13	...
England and Wales		1891	102	...	2,900	...	...
Ireland		1891	41	...	1,300	...	...
Scotland		1890	10	...	450	...	...
Sydney, Australia		1889	4	1	80	...	...
Total in the World			1052	6874	93,998	4133	22

Commanderies, 43 ; members, 8,995 ; increase, 505.

Robert H. Chamberlain, (Worcester,) G. C.
Benjamin W. Rowell, (Lynn,) G. R.

MINNESOTA.

Twenty-sixth Conclave, Rochester, June 24th, 1891.
Anthony Z. Levering, G. C.

He opened a new Commandery at Luverne, in the extreme south-western part of the state. Two others were applied for but were not granted. On the condition of the Order, he says :

"During my administration I have personally visited and inspected twelve of the subordinate commanderies out of a total of twenty-one. All the other commanderies have been visited by duly authorized representatives of this Grand Commandery. In all my visitations I have observed a warm interest in our noble order. With few exceptions work has been done in all the subordinate commanderies, and its quality has been of a high standard. From what I have seen, and the reports I have received, I am satisfied that there is a strong desire among the officers and members of our subordinates to fully perfect themselves in the details of our work. The officers generally are capable and efficient, and the Sir Knights seem to be animated with the desire to aid and encourage them. The result of such efforts can only be to make the work of our order even more beautiful and effective than it has ever been."

In his visits he found that no two Commanderies in the state used the same asylum tactics. He thereupon issued two hundred copies of the tactics prepared by the Ritual Committee and asked their careful consideration. The present conclave was opened according to that form and in the judgment of the Grand Commander, it is a system simple, comprehensive and practical. The Grand Commandery endorsed the views of the Grand Commander and adopted the tactics.

The Grand Recorder reports on correspondence. Canada for 1890 receives a good notice.

Commanderies, 22 ; members, 2,066 ; increase, 96.

Milton E. Powell, (Redwood Falls,) G. C.
Thomas Montgomery, (St. Paul,) G. R.

MISSISSIPPI.

Thirty-first conclave, Okolona, February 10th, 1891. J. J. Hayes, G. C.

The year past was uneventful. While the Masonic revival which has been progressing in the Lodges has not yet reached

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the Commanderies, owing to the slow progress of candidates through the Chapters, the outlook is decidedly promising.

A proposition to reduce the Grand Commandery fee for orders conferred from \$5.00 to \$3.00 was not deemed expedient.

Miss Annie Walter, a daughter of a Past Grand Commander, is now pursuing her studies at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, in which she secured a scholarship, and the Grand Commandery appropriated the sum of \$100 towards assisting her to complete her studies.

We regret to learn that Frater E. George De Lap still suffers from long continued ill health. His report on correspondence is as incisive and sensible as usual. In his notice of Alabama, he has the following reply to Frater George F. Moore :

"Referring to our strictures on the practice of attending divine service in uniform, he says :

'These are, to us, very hard and harsh words. We ask, in all candor and earnestness, without making any pretention to being a strict religionist, why may not Templars show their belief in the Christian religion by attending church on a day peculiarly appropriate to their order by reason of its place in their ritual?'

To which we beg to reply : They may do so, and it is eminently proper and right that they should, and this committee has never written a word in bar of that privilege and duty. What we object to is the fuss, feathers and 'trenchant blades,' together with the tactics and drill, which are essential, some think, to a proper (?) performance of the drama. What we further object to, is the ignoring of the self-evident proposition, and Bro. Moore can't deny it, that these ostentations and alleged military processions to the house of God, the 'Prince of Peace,' are, and must be, an abomination in His sight. If a sincere desire to honor and worship God is the object of the ritual and ritualists, why not lay aside the showy uniform, the nodding plumes and 'trusty swords,' march in a body and in plain citizen's dress, to the church, perform your devotions with a mind undistracted by the thought of what a stunner I am—a thought inseparable from the participants in these alleged 'devotional' services as usually conducted. What would be better still, would be to hold these services in the Asylum. God is *there*, as He is everywhere, and He is as ready to accept the sincere devotion and service of his people when offered there, as in the Temple of Solomon. This being true, and Bro. Moore knows it is, then one or more of several reasons calls us from the privacy of the Asylum to the publicity of the church. The first of these reasons, a desire, born of anything but a wish to honor God, to cut a swell—show our shape, our good clothes and our brilliant uniforms, to be gauped and giggled at by silly girls and brainless fops ; to be the cynosure of all eyes and the heroes of the hour ! The second reason may be found in the hope that this sort of thing will popularize the Order and catch some gudgeons ! There are others equally, and no more sensible, for the practice of desecrating the house of God by making it the theatre for such displays ! We have no

desire to be harsh or hard, but we have no patience with a religion of lip service, while the heart is far from God. Of course there are exceptions, but they are as scarce as hen's teeth.

If we have said anything wrong or unkind, may the Master forgive us, we did not mean to do so. May the Lord bless Bro. Moore with religion enough to distinguish between the gold of heart service, and the dross of formality and eye-service."

Canada for 1890 receives due notice.

He copies some remarks of Frater Southgate of North Carolina condemnatory of the inevitable banquet wherever the Grand Officers go, and then says:

"All of which we heartily endorse. There is just as much profanity, considering the basis upon which our order rests—i. e., the Christian religion, and the practice of the Christian virtues—in having wine at a strong drink at a church as at a Templar banquet, and, to be consistent, we must kick out our foundation or discard these adjuncts of hell and help of eternal damnation. We rejoice to know that in the army of "Mutuals" there is one, if no more, who has the courage of his convictions sufficient to induce him to 'speak out in meeting' on our side of this question."

