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Proceedings of the  
Sovereign Great Priory  
of Canada

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

AT THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY HELD IN  
BARRIE, PROVINCE  
OF ONTARIO

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AUGUST  
TENTH AND ELEVENTH NINETEEN  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE  
A.O. EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

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MONTREAL, P.Q.

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## Memo

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## Foreword

In preparing this Book of the Proceedings I have endeavored to make it as brief as possible without omitting anything of importance. It tells, without any elaboration, what actually transpired while Great Priory was in session.

But while the Book is a record of what happened while Great Priory was sitting it does not recount the other events which occurred while we were in Barrie, and which were of sufficient importance to warrant them a place in the Proceedings. May I, therefore, claim your attention for a little while I report these events.

First, the Grand Council met on the Wednesday afternoon and spent several hours considering the several reports and planning for the future of Great Priory. This was a well attended meeting and every question brought forward was discussed constructively.

The next outstanding event was the Church Service. On Wednesday evening the assembled Knights formed in parade, and headed by the local Band, playing the well known "Onward Christian Soldiers" marched to Trinity Anglican Church, where they listened to an inspiring Sermon by the Grand Chaplain, Canon Allan P. Shatford, on the Text "Be ye Defenders of the Faith". Those who were privileged to be present were much impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the whole service.

Again, on Thursday morning the parade was once more formed, and headed this time by the Knights Templar Band of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of Toronto, as well as the local Band, marched to the Cenotaph, where, at the request of the Preceptory in Barrie, the Supreme Grand Master placed a beautiful wreath in memory of those who fell during the Great War, while the Bands softly played Hymns suitable to the occasion. After which the Bugles sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille", and the parade moved off in slow time, concluding a brief but most impressive ceremony.

The escort then retired and escorted the Most Eminent Knight W. W. Williamson, in to the Great Priory, and the Arch of Steel being formed the Supreme Grand Master was received in due form attended by the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Master's Banner Bearer and the Past Supreme Grand Masters, and conducted to the Dais and saluted by the Knights.

Having taken his seat the Supreme Grand Master directed the Roll to be called and ascertaining that a constituent number of Preceptories were represented, business of the Fiftieth Annual Assembly was taken up, a blessing from the Most High being invoked on the proceedings.

#### NOTICE OF ASSEMBLY

The Acting Grand Chancellor began to read the notice calling this Assembly when it was moved by R.E. Kt. C. W. Haentschel, and seconded by R.E. Kt. F. Davey Diamond, and Resolved:—"That in view of the fact that every Preceptor had received a copy, that it be taken as read."

#### READING MINUTES

The Acting Grand Chancellor commenced to read the recorded minutes of the Proceedings of the 49th Annual Assembly held in the City of Halifax, N.S., when it was moved by R.Em. Kt. C. W. Haentschel and seconded by M.Em. Kt. A. B. Barr and

RESOLVED,—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the 49th Annual Assembly held in the City of Halifax, on the 9th and 10th days of August, 1932, having been printed and copies forwarded to each Preceptory and those Knights entitled to receive them, that the same be taken as read and be now confirmed.

The Acting Grand Chancellor read a letter from Rhodes Preceptory, No. 23, of Port Arthur, Ont., with reference to conferring the rank of Honorary Past Provincial Grand Prior on R.E. Kt. S. W. Ray, of Rhodes Preceptory, in recognition of his many years of devoted service to the Order.

It was moved and seconded that the question be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Carried.

#### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Great Priory was then called off for the purpose of receiving distinguished visitors, when Bro. J. F. Craig, Mayor of Barrie, Frater W. J. Stewart, Mayor of Toronto, and E. Kt. G. Blanchard, Mayor of Port Arthur, were introduced.

Mayor Craig of Barrie extended a most cordial welcome and expressed the hope that the Fratres would enjoy their short stay in Barrie.

In reply, Past Supreme Grand Master, M.E. Kt. Lt.-Col. A. A. Campbell, on behalf of Great Priory, thanked him most sincerely for the cordial reception we had received from the citizens of Barrie.

Frater W. J. Stewart, of Toronto, also addressed the Assembly and in eloquent words invited Great Priory to hold their next meeting in the Queen City.

The Supreme Grand Master thanked him for his kind invitation and remarked that he had had the pleasure of witnessing a short time before, the reception of Mayor Stewart into the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

The Distinguished Visitors then retired and business was resumed in Great Priory.

#### REGRETS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

The Acting Grand Chancellor reported that he has received letters, telegrams and messages of regret at being unable to attend this Assembly from: M.E. Kt. E. T. Malone, M.E. Kt. A. W. Chapman, M.E. Kt. A. S. Estey, M.D., M.E. Kt. Lt.-Col. G. B. McLeod, R.E. Kt. A. G. Crawford, R.E. Kt. J. F. Dart, R.E. Kt. W. R. Dunbar, R.E. Kt. W. R. Elliott, R.E. Kt. J. J. Miller, R.E. Kt. B. F. Nott, R.E. Kt. G. E. Parkes, V.E. Kt. J. T. Boyd, V.E. Kt. F. G. Mann, E. Kt. C. A. Hill, E. Kt. F. E. Simmons, and E. Kt. F. C. Thomas.

#### RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Supreme Grand Master requested the Grand Representatives to kindly convey to their respective Jurisdictions the Knightly Greetings and cordial fra-

ternal regards of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Those present were:—

From the Great Priory of England and Wales, M.E. Kt. Lt.-Col. A. A. Campbell, of London, Ont.

From the Grand Encampment of the United States, M.E. Kt. Chas. H. Collins, of Toronto, Ont., and from the Great Priory of Helvetia, M.E. Kt. E. A. Evans, C.E., of Quebec, Que.

Regret was expressed that the Grand Representative of the Great Priory of Ireland, M.E. Kt. E. T. Malone, of Toronto, Ont., was prevented from being present owing to ill health.

At this time, M.E. Kt. Chas. H. Collins presented to the Supreme Grand Master and Great Priory, R.E. Kt. J. B. Nixon, of Toronto, the oldest Past Preceptor and a Knight Templar of 62 years standing, who was received with applause and welcomed by the Supreme Grand Master. Frater Nixon replied shortly and thanked the Grand Master for his kind words of welcome and expressed his pleasure at being once more among the Fratres.

## ANNUAL ADDRESS

Of the Supreme Grand Master, M.E. Kt.  
W. W. Williamson.

*To the Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.*

FRATRES:

In extending you a most cordial welcome to our fiftieth gathering as the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, I do so with the earnest hope that much good may result from our deliberations as, under present conditions it is increasingly incumbent on us to weigh matters brought before us with more than ordinary care so that our Order may be benefitted and encouraged to continue its high principles as a fraternal Christian Order.

My first duty is to extend a sincere welcome to those who for the first time are attending our annual Assembly, and hope we shall be greatly strengthened by their wise counsel while legislating for the common good of the Order and that their admission among us will bind us all still closer together in the bonds of fraternal affection and goodwill.

We are meeting for the first time in the town of Barrie, situated in a part of Ontario full of historic interest going back over three centuries and intimately connecting the early French Canadian voyageurs from the City of Quebec with this part of the Province of Ontario. Beautifully situated on Kempenfeldt Bay, an arm of Lake Simcoe, its immediate vicinity is an attractive summer resort and excellently suited as a convenient place to hold our Annual Assembly. It has strong claims to our notice because it has given to us in the past many distinguished men in all walks of life but particularly to our Masonic Orders.

Before I proceed with the record of our years work, I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the absence of those whose voices were, for many years, familiar to our ears. Many have made their last response and year by year our old and tried comrades slip away from our vision and are known no more on earth but

their memories remain with us. Our Committee on Fraternal Dead will pay due and fitting tribute to their memories but I feel it is my duty to mention the loss of three of our distinguished Sir Knights who have joined the great majority, in the persons of R. Em. Kts. Chas. F. Mansell, W. H. A. Eckhardt and Thos. Essery. Sir Knight Mansell filled the office of Grand Treasurer of this body for over 20 years and during that long period of service carried out his duties with that faithfulness always expected of him. He led a useful and honored life in the community and his passing at a ripe old age was a matter of deep regret to all.

R. Em. Knight Eckhardt was our Grand Chancellor for twelve years but retired from office in 1931 owing to increasing years and declining health.

His death came as a great shock to those who were intimate associates of his and who were conversant with the great services he had rendered to the craft generally in many positions of trust.

R. Em. Kt. Essery succeeded to the office of Grand Chancellor in 1931 but had not completed a full year of office before a fatal illness seized him and after many months of suffering, fought with sublime courage, he finally succumbed and his passing has caused a void in our Masonic life, as he too gave of his best for over forty years in advancing the interests of our Masonic structure.

My record would not be complete without mentioning here the great loss suffered by our Fratres to the south of us in the loss of their Grand Master, Perry W. Weidner, in August, 1932, followed by the death of his successor, Harry C. Walker, three months afterwards. I knew both of these Knights and can bear testimony to the nobility of their daily lives and the tremendous influence they exerted for the good of Masonry. Their passing has been a calamity to the Craft in general and we join with the Grand Encampment in honoring their memory. May they rest in peace!

And here at last is sleep, the gift of gifts,  
The tender nurse who lifts  
The soul grown weary of the waking world,  
And lays it with life's thoughts unfurled  
Its fears forgotten, and its passions stilled,  
On the deep bosom of the eternal Will.