We rejoice to learn that Frater J. L. Power, Past Grand Recorder, was created an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

Commanderies, 11; members, 297.

J. E. Leigh, (Columbus,) G. C.

J. L. Power, (Jackson,) G. R.

MONTANA.

Fourth Conclave, Butte, October 13, 1891. A. J. Davidson, G. C.

Templarism has continued to flourish and grow and its influence for good has spread with civilization. Two new Commanderies were formed.

A new Constitution was adopted.

Frater Cornelius Hedges again returns to the advocacy of his scheme of redeeming the Holy Land from the infidels by the aid of the modern Knight Templars. They are quite strong enough to do it, if they would unite in the effort:

"In the statistical tables collected by Brother Berry of Maine, which we shall append, it appears that out of 92,824 Knights Templar in the world 87,091 are in the United States. The correspondence among the Knights of our own country should not be considered 'foreign' and a protest against its use. It should be courteous as well as fraternal. There is anything foreign about it, it is also foreign to Knightly courtesy and Christian chivalry, and we know that our Grand Commandery was

one of it. The system of Grand Representatives in vogue among our Grand Lodges has a foreign aspect, that of ambassadors at foreign courts, but there is color for it in the fact that there is no higher general body, and each claims a sovereignty of its own. This is not the case among Knights and the system of exchange of representatives seems to us altogether foreign, anomalous and almost absurd. This 'foreign' idea receives further illustration in the ridiculous custom, to some extent prevailing, of asking permission for the Knights of some Commandery in one jurisdiction, on an excursion or visitation, to pass through the territory of some other jurisdiction. It seems to us so much like boy's play that we cannot seriously consider it. If we are true Knights, we have all enlisted in a common cause, under one great Captain whose Kingdom was not of this world, and nothing is foreign or unclean but hearts unsubdued to the sway of Christian unity.

In our 'modest beginning' of last year, as suggested by our committee, we ventured to propose a subject that seemed to us worthy of our careful consideration, our concentrated Knightly efforts. It was no less an object in the recovery of Palestine from the blighting sway of the Moslem. It may well be conceded that it is not a question of the same caliber as uniform ritual or tactics, and is to some extent sentimental. As believers in a Saviour, we do not attach such virtue or veneration to the Holy Sepulchre, if it could be identified, as would warrant us to spend or shed blood on a spot so hallowed by such precious memories as the land of the patriarchs, the scene of our Saviour's teachings, agony, redeeming sacrifice and triumphant resurrection; the land of the prophets, the kings, the apostles and martyrs; the land of Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth; of Gethsemane and Calvary; of Jordan, the sea of Gallilee and the holy mountains. This is the true Fatherland of all who pretend to be Christians. It is only sentiment that makes men revere their ancestors, cherish their place of birth, the scenes of their childhood. But what is man without the inspiration of noble sentiment? It was sentiment that inspired Christendom to more than moral support to the people of classic Greece when struggling to throw off the Turkish yoke, and the eloquent tongue of Henry Clay uttered the sentiment of the American people. Is the disenfranchisement and regeneration of Palestine less worthy of enlisting our sympathies? There is that noble Frater from Tennessee, Bro. George C. Connor, who writes with an almost inspired pen, who calls this an 'Utopian' project, a revival of the Crusade fanaticism. He is now in the old world on pilgrimage for health, and we dare say, of sentiment too. He speaks in conclusion of visiting Malta and Rhodes. Will he get that far and visit Palestine? If he does not his pilgrimage will be very incomplete, if he does, we shall be glad to know if he does not think Palestine is redemption. What it may be when redeemed, we do not need to say. We know that what it has been in its best days it may be again, and that every Jew and Christian would delight to visit, and to the extent of which under a stable, enlightened government in any form, from various parts of the world would devote their lives and wealth. The Turkish government at present is sometimes represented as 'the sick man of Europe' more appropriately it might be called a galvanized corpse, maintained by mutual jealousies of the nations that hope to inherit but cannot agree to the division of the spoils. The crisis may come any year and the question will arise, what is to be done with, or what is to become of Pal-

time? It is none too soon to begin to consider the question seriously that we may be ready to act promptly and effectively. The time is coming, if not already reached, when the voice of our nation raised in the cause of justice and humanity, not for any selfish advantage of our own, will determine the issue, and the zealous co-operation of 90,000 Knights could do much to give tone and expression to that voice. What the early Knights undertook to achieve with the sword, we may achieve without the sword. The victories of peace are more desirable than those of the sword. Reflection only confirms us in the propriety of the subject and its feasibility. We are sorry to see that few of our correspondents have even given it favorable mention. We fancy that if they had some such object as this to engage their attention there would be less contention about trifles."

Commanderies, 8; members, 313; increase, 55.

Carl T. Peterson, (Livingston,) G. C.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena,) G. R.

NEBRASKA.

Nineteenth Conclave, Kearney, April 7, 1891. Lewis M. Keene, G. C.

The past year has been one of prosperity and its ending is full of promise for the future.

A petition for a new Commandery was refused under the existing rules, which provide that no new Commandery can be created within the distance of forty miles from an existing Commandery.

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, we find the following:

"The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was deprived by death of the guidance and counsels of its honored head, the Most Eminent Sir William J. B. McLeod-Moore, its Supreme Grand Master, in September last, and in December, only three months after, of his successor, the Most Eminent Sir James A. Henderson.

To our Canadian fraters, one with us in heart, though marshaled under another national banner, we offer the assurance that we join them in crowning the graves of their illustrious dead with the evergreen token of love and honor. We mourn with them the loss of these leaders of the Templar host and pray that their mantle may fall upon the shoulders of others worthy to fill their place."