May I also mention the serious illness of our senior Past Grand Master, E. T. Malone, who has been for many months incapacitated from his useful labours to the Craft and his life's work. The best wishes of all here, I am sure, go out in sympathy to our distinguished Sir Knight, and that he may be restored to his accustomed health and spared to us for many years to come.

#### CONDITION OF THE ORDER

##### MEMBERSHIP:

Under this heading it is regrettable that our nett loss for the current year has been the heaviest in our history and while it follows the general trend of all Masonic bodies on this continent, a loss of over 6% in our small membership cannot but be regarded as most serious. This decrease added to the last two years decreases makes a loss of 12% for the three years. Every district shows a decrease in its membership notwithstanding the fact that we had a fairly satisfactory number of additions, rather more than anticipated considering the severe handicap of continued business dislocation.

Our deaths are far beyond the normal, being over 20 per thousand which would seem to indicate that our membership has not been seasoned with the necessary number of younger members joining our ranks.

Our withdrawals and Suspensions are again excessive although I feel that every one concerned has made great efforts to prevent the continual dropping off which has been prevalent for the last few years and as these two items are the only controllable features of our membership, it is to be hoped that with returning prosperity we may be able to build up our ranks as quickly as they have been reduced.

##### FINANCIAL.

Feeling that the membership would show a substantial decrease this year and from which the main source of our revenue is derived, I felt it incumbent on all our responsible officers to assist in curtailing expenditures as much as possible in order to produce a balance sheet on the right side and examination of our Grand

Treasurer's statement discloses a most satisfactory result so far as our general account is concerned inasmuch as we have disbursed considerable less than the revenue received. Almost every item of expense shows a substantial reduction over last year.

This satisfactory condition, however, does not apply to our Orphans' Fund which, but for the receipt of some considerable sums of a special nature, would have shown a deficit on the years operations, largely brought about by the diminishing number of applicants who contribute \$10.00 to the Fund.

Then the falling off of individual subscriptions has almost entirely ceased the only bright spot in this connection being the splendid contribution made by the Knights of King Baldwin Preceptory, doubtless through the efforts of our Grand Treasurer. It is necessary to face this matter of maintaining this fund up to requirements as our investment revenue has been reduced and present prospects indicate that as our investments reach maturity, our re-investments will be at a lower rate of interest if made in desirable Trust securities as it would seem prudent to do.

#### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

During my first year of office I was able to visit many of the outlying Preceptories in the East and middle West and this year it has been my good fortune to complete the inspection by covering certain points in the West (necessarily omitted last year), and the Province of British Columbia thus covering all the thirteen districts making up the membership in this Grand Body. These visitations have been a fruitful source of information and inspiration and I hope not only to myself but to the participants and I leave the office of your Grand Master feeling that I have done my best to fill that office by carrying a message of goodwill and confidence to the members of our chivalrous Order. At each gathering I addressed the Knights on one or more occasions and now express my deep thanks at the reception accorded me at every meeting.

All the meetings were exceptionally well attended and in a number of instances the entire resident members

turned out to greet me which is most gratifying to place on record considering present unsettled conditions.

The details of my visits are as follows:—

Sept. 21st, 1932. Reached Winnipeg where a number of Sir Knights met me at the train, entertained me at lunch and accompanied me by motor car to Neepawa where the first meeting was held. Presiding Preceptor Forsyth had made every preparation for our reception and the meeting was most enjoyable to all. A portion of the ceremonies was exemplified by the officers very satisfactorily and Sir Knight Forsyth is to be congratulated on his enthusiasm, his competency and that of his officers.

Sept. 22nd, 1932. Arrived at Saskatoon where I met the members of the Preceptory informally during the evening and renewed former friendships.

Sept. 23rd, 1932. I visited Prince Albert Preceptory, one of our most Northerly bodies and was taken in charge by R. Em. Knight E. J. Coster, who conducted me over this wonderfully productive part of our great country as well as the various institutions, etc. In the evening a small but earnest band of members took part in the meeting where conditions were thoroughly explored and confidence expressed in the future of our Order in this somewhat out-of-the-way but attractive city.

Sept. 24th and 25th, 1932. Reached the city of Edmonton on the night of the 24th, my natal day, and the following Sunday spent a most enjoyable day with my old friends of that city. I am indebted to them all, particularly R. Em. Kt. West, for courtesies extended me until my departure.

Sept. 27th, 1932. By making a continuous trip from Edmonton to Victoria I was able to attend the regular meeting of Western Gate Preceptory. I was met by Presiding Preceptor Long, R. Em. Prov. Prior V. W. Stewart, and the Marshal Sir Kt. Grogan, who spared no effort to make my visit a notable one.