The report on correspondence is by Sir Knights Phelps Bullard and Whitmarsh. Frater Phelps is in favor of the proper observance of the Christian festivals of Ascension and Easter. He has a good notice of Canada for 1890. Frater Bullard thinks it is not improper to confer the degrees of knighthood on Sunday, in which we do not agree with him. He is also of the opinion that the multiplicity of orders lowers

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the standard and the indiscriminate mingling of badges and emblems tends to vulgarity, in which we do agree with him. His views on membership are of the enlightened kind, and will some day prevail :

"There is nothing masonic in the commandery except the fact that its members are Masons. In order to secure what *should be a certain* degree of excellence in our candidates, none are eligible save those who have passed the scrutiny of the lodge and chapter. Here we would stop, only asking whether the withdrawal from those bodies was a voluntary act, and taking no cognizance of their masonic standing, except when suspended or expelled from lodge or chapter for unmasonic conduct. The idea of a forced retention of membership is repugnant, nor do we believe that it strengthens the institution."

Father Whitmarsh deprecates the too frequent parades of Masonic clothing in public, and thinks that those who indulge in that practice hold themselves too cheap. So do we.

Commanderies, 22 ; members, 1315 ; increase, 47.

Lewis H. Corty, (Omaha,) G. C.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha,) G. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Thirty-second Conclave, Concord, September 29th, 1891.
Henry A. Marsh, G. C.

The past year has been the most prosperous one in their history, a larger number knighted, and all worthy men. The Grand Commander was not called upon for any decisions. He visited all the Commanderies during the year.

It is a most noteworthy fact that in all the jurisdictions where official visitations are thoroughly made, the Order is most prosperous, while on the contrary, interest languishes and apathy prevails where this duty is not attended to in good shape. A visit from a Grand Officer is a wonderful tonic. It stimulates the weak and encourages the workers. It is generally followed by a revival of interest, and its good effects are far-reaching and lasting.

The sum of \$500 was voted to furnish their head-quarters at Denver at the next triennial. Amendments to make the amount \$200 and \$300 were rejected. The whole business, in our opinion, is a pure waste of money. The extravagant profusion of entertainment indulged in by some Grand Commanderies at these triennial gatherings is out of all reason, and only tends to bring the Order into disrepute. The money

thus' wasted would make many a widow and orphan happy, and the fraters themselves would feel much better, both in mind and body.

The fee for instituting a new Commandery is \$100. The registration fee for each Knight Templar is \$2.00, and the *per capita* is thirty-five cents annually. The minimum fee for the degrees is \$25.00.

The report on Correspondence is by Frater A. S. Wait. Canada does not appear. In his conclusion, he says :

"We may be permitted, however, to express the opinion that in matters not essential to the integrity of the Orders, absolute uniformity of ritual will be difficult of attainment, and if once attained will be continued only by constraint, while it will serve no purpose of practical value. Many of the Grand Commanderies have already adopted rituals for their own jurisdictions, in which they have embodied the 'essentials' prescribed by the Grand Encampment at its triennial convocation of 1889, believing that they will be left in their undisturbed use. It seems to us the wiser and better policy to allow the continuance of these rituals, thus adopted in good faith, and to disturb which would do violence to established local usage and be attended with trouble, if not confusion."

Commanderies, 10; members, 1,665; increase 107.

George W. Currier, (Nashua,) G. C.

George P. Cleaves, (Concord,) G. R.

NEW YORK.

Seventy-eighth Conclave, Saratoga Springs, September 1st, 1891. George McGown, G. C.

The Grand Commander made a number of official visitations and found everything in good order. We copy his remarks on ritual :

"In 1884, each Eminent Commander in the state was supplied with a copy of the ritual of the Order of Malta, and instructed to transfer the same to his successor in office. I regret to say that in some cases the matter of transfer has been neglected, and a few of the present Eminent Commanders are not in possession of the ritual in question, as they should and would be if each of their predecessors had performed his duty. The same remarks will apply to the 'Essentials' of the R. C. and K. T., copies of which are already missing, although issued to the Em. Commanders only last year. As the issue of duplicates has not been provided for, the result is embarrassing. Too much care cannot be exercised in regard to these documents, and installing officers should be required to see that the transfers are made.

In regard to the ceremonials of the Red Cross and Knights Templar, there is nothing to report beyond the fact that the Grand Encampment Ritual Committee has made some progress, and the sub-committee, of which I am a member, has been notified to meet at Boston, one week from

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to-morrow, September 9th, to examine the rituals presented, and, if possible, agree upon one to be submitted to the full committee at Denver, next year. It is my purpose (D. V.) to be present at both meetings."

The Grand Recorder's paper this time is on "The Characteristics of the Order," and the closing paragraphs are as follows:

"Recurring to the Knights Templar of the Middle Ages, they became, during a portion of their brilliant career, a political power throughout Europe. The Grand Master, for a time, held rank as a peer with princes, and mingled in their councils. He frequently had command of the military defense of Palestine. In their distinctive quality as soldiers the Templars were recognized as men of honor, daring and ability. They were proud of their high position and of their military strength; they were supreme in their authority, and owed allegiance to no earthly power. Their efforts were devoted to upholding Christianity and protecting Christian Pilgrims on their way to the Holy Land. In their palmy days cowardice was unknown among them, but whenever and wherever they were needed in warfare against the infidel Saracen they were found with intrepid courage in the foremost of the battle. There they fought until victory crowned their arms or death laid them low in the dust. The world's history contains no record of greater courage, more undaunted fortitude or fearless bravery than that found among the Templars.