This Preceptory is very fortunate in having an orchestra of twelve skilled musicians who delighted us with choice music during and after the banquet tendered

me. At the evening session I had the pleasure of presenting the Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Stewart the new jewel of his rank.

There are many stalwarts in this well-known Preceptory, situated at the seat of the Provincial Government and it is regrettable that they have not been able to carry on during the past few years as successfully as might be expected in such an important centre as Victoria and it is felt that their expressed intention of carrying on to ultimate success will be fully realised.

Sept. 29th, 1932. By calling an emergent Assembly at Nanaimo I was able to meet the Knights of this town through the courtesy of R.E. Kt. Stewart, who placed his motor car at my disposal. Owing to the almost entire cessation of coal mining the business of the town has been severely hit but the members residing there are full of confidence as to their future and I realised our interests were in good hands. I am indebted to P. Preceptor R. T. Wilson and his talented wife for courtesies during my visit.

September 30th, 1932. I crossed over to the mainland to Vancouver where an emergent assembly had been called and at this meeting I was escorted into the chapel by 15 Past Preceptors, showing the continued interest taken in the Order there, and in my visit to them. A considerable number of the Knights from New Westminster made the gathering a joint one. Very satisfactory reports were heard from members of both Preceptories, and while little material was forthcoming, the members were optimistic as to their future success. Following this meeting, on the following day, I visited New Westminster and through the valued services of Sir Knight Cameron, the chief constable, I was able to visit the important industries of this thriving city. At the noon hour I was hospitably entertained at a bountiful lunch given by the members of Westminster Preceptory at the Golf and Country Club, Burquitlam, under the chairmanship of Presiding Preceptor Hugh Logan.

October 3rd, 1932. The regular meeting of Selkirk Preceptory, Cranbrook, was held this date there being some 35 swords present. A considerable number of the Knights of Rossland Preceptory were in attendance,

including R. Em. Kt. Gordon, V. Em. Kt. W. M. Archibald and the Presiding Preceptor. The meeting proved a most instructive and enjoyable one as well as the social gathering afterwards. I took the opportunity of installing Sir Knight Hines as Provincial Prior, he not being present at the time of election. I am indebted to the officers of the Consolidated Mining Co. for the rare treat of inspecting their huge mine at Kimberley and the tendering of a lunch to our party. It was one of the outstanding features of my trip.

October 5th, 1932. Having a spare day at my disposal I took advantage of it to spend a day with our Fratres of Medicine Hat. My visit was entirely unexpected and I desire to pay tribute to the exceptional way I was welcomed by the resident members numbering thirty. These members with two exceptions, owing to sickness, tendered me a delightful banquet at the hotel when I had the privilege of addressing them at length. My warm thanks are due to the Presiding Preceptor and Registrar for their exertions in making the visit so successful and I am particularly indebted to Em. Kt. John E. Davies for showing me over the great industries at that point, also for personal courtesies.

October 7th, 1932. I attended an Emergent Assembly at Regina called for the purpose of receiving me officially and at the same time install into office Em. Knight Lorne Johnson as Provincial Prior, who was not present at his appointment to the office. A fairly large turn out of the members did honor to the occasion including a number from Moose Jaw and a happy and useful interchange of ideas took place all tending to forecast continued confidence in their ability to meet the adverse conditions of the present day and for the future.

October 9th, 1932. In passing through Winnipeg on my way home I was again the recipient of kindnesses at the hands of those true and valiant knights who are doing so much to uphold our banner in that city and I wish to express my thanks to Em. Kt. Sprange and his good lady for a very enjoyable thanksgiving dinner at his home.

October 18th, 1932. Vallette Preceptory, Kitchen-er, was good enough to invite me to their regular meeting

and on arrival found some 125 swords awaiting my visit to them. The Deputy Grand Master accompanied me. It was to all intents and purposes a district meeting as all the Preceptories were represented and some from other districts. It was an inspiring meeting and Sir Knight Freeston is to be heartily congratulated on the success attained.

November 19th, 1932. I paid an official visit to Sussex Preceptory, Sherbrooke, and found only a small number in attendance owing to counter duties and attractions but received a very cordial welcome at their hands. On this occasion the Fratres of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, to the number of thirty swords, accompanied me and exemplified the Consecration portion of our work, after which I addressed the meeting. The acting Grand Chancellor accompanied me and also addressed the members.

December 8th, 1932. A long standing invitation to visit Sarnia Preceptory was accepted and some 65 swords were present. M. Em. Kt. Barr and other distinguished Fratres accompanied me and there was an international aspect to the meeting owing to the attendance of an impressive delegation from Port Huron, Mich. The arrangements throughout were most complete and this rousing meeting was full of enthusiasm for our noble Order.

December 9th, 1932. By special arrangement I visited Leamington Preceptory on the occasion of the installation of Sir Knight J. C. Reid and this important event brought together 55 swords, members from the neighboring Preceptories of Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia being present helping to make the gathering an unqualified success. The attendance of the local Sir Knights was most pleasing after the experiences of the past few years, and the new Presiding Preceptor must have felt highly satisfied at starting out under such happy auspices and a revival of interest. The best wishes of all go to Em. Knight Reid for his successful administration which has borne fruit already. He has invested the Preceptory with new life and courage. I owe a word of thanks to Sir Knight Reid and his estimable lady for personal kindnesses.

December 19th, 1932. Accompanied by the Acting Grand Chancellor I visited Melita Preceptory, Montreal, and saw the Order of the Red Cross conferred in a very satisfactory manner after which a short Christmas observance service was held at which our Grand Chaplain gave a splendid Christmas message to the Knights assembled. During the evening I installed Sir Knight Allan P. Shatford into the office of Grand Chaplain. This Preceptory is making very marked progress and will soon be an important link in our chain of Christian Chivalry.

March 17th, 1933. Barrie, Ont., having been chosen as the place of our next annual Assembly, I visited them at their regular meeting in March, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, and discussed with the members the arrangements for that event. A large delegation of Fratres from Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, headed by the Presiding Preceptor Sir Knight C. H. Bower, was present, and greatly added to the success of the occasion by their presence and the fine drill exhibition they put on for the benefit of the Barrie Fratres, who displayed keen interest in the progress of the Order generally and hope for their own Preceptory.

March 23rd, 1933. This evening I visited my mother Preceptory accompanied by the Acting Grand Chancellor and was welcomed by an attendance of 80 swords. I witnessed the conferring of the Red Cross Order under the direction of Em. Knight G. F. Garard on three candidates in a manner rarely if ever surpassed in this city or elsewhere. In this connection it is pleasing to note that every Frater present was in full uniform and this fact added largely to the impressiveness of my reception.

May 26th, 1933. I was again privileged to visit Toronto officially during the term of my office, this time to Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, presided over by that energetic Knight Chas. H. Bower, who extended me a most knightly welcome. About 125 swords were present including M. Em. Knight C. H. Collins and other prominent members, and we were privileged to witness the conferring of the Red Cross degree on the Mayor of Toronto, a distinguished craftsman in the

other branches of Masonry. The work was carried out by a selected team and it is perhaps needless to say the work was done in a most impressive manner.

This Preceptory is the largest of our Preceptories and it is doing splendid work, in the great Masonic city of Toronto, and it was especially pleasing to me that I had the opportunity of visiting them before I vacated the chair of Grand Master.

Following up this fine meeting of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, I stayed over until Sunday, May 28th, and then accompanied the Fratres of Toronto to Cobourg where our energetic friend Prov. Prior J. W. Youden had arranged a district church service which was preceded by a fine exhibition drill in the public park in which the Preceptories of Toronto took part. The whole proceedings were admirably carried out and Sir Knight Youden is entitled to praise for the great success attending his efforts.

#### INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES

During the year I was the recipient of a number of cordial invitations to attend Grand Commanderies in the United States but owing to conflict of dates and other pressing business, I was regretfully obliged to decline them with the single exception of the Grand Commandery of Maine, which I visited on May 12th. My reception was most cordial, which was to be expected, seeing that I was among personal friends of many years standing.

On February 22nd I received a warm invitation from the Grand Chapter of Canada to attend their Annual Convocation and gladly accepted same. The Grand First Principal (our Deputy Grand Master) welcomed me in a most felicitous manner and I was accorded the privilege of responding.

#### DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

During the last year the following dispensations were granted all for good and sufficient reasons:—

#### DISPENSATIONS

37 Dispensations have been issued during the year.

To hold an Assembly in another place in the same District:

Temiskaming, No. 60..... 2

To wear Uniforms in public and to attend Funerals:

Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2..... 1  
Richard Coeur de Lion, No. 4..... 1  
Plantagenet, No. 8..... 1  
Sussex, No. 9..... 3  
Palestine, No. 18..... 1  
Kent, No. 20..... 1  
Windsor, No. 26..... 2  
Cyrene, No. 29..... 3  
St. Simon of Cyrene, No. 37..... 2  
Bethany, No. 68..... 1

To Install as Presiding Preceptor a Frater who had not served as Constable or Marshal:

Leamington, No. 49..... 1  
Kincolith, No. 59..... 1

To ballot at an Emergent Assembly:

Gibson, No. 39..... 1

To hold a regular Assembly on a date different from that provided for in the By-Laws:

St. Bernard de Clairveaux, No. 19..... 1  
Columbia, No. 34..... 2  
Saskatoon, No. 55..... 1  
Kincolith, No. 59..... 1

To open the Preceptory at an earlier hour than that mentioned in the By-Laws:

Cyrene, No. 29..... 1

To install Presiding Preceptor without being Uniformed:

Fredericton, No. 50..... 1

To Ballot in less than the Statutory time:

Bethany, No. 68..... 1

To work Orders at a Regular Assembly the names having been omitted from the Summons:

Cornwall, No. 47..... 1

To install officers at a later date, they having been absent from the Regular Assembly through illness or business:

Sussex, No. 9 . . . . . I  
 Temiskaming, No. 60 . . . . . I

To elect at other than regular date:

Saskatoon, No. 55 . . . . . I

To elect and install officers to fill vacancy:

Sussex, No. 9 . . . . . I  
 Temiskaming, No. 60 . . . . . I  
 Acre, No. 66 . . . . . I

To change date of Regular Assembly for the reason that date fell on a legal holiday:

Ottawa, No. 32 . . . . . I

Total . . . . . 37

#### APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

The following amendments to By-Laws have been submitted to me and duly sanctioned:—

St. John de Molay . . . . . No. 3A  
 Richard Coeur de Lion . . . . . No. 7  
 Rhodes . . . . . No. 23  
 Windsor . . . . . No. 26  
 Western Gate . . . . . No. 30  
 Columbia . . . . . No. 34  
 Mount Carmel . . . . . No. 44  
 Leamington . . . . . No. 49  
 Wascana . . . . . No. 51  
 Damascus . . . . . No. 58  
 St. Omer . . . . . No. 62  
 Melita . . . . . No. 63  
 Bethlehem . . . . . No. 69

#### VACANCIES FILLED

Shortly after our meeting at Halifax the death of Em. Knight Clark, newly appointed Grand Almoner occurred before his installation into office and I therefore appointed Em. Knight Turner, of Hamilton, to the vacancy.

The illness of our Grand Chancellor, so painfully apparent to all at our meeting in Halifax, terminated in his death in October and I at once appointed the Grand Vice Chancellor to the vacancy. At this moment

I wish to testify to the splendid co-operation of V. Em. Knight J. A. MacKerrow and the efficient service he has rendered this Grand Body in straightening out the affairs of the Grand Chancellor's office which were in an unsatisfactory condition, going back some years and I am glad to inform you that we have now a correct and complete record of our affairs.

#### HONOURS FOR GRAND MASTER

For some years a certain form of "Grand Honours" has been in use but during my term of office, I find that quite a number of Preceptories had never heard of them. This is explained by the fact that no authority for them appears either in our Statutes or our Book of Tactics. I personally do not know when they were first introduced nor where they came from but if in the opinion of this Grand Body they should continue, then I strongly recommend they should at once be added to our Statutes or Book of Tactics.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I regret that owing to the retirement from the Order of the Temple of our Grand Representative near the Great Priory of Ireland, a vacancy has occurred. The name of V. Em. Knight John A. Johnston, G.C.T., having been submitted to me by the Pro. Grand Master of Ireland as a suitable successor, I was pleased to confirm the nomination and his Commission is being prepared.

#### REVISION OF STATUTES

At our last session a motion was carried that our Statutes should be revised and that the Supreme Grand Master should appoint a special Committee to carry the resolution into effect. Taking into consideration the capable Sir Knights forming our Committee on Jurisprudence, I appointed them to serve as members of this special Committee.

#### UNIFORMS

The matter of wearing uniforms, has been so frequently before this Body and thought to be permanently disposed of that I hesitate to refer to the matter again. However on my recent visitations I have found, much to my surprise, that the compulsory regulation with respect to the wearing of the full uniform by the Pre-

siding Preceptor is not being carried out, let alone the rule as to the principal officers being so clothed.

If it is the intention of this Grand Body to insist on this regulation being strictly observed, the Provincial Priors and installing officers should see that it is enforced or it should be made discretionary.

#### MEMBERS CERTIFICATES

In the past it has been customary for certificates of membership to bear the name of the Grand Master for his term of office. This has proved an expensive practice and in my opinion quite unnecessary because it has been quite impossible to estimate the number required beforehand and the result has been that the Grand Chancellor now has many hundreds of expensive certificates which cannot be used. I recommend that in future these certificates should bear the name and signature of the Grand Chancellor only as is the common practice in other bodies.