While the Templars of to-day are not required to face the Saracen in the open field of battle, there is a duty requiring the exercise of the sterling qualities of true Knighthood that has been vouchsafed as a legacy from the past, to care for and protect the widow and the orphan. Christian Knights, in the high and honorable position they hold among the great and good institutions of the world, have a glorious opportunity to prove the sublimity of the basic principles of their Order; to show to admiring multitudes the true bravery of a righteous act, the courage of a holy and pure life, the daring of a combat against wrong and injustice. The protection of the widow and fatherless is the highest duty of Knighthood. It embodies all that is brave, chivalrous and good. It unsheathes the sword in the presence of the arch-enemy of virtue, and strikes down with deadly force the oppressor and his minions. Imperial legacy, faithfully may the Templars of this present time preserve its honor untarnished! Bravely battling for the cause of right, may every sword be drawn and flash in the light of day, and the warfare against evil never cease until 'swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning-hooks!'"

Frater Jesse B. Anthony is the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Our proceedings were not received. In his review of Illinois, he takes exception to the action of that Grand Commandery in adopting life membership, as follows:

"One of the clauses of the standard Code of By-Laws adopted for the government of Subordinate Commanderies, is as follows:

"Any member of this Commandery who has regularly and continuously paid all dues and assessments against him for twenty years, shall, upon vote of the Commandery, become a life member.

We direct attention thereto for the reason that the principle is wrong.

1. It is immaterial the number of years a Sir Knight has been a member and paid his dues, for during that period he has only paid for what he has received. The yearly dues are for each year's privileges.

2. Annual dues paid in and used for ordinary purposes do not furnish any basis for the future of a Commandery, and the principle of reserve is lacking.

3. The effect of such a provision in the By-Laws of a Commandery, if carried out, would in the course of time result in bankruptcy.

4. To constitute a life member one must contribute an additional amount beyond the cost of the present, and a just and equitable basis is the payment of that amount, the revenue from which should produce a sum equal, or nearly so, to the regular annual dues.

5. All moneys contributed to constitute life membership must be invested and held as a special fund; the interest or revenue therefrom to be used in lieu of the dues of those contributing, and no part of the principal to be used at any time, except possibly in the event of the death of any such contributor.

So much for the principle involved as a financial measure, but beyond that we wish to say a word upon the question of a Grand Commandery making the dues from a member to his Commandery a subject of legislation. It is not, in our judgment, a matter which should be subject to the control of a Grand Body, but one upon which every Commandery is the proper and sole judge. The Grand Commander took the correct view:

"In any event it seems to me to be a subject in which it is not proper for the Grand Commandery to dictate to its Subordinates, since it must be conceded that each Commandery is the best judge of its financial requirements, and should determine not only the amount of its requisite annual dues from members, but also the kindred question of whether or not it can afford to build up a non-contributing list of members."

Based upon their carefully compiled comparison table, the following points are of interest:

"In numerical standing the Grand Commanderies take rank in the following order:

Pennsylvania	8,758
New York	8,663
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	8,490
Illinois	7,647
Ohio	6,351
Michigan	4,367

Grand Commanderies which have Commanderies of the largest membership:

Massachusetts and Rhode Island	683
Illinois	636
Pennsylvania	615
New York	476
Ohio	386
Connecticut	375

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Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....	202
Connecticut.....	168
New Hampshire.....	155
New York.....	153
Illinois.....	132
Pennsylvania.....	132
Ohio.....	132
Maine.....	130

The total membership shows an increase the past year of 3,079, equal to 3.67 per cent.

The additions from new work show a gain of about 6.57 per cent., while the losses by dismission and for non-payment of dues aggregate 2.86 per cent., against 3.47 per cent. last year.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Master Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 86,898 to 639,255, equal to 1 to 7.35.

The proportion of Knights Templar to Royal Arch Masons in the United States is in the ratio of 86,898 to 162,202, equal to 1 to 1.87."

Commanderies, 56 ; members, 9139 ; increase, 476.

George F. Loder, (Rochester,) G. C.

Robert Macoy, (New York,) G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Eleventh Conclave, Morehead City, June 11th, 1891.
William W. Allen, G. C.

Most of the Commanderies were officially visited and inspected. The reports show an increase in the ranks and decidedly more interest in all that pertains to the welfare of our illustrious Order.

Frater George W. Blount reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1890. In his concluding remarks, he has the following sensible advice :

"While Knight Templars are professed Christians, and my prayer is that they may all be experimental ones, I cannot so far forget the sanctity of our holy religion as to encourage the *devotional* so far as to fasten on to our observances as an organized body, the celebration of such days. Let each individual worship as his conscience and the Bible directs, but don't fasten on us what to some might be obnoxious. Let us fight for the principles of our Holy religion ; inculcate its truths in Conclave ; practice charity and hospitality ; suppress profanity ; wield our swords in defense of the widow and the orphans, and be indeed as a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid, and like the rays of the rising sun, shed luster on the banner of the cross wherever we may be, without sectarian bias. Holy laws are not encouraged by the Bible. One of the prophets in impetuous

language, declaimed against them when they were misused, saying, 'Away with them, it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.'"

Commanderies, 8 ; members, 234 ; increase, 3.

William W. Allen, (Greensboro,) G. C.

Horace H. Munson, (Wilmington,) G. R.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Second Conclave, Fargo, June 18, 1891. Leonard A. Rose, G. C.

From the opening paragraphs of the Address of the Grand Commander, we make the following extract :

"While no new Commanderies have been constituted during the past year, each one of the four Subordinate Commanderies of our jurisdiction has added to its membership men of energy, enterprise, position and character, and I believe that I can justly allege that the growth of Templarism in North Dakota in general prosperity, position, influence, character and numbers is in line and touch with the development of our young state in other departments.

Knights Templar are, by virtue of the spirit, principles and purposes of the Order, Christian gentlemen who, avoiding profanity, intemperance and excess, and exemplifying in all their associations with their fellow-men the beauty and value of the daily practice of justice impartial, fortitude undaunted, and mercy unrestrained, we can readily perceive that Templarism must, in the very nature of things, exert a powerful reflex influence on the growth and development of the preceding order of Masonry, and a very direct and potent influence for good on the outside world generally."

It was decided by the Grand Commandery to make it the duty of the Grand Commander to visit, at least once during his term of office, each Commandery in the jurisdiction, giving ample notice of the date of his visits.

Commanderies, 4 ; members, 190 ; increase, 10.

David M. Holmes, (Grand Forks,) G. C.

William T. Perkins, (Bismarck,) G. R.

OHIO.

Forty-ninth Conclave, Cincinnati, September 23rd, 1891. William W. Melish, G. C.

He refers to the death of Grand Master Macleod Moore in terms of deep sympathy and describes the dead hero as "an earnest and enthusiastic Templar, an able and learned historian and one who has placed the Order of the Temple in the Dominion on a sure and lasting footing."

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The Grand Commander very properly declined to grant a dispensation to a Commandery to hold a ball in an opera house.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we find the following deliverance on a matter of ritual left in doubt by the action of the Grand Encampment :

"That the committee share in the regret expressed by the Grand Master, in the correspondence submitted in the annual address of the Grand Commander, that there was not a more plainly defined idea of the relative use of the words 'esoteric' and 'essentials' on the part of the Grand Encampment in its action upon the ritual; and in the hope of reducing to a minimum the confusion thereby arising, we recommend that a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the matter at the next meeting of the Grand Commandery, in the belief that the Grand Encampment, recognizing the inconsistencies and incongruities of the situation as at present, must take necessary action for adequate relief at its next Triennial Conclave."

Fratr Enoch T. Carson again reports on correspondence, and we regret very much to notice that his labors were interrupted by a severe domestic affliction.

Commanderies, 51; members, 6,714; increase, 363.

Huntington Brown, (Mansfield), G. C.

John Nelson Bell, (Dayton), G. R.

OREGON.

Fifth Conclave, Portland, October 27th, 1891. David P. Mason, D. G. C., presiding.

The Grand Commander was unavoidably absent. The Grand Recorder was absent through serious illness, and for the same regrettable reason the Grand Commandery was deprived of the valuable services of Frater R. P. Earhart, P. G. C.

Their growth has been all that could have been desired. The acting Grand Commander refused a dispensation for a new Commandery at Pendleton because the endorsement of the nearest Commandery was not presented.

The report on Correspondence was presented by the chairman, Frater J. M. Hodson. In his review of the Proceedings of Canada for 1891, we find the following :

"It is with regret that we note the extinguishing of two great lights of the Templar world in such a brief period, but their loss may not be wholly

without its recompenses, as Sir Moore had for many years been the conservative force holding Canadian Templars from more fully adopting the active tactics and methods of their fraters of the United States and thus held back many great advances that will now be left free to accomplish themselves.

While we should regret to see our Canadian fraters lay aside anything in their rituals or usages that may in any way be superior to ours, yet with hearts and arms wide open, the Templars from the Grand Encampment will welcome their Canadian fraters to a closer union."

Commanderies, 4 ; members, 283 ; increase, 49.

David P. Mason, (Albany), G. C.

James F. Robinson, (Eugene), G. R.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Thirty-eighth Conclave, Erie, May 26th, 1891.

The Grand Commander, John J. Wadsworth, was prevented from being present through illness, and the Conclave was presided over by the Deputy Grand Commander, Joseph S. Wright.

The Grand Commander reports the following decisions :

"1. That a Knight rejected in a Commandery can apply for membership as often and whenever he chooses.

2. That the appointment of a Division Commander does not carry with it any change of uniform of the Grand Commander, nor is there such a thing as a jewel for that officer.

3. To the question asked by the Division Commander whether Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, should be allowed or permitted to carry at the head of their lines on parade the American flag, I decided :

"While I have as much love and respect for the flag of our country as any man living, I could not permit it to be carried in a Templar parade. Our Grand Commandery prohibits the wearing of all badges, etc., except Masonic, on all occasions where the Templar uniform is worn. Certainly all flags and banners other than those that are legitimate Templar banners should be prohibited as well. You will therefore inform the E. Commandery of No 1 that such a proceeding on the part of his Commandery would be unlawful and cannot be permitted."

This is the largest Grand Commandery in the world and has among its members a Past Grand Master and the present Grand Master of Knights Templars of America.

Frater M. Richards Muckle, their representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, presented his report, from which we learn that the Home is increasing in popularity with each additional year.

A charter was granted direct for the formation of a new Commandery in Philadelphia, to be named Pennsylvania Commandery.

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A rebate of twenty-five per cent. on dues was allowed to each subordinate Commandery for the ensuing year.

Frater William J. Kelly reports on correspondence and notices Canada for 1890.

Commanderies, 66 ; members, 9,270 ; increase, 428.

Joseph S. Wright, (Philadelphia,) G. C.

Charles E. Meyer, (Philadelphia,) G. R.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Eighth Conclave, Watertown, June 8th, 1891. John F. Schrader, G. C.