#### MUSICAL SERVICES

It has been apparent to many of you that we have lacked a proper musical setting for our various Orders and other ceremonies and when I asked V. Em. Knight Mann to accept the office of Grand Organist I requested he should give some attention to the matter. He has been most faithful in carrying out my suggestion and I am glad to say he has arranged appropriate musical services for all our ceremonies which are now in my hands and which will be placed in the custody of the Grand Chancellor until such time as Sovereign Great Priory may wish for their publication. Among the settings is an original march dedicated to the "Knights Templar wheresoever dispersed."

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Sir Knight Mann for his ready compliance with my request and the able manner he has carried it out.

#### OUR JUBILEE YEAR

While this meeting is called our Fiftieth Annual Assembly it is not our jubilee year which occurs in 1934, as pointed out to you last year.

I am again drawing your attention to the matter because I feel that it will be the wish of every one that some special notice should be taken of the event and I suggest that the incoming Grand Master appoint a small committee to make suitable arrangements for the celebration, however modest it may be.

#### CONCLUSION

And now, Sir Knights, I have rendered an account of my stewardship for the current year and in a few hours I shall turn over to my successor the insignia of my office. I have endeavored to carry out my duties without fear or favor and trust I have met with your approbation. If so, my labours will have been a labour of love and devotion to our Christian Order.

The year past has not been without its serious worries not only in our own Order but in every walk of life and my words to you last year have been amply borne out. It has been a trying year in our civil and national life and although men of undoubted mentality have been wrestling with our problems they have not succeeded in either restoring confidence in their own land or between nations. Self interest and greed have prevented the realization of the world's needs of brotherly intercourse in all their dealings.

Through this unsettling condition of things we have been confronted in our Masonic structure, as never before, with problems of relief, etc., which in many cases it has been difficult to overcome however desirous we have been to meet every condition as it arises and the end cannot yet be safely forecast. Our numerical loss, though important, as a financial factor, must not be considered as the predominating one because a large part of it is caused by too little attention being paid to the conservation of the members and too much made of the conferring of our degrees, very frequently followed by neglect of the members who are introduced into our mysteries, when we should strive to follow up first impressions by nurturing them by every means in our power.

Our Order is constantly engaged in building up a spiritual Temple and we can only reach that perfection and beauty which should characterize such a splendid

monument by disciplining our minds and hearts to the dedication of those virtues which are constantly before us in the Masonic life and an abiding faith in our institution.

My humble part has been to spread these doctrines everywhere I have been and to courageously face our trials and difficulties with serene confidence so that when the propitious time arrives we may build more magnificently than ever before.

Our minds must be cleared of pessimism and realise we are the channels for expressing our service to those who follow and this service implies every consideration for our fellowman, co-operation and utter unselfishness with a clear vision of the duty we owe to the common weal. Never let us lose sight of the fact that we are not a commercial institution and do not exist to accumulate riches but rather let us feel that love of country, belief in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God will bring to us friendship, love, hope and contentment. This is a universal coinage far more precious than gold or precious stones because the world always needs them.

In this faith and with the courage to face all our difficulties with a firm resolve to encourage harmony, justice and goodwill, I bid you welcome and trust we shall not only begin our proceedings in this faith and hope but that we shall continue and end our Assembly as we have begun it, and may the great Captain of our Salvation ever guide and guard us.

The whole respectfully submitted.



*Supreme Grand Master.*

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by M.E. Kt. C. H. Collins, that the address of the Grand Master be received and referred to a Committee of Past Grand Masters.—Carried.

## NOMINATIONS

As the Statutes provide that Nominations for the elective offices shall close at twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the meeting, the Supreme Grand Master suspended labor for a few minutes in order that the Fratres might register their nominations, after which business was resumed at 12.05 p.m.

After the close of nominations the Supreme Grand Master declared that as there had been only one nomination for each of the following offices:

Supreme Grand Master.....	C. W. Haentschel, M.D.
Grand Chaplain.....	Canon A. P. Shatford
Grand Constable.....	R. Blacker
Grand Treasurer.....	F. Davey Diamond
Grand Registrar.....	J. W. Merrick

they were unanimously elected to their respective offices.

dues. Notice after notice carries forth a message to the members, urging the immediate payment of them.

A goodly percentage of the Preceptories now show the four Principal Great Priory Officers, i.e., the Supreme Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Prior and the Grand Chancellor, in the order as designated above. Others show only the Supreme Grand Master, Prov. Grand Prior and Grand Chancellor.

While there is no Statute governing this matter, I feel that Great Priory might very appropriately rule that the above four, at least, should be shown, with their respective addresses, and in that order, both as a matter of courtesy as well as information.

Many of the Preceptories, or at least a goodly number of them, would appear to show considerable activity, not so much in the matter of additions to their ranks, but rather in an earnest endeavor to the end that the Assemblies are well attended and very instructive, but there is one at least which merits special mention.