On the state of the Order, he says :

" It affords me pleasure, Sir Knights, to inform you that during my official term not an instance has arisen where an inquiry has been made calling for a decision upon some well settled proposition of Masonic Jurisprudence or otherwise. No question of difference has been brought to my attention, and I have no matter of grievance to refer to you. On the contrary I can report that a state of good feeling and harmony exists among the members in all the subordinate bodies, and our numerical growth during a portion of that self-same period is deserving of special mention."

The Jurisprudence Committee believe that the too free use of the prerogative of granting special dispensations should not be encouraged, as it tends to "decrease the opportunities of preventing the admission of those who might possibly be found unworthy after more mature deliberation, and that the dignity of the Order to which the candidate seeks admission should not be detracted from by being compelled to seek the convenience of the candidate so applying, except in cases of the most extreme and urgent necessity."

In the report of the Committee on the Knightly Dead, we find the following sympathetic allusion to our recent loss :

" One of the strongest of the ties that bind together the hearts of the members of a household, is the sharing of mutual sorrows as well as of mutual joys. Indeed, to weep with them that weep, often begets greater affection than comes from rejoicing with them that do rejoice. Accordingly, we can and do sympathize most heartily with our brothers in the Dominion of Canada in their great loss in the death of Sir Knight McLeod Moore, the Sovereign Grand Master of the Great Priory of that Jurisdiction. They, like us, have lost a leader, and our like afflictions increase and strengthen our bonds of brotherhood."

Commanderies, 8 ; members, 559 ; increase 56.

Samuel H. Jumper, (Aberdeen,) G. C.

Bruce M. Rowley, (Huron,) G. R.

TENNESSEE.

Thirtieth Conclave, Nashville, May 10th, 1892. Robert Pillow, G. C.

The year has been one of marked prosperity. Most of the Commanderies have made large gains. Some trouble is anticipated from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in suspending non-affiliates, and it is feared that that action may result in the destruction of some of the smaller Commanderies. They would have to suspend all of their members who were not affiliated with some Lodge.

A Committee was appointed to memorialize the Grand Encampment so that suspension for non-payment of dues by a Lodge or Chapter will not affect the standing of members of Commanderies.

These proceedings were issued within seven days after the meeting, a fact which reflects great credit on the Grand Recorder and his printer.

The Grand Recorder had a five months' trip to Europe and his report on Correspondence is very elaborate and instructive. Canada for 1891 receives a good notice. We copy his remarks on the Ritual :

" It will be valuable information to you, dear fratres, the status of the Grand Encampment Ritual at this writing. As Secretary of that Committee which the Grand Encampment appointed to prepare the ceremonials, and report the same to the Triennial Conclave at Denver, I am able to give accurate information, and that, too, without any divulging of the secrets of the Committee !

As reported to you last year, the writer prepared a full manuscript of the Orders of the Red Cross and the Temple, and sent the same to the Chairman of the Committee, just previous to his sailing for Europe. The Order of the Red Cross was shorn of most of its anachronisms, and the variations in the Ritual of the Order of the Temple from that adopted by Tennessee many years ago, and the variations are numerous, were based upon the several Rituals sent me by Jurisdictions and individual Templars. I am specially indebted to Past Grand Master Hopkins for the use of ' Ancient Rituals ' !

During my absence in Europe the Sub-Committee had a meeting in Boston, and made much progress in the ceremonial work. The Committee kindly consented to let the work remain in the hands of the Sub-Committee until I returned from abroad. Very soon after my return the Chairman called us to meet in New York, and we came together in January. For days and days all labored from early morn until midnight, and at last agreed unanimously upon the ceremonials to be reported to the General Committee.

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The Sub-Committee is called to meet in Denver ten days previous to the opening of the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, and the General Committee, as ordered by the Grand Encampment, will meet in Denver one week previous, or three days after the Sub-Committee meets. The Sub-Committee, which consists of the Chairman and Secretary, and Sir Knight Gould, of California; Smith, of Illinois; Fiske, of Kentucky; Goodwin, of New Jersey; and McGowan, of New York, will go carefully over the work again before submitting it to the General Committee, so as to avoid the slightest mistake, if possible. A copy of both Rituals will be ready to be placed in the hand of each member of the General Committee when that Committee convenes. Then, during the week that General Committee will study, criticise and pass upon the work of their Sub-Committee!

From all this it will be seen that the Standard Ritual, to be reported for action at Denver, will not be a one man's Ritual, nor a State Ritual for any of the Rituals now in existence, but will be a carefully prepared Ritual, containing all the good, and excluding all the bad, that the Committee has discovered in all the Rituals that have come under its notice. That Standard Ritual will be the work of thirty-seven well-known Templars, representing as many Grand Jurisdictions. And I conscientiously believe it will commend itself to the candid, thoughtful ritualists of the Order everywhere, as well as to the members of the Grand Encampment. I do believe that the Standard Ritual will be adopted by practically a unanimous vote. Of course some will vote against it; 'twould be little less than a miracle, the securing of a unanimous vote!

The history of all efforts in Masonic bodies to enforce a uniform word Ritual establishes the futility of all such efforts. In the first place, the widely scattered membership will not submit to the dictation, and in the second place such uniformity is impossible with an unwritten Ritual. And in spite of the lessons of history hundreds insist on the Grand Encampment adding another record of failure to the already long list! Such insist that the Ritual be declared iron-clad, and pains and penalties, upon those who do not humbly submit, be fraternally inflicted!

Wisdom shows a better way than enforced uniformity. The Grand Encampment has a number of Subordinate Commanderies under its immediate control. For these it is bound to furnish a Ritual. The Ritual prepared for their use should be declared the 'Standard Ritual of the Order of the Temple and Malta in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.' It should be recommended, as such, for adoption by the several Grand Commanderies.

Suppose the Grand Commanderies should not adopt said Standard, what would that teach us? Simply that the Standard had not the merits which commended it to the wisdom of these Grand Bodies. Does any sane man advocate enforcing upon such bodies a Ritual they refuse voluntarily to accept? Does any man believe that such an enforced Ritual would be enforced upon their subordinates by such objecting Grand Commanderies?

Let us not forget that the hearty co-operation of Grand Commanderies is absolutely necessary to the enforcing of any Edict of the Grand Encampment. This was painfully illustrated in the history of the late defunct. Any Grand Commanderies adopted it, believing that such action was demanded by their vows, but hundreds of Subordinates ignored the order

of their Grand Commanderies and continued to use the Ritual with which they were already familiar. That was their only source of relief, and they took advantage of it. Are Subordinates actuated by a different spirit in this year of grace 1892? I doubt if they are.

There is not the shade of the shadow of doubt in our mind that if the recommendatory policy is adopted by the Grand Encampment before two years elapse every Grand Commandery in the Union will have cheerfully and heartily adopted the Standard Ritual that will be adopted at Denver! I know the merits of the Ritual that the Committee will report, and I base my belief upon the ability of the American Templar to see and appreciate a good thing when it is properly presented for his examination! That good thing may be obscured by the method of presenting, and it is to prevent such a calamity that we insist on the wise policy of mere commending!

The plan to be adopted to put the Standard Ritual into the hands of the Grand Commanderies, and their Subordinates, is not quite clear to the writer. We are of the opinion that the Ritual of the Grand Encampment should be controlled exclusively by the Grand Encampment. Grand Commanderies should not ask the right of making copies either for their own use or that of their Subordinates. This, however, is the mere 'business' of the work, and need not interest us further at this stage of the proceedings.

It is sincerely to be desired that the Ritual which will be adopted at Denver will so commend itself to this Grand Commandery that its adoption will be a matter of sincere pleasure!

Commanderies, 15; members, 1052; increase, 86.

Thomas C. Morris, (Nashville), G. C.

George C. Connor, (Chattanooga), G. R.

VERMONT.

Forty ninth Conclave, Burlington, June 9th, 1891. Will F. Lewis, G. C.

John B. Hollenbeck, Past Grand Recorder, died on May 24th, at the great age of 99 years.

There has been a steady growth in the membership, and the subordinate Commanderies have shown strong vitality with no discordant features to mar the record of their labors.

Frazer Frederick S. Fisher reports on Correspondence, and in his review of our proceedings of 1890 we find the following:

"The Allocution of the Supreme Grand Master has a mournful interest, as it was his last. He now rests where the Old Order changed not. Sad it is that the old and well-experienced cannot always see that the Old Order changed in this world, and that in the world beyond alone is there no change. It is sad in this instance, because the published proceedings become this year a record of the conflict of the Old and New Orders. The Old Order has gone, and may the New Order show equal love and devotion to Templarism! We honor the Old for the zeal and ability displayed; we honor the New for a like zeal and a commendable

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forbearance. To the Great Templar gone, our neighbor and friend, our Grand Commander will give a tribute of honor and respect, but we cannot pass this death without notice in our review, nor without record of the sadness that comes over the border. The tidings, not unexpected, are, 'Died in the city of Prescott, Ontario, September 1, 1890, aged 78 years, Col. and M. E. Sir Kt. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., Supreme Grand Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.' Few words are needed to express the estimation of a character so well-known to all Templar readers. The loyal subject of his own Great Britain, in the military service of which he served so long and well, a valiant Templar and the Christian gentleman! more words might obscure the record of a single-hearted character.

The body of the dead Master was escorted from his home in Prescott, to its resting place in Montreal, by the Commandery of Ogdensburg, New York. Thus our Frater did honor to the Great Frater of the Dominion!"

Commanderies, 10; members, 1153; increase, 60.

Kittredge Haskins, (Brattleboro), G. C.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington), G. R.

VIRGINIA.

Sixty-ninth Conclave, Petersburg, November 12th, 1891.

Daniel J. Turner, Jr., G. C.

On the state of the Order, he says:

"The year just past has been characterized by no special activity in our ranks, and yet the accessions to our membership have been gratifying—showing that with a healthy and steady growth we keep pace with any losses sustained by the diminution of our ranks from usual and natural causes. No dissensions have arisen among us during the year, to mar the very pleasant relations that have existed at every point in the jurisdiction, and peace, prosperity and fraternity prevail within our borders.

My duties, as your Grand Commander, have been few, in an active sense, during the year, and while the labors of the office have rested lightly upon me, the Subordinate Commanderies have lost none of their zeal and activity in its cause; but on the contrary, have shown a marked improvement in their general condition that is most satisfactory."

Jewels for the three oldest Past Grand Commanders now living were ordered, the cost not to exceed \$100 each.

The Grand Commander was requested to appoint a Grand Lecturer, who is to instruct the subordinate Commanderies in the Ritual and Asylum Drill, and that any Commandery desiring his services shall pay the necessary expenses of his visit.

R. E. Frater James B. Blanks, P. G. C., was appointed Grand Lecturer.

Commanderies, 19; members, 1138; increase, 114.

James L. Avis, (Harrisonburg), G. C.

William B. Isaacs, (Richmond), G. R.

WASHINGTON.

Fourth Conclave, Seattle, June 13th, 1891. Yancey C. Blalock, G. C.

Templarism has kept pace with the astonishing growth of the new State. A new Commandery was opened at Fairhaven.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that it was "in accordance with law and custom," in which we think that they were slightly astray, Past Rank being now generally confined to those obtaining that rank by service in the proper jurisdiction :

"Resolved, That the Rt. Em. Sir Nathan B. Rundle, P. G. C., and a late member of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, and Rt. Em. Sir William Pelan, P. G. C., of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, but now members of Cagaract Commandery No. 3 of this Grand Jurisdiction, be and are hereby elected to membership in this Grand Commandery and accorded all the rights and privileges of Grand Commanders of this jurisdiction."

The Grand Commander decided that a Templar who had been tried for unmasonic conduct in his Lodge and acquitted there, could still be tried in his Commandery for the same offence. This decision was over-ruled by the Grand Master, and on this subject the Committee on Jurisprudence made the following deliverance :

"In the matter of the decision in the case of Sir Knight O. Hinman, who was charged by a member of Temple Commandery of gross violation of moral and Templar law, and who confessed his guilt as charged, by reason of having been acquitted by Ellensburg Lodge No. 36, F. & A. M. for the same offense pleading bar to further proceedings, your committee are unanimous in opinion that the decision of the Rt. Em. Grand Commander is not only equitable, but just and correct. Your committee are of the further opinion that Templar law should in all cases be in consonance with the moral principles taught by the Holy Order of the Temple to which every Templar is pledged by the most solemn vows. We cannot countenance fraud or corruption in our ranks, nor is a Templar bound by the edicts of any lodge or other body inconsistent with virtue, conscience, truth, the laws of Freemasonry or Templarism. Your Committee do not fail to recognize the right of the Grand Master to decide all mooted questions of Templar law for the time being, and we patiently submit thereto, but courteously assert the right to our opinion."

Commanderies, 9 ; members, 365 ; increase, 138.

S. Harry Rush, (Spokane), G. C.

Yancey C. Blalock, (Walla Walla), G. R.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Seventeenth Conclave, Wheeling, May 13th, 1891. W. M. Hovey, G. C.

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healthy and prosperous condition, with bright prospects for the future. The Grand Commander visited a number of the Subordinates and saw the Orders conferred in a most creditable manner. He opened a new Commandery at Bramwell. The Wheeling Commanderies are very proficient in drill. Each of them having organized a drill corps.

Fratr Frank Burt, the Grand Captain-General, referred in his report to the presence of intoxicants at Templar banquets, and says that it does not impress the young men who are just knighted as they should be impressed, after being instructed that knighthood was a Christian institution. He submitted the following resolution, which was ordered to be referred to the several Commanderies for action, and to report such action at the next Conclave :

Resolved, That intoxicants shall not be served at Knight Templar banquets in this jurisdiction, nor shall the same be served to individual Sir Knights in the apartments of the Asylum."

Commanderies, 10; members, 572; increase, 80.

John W. Morris, (Wheeling), G. C.

R. C. Dunnington, (Fairmont), G. R.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-third Conclave, Milwaukee, October 13th, 1891.
E. G. Jackson, G. C.

A new Commandery was opened at Superior. The Grand Commander decided that a dispensation to parade in uniform for any purpose could only be granted to a Commandery, and not to individual Knights. Also, that exclusion of a member from his Lodge for non-payment of dues does not affect his standing in the Commandery.

A touching incident occurred in the reception of an honored Fratr, a Past Grand Commander, who has unfortunately lost his sight. It is thus recorded :

"Past Grand Commander A. V. H. Carpenter, being announced in waiting, the Grand Body was called to attention, and the beloved and respected veteran was formally received.

The Right Eminent Sir Knight was escorted and presented by Sir Knight M. L. Youngs in a few pleasant remarks.

The Grand Commander welcomed his predecessor in a most cordial manner, after which the Grand Commandery was called from labor and an opportunity given the Sir Knights to greet their old Commander.

Sir Knight Carpenter, although unable to see the faces of the Sir Knights, responded cheerfully to their cordial greetings and enjoyed very much the reception tendered him."

Frazer W. C. Swain is one of the best of the reporters. His ninth report is full of good things. On the subject of uniformity in the Ritual, he says:

"We have no faith in uniformity; never expect to see it, and do not think its absence a very great calamity. Uniformity in essentials is a good thing, and not difficult of attainment, because it does not interfere with our desire to say tweedledum, when our neighbors insist on saying tweedledee."

In his review of Michigan, he says:

"We did not object to Masonic Homes in themselves; but consider that those who think them an expensive form of charity, by which we and they mean that the necessary expenses eat up a good deal of the charity, and prefer to put their charity in some other form, are not to be considered derelict in their duty. And we intended also to convey the idea that so much stress is laid upon establishing Homes and feeding the hungry, which of course is right and proper, that we are apt to lose sight of the fact that there is a broader form of charity inculcated by our Order—and Innes has a very large supply of it—that of toleration and sympathy for those who differ with us; and better yet, charity for those who, through ignorance, are themselves bigoted and intolerant. Any one can, if he has it, put his hand in his pocket and give a starving beggar a dime, but not everyone can honestly say of one who is bitterly denouncing him, 'he is ignorant, and does not know me, and therefore intolerant, and could not do otherwise, and we consequently have no hard feeling towards him, even in our inmost heart;'"

Canada for 1891 receives a good notice, and numerous extracts are given from the proceedings.

Commanderies, 24; members, 2388; increase, 135.

D. Lloyd Jones, (Stevens Point), G. C.

John W. Laflin; (Milwaukee), G. R.

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