Leamington, No. 49, was seriously considering the advisability of surrendering its charter last year. The M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master journeyed there last fall, and whether it is due to his efforts, or to some there found Moses, I do not know, but the fact remains, that far from being dormant, that Preceptory is now apparently on the high road to progress and success. It is not mete to single out any one Sir Knight in this endeavor, but I feel constrained to believe that no one will offer serious objection, if I here place the name of Em. Knight J. C. Reid. He appears to have been and is a tower of strength to this Preceptory. His diplomacy, activity and strength appear in every notice which I have received, and deserves the thanks of the Preceptory and Great Priory as well.

Many kindly and courteous invitations have been received to be present at, and take part in many Preceptories. Most of these were to receive and offer felicitations to the M. Em. the Supreme Grand Master. Due to other engagements I had, it was my misfortune to decline with regrets, there were, however a number

which I was able to accept, and the reception in every instance was of the most pleasing nature.

As the reports of the Provincial Grand Priors, will detail the individual activities of each Preceptory, and as the cursory information at hand, would be useless or very inefficient to Great Priory, it is felt that it is better not to be touched upon at all here.

Courteously submitted,



*Deputy Grand Master.*

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.E. Kt. F. Davey Diamond, that this report be received and adopted.—Carried.

The Annual Return has been received from all the Preceptories, but two did not remit their dues, viz., No. 30, Western Gate, and No. 35, Prince Edward. They are, therefore, not entitled to representation or vote at this Assembly.

#### FINANCIAL

There passed through this office during the year, the sum of \$6,002.00, which was, from time to time, deposited in the St. James and St. Peter Streets Branch of the Bank of Montreal, to the credit of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and the Grand Treasurer advised of the amount.

This amount was made up of the following items:

Annual fees.....	\$4,677.50
Certificates.....	306.00
Registrations.....	145.00
Dispensations.....	36.00
Ceremonies.....	143.60
Statutes.....	38.00
Tactics, etc.....	3.75
Life Membership.....	485.00
Life Membership Certificates.....	15.40
Official Receipts.....	51.75
Refund from Halifax.....	100.00
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	\$6,002.00

#### DISPENSATIONS

During the year 37 Dispensations were issued.

#### BY-LAWS

Amendments to the By-Laws of 13 Preceptories were approved.

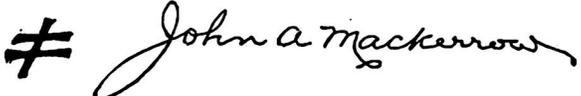
#### CONCLUSION

I was much struck during the past twelve months with the earnestness and enthusiasm of the Registrars of the Preceptories. I feel that I have enlarged the

circle of my friends. To them all I extend my sincere thanks for their kindness, assistance and co-operation.

To the Supreme Grand Master I also owe a debt of gratitude for the interest he has taken in this office and for his kindly advice and assistance.

The whole respectfully submitted,

 *John A. Mackenzie*

*Acting Grand Chancellor.*



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.

MOST EMINENT SIR AND FRATRES:—

I beg leave to present to you my Fifth Annual Report as your Grand Treasurer, for the year 1932-1933.

Comparing the Statements which I shall present, with those of the previous year, you will find that the Net Receipts show a decrease of \$289.33. The Net Expenditures also show a decrease of \$1,464.91.

For your information I present Statements of Receipts, Expenditures, Assets and Liabilities as follows:

F. DAVEY DIAMOND, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1933

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RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Balance from last Audit.....	\$ 7,080.32	Expenses of holding Sovereign Great Priory, 1932.....	\$ 115.50
Amounts received from Coupon Interest:—		Grant to Antiquity Preceptory of Halifax.....	600.00
From Canadian National Ry. Bond, 1954.....	\$200.00	Grant to Supreme Grand Master, M.E. Kt. W. W. Williamson.....	715.50
" Dominion of Canada Loan, 1940.....	225.00	Grant to Reviewer of Proceedings, R.E. Kt. G. E. Parkes.....	500.00
" Province of Quebec Loan, 1950.....	\$225.00	Paid Miscellaneous Accounts:—Honorarium to Late R.E. Kt. W. H. A. Clark.....	200.00
U.S. Premium.....	31.50	W. W. Hill for flowers, \$32.95; Chas. Haddon, illuminating commission to Lord Harris, \$45.00; binding annual returns, \$8.48; Bank of Montreal for exchange, soc.; Mappin & Webb for Christmas cards, \$19.00; R.E. Kt. Dr. Hacntschel for freight and postage on Robertson's history distributed to Preceptories, \$30.14.....	811.38
" Dominion of Canada Loan, 1956.....	256.50	Mitlage Account for 1932 Assembly.....	2,446.23
" City of Medicine Hat bonds.....	225.00	Printing Account:—Bennalack Co.....	118.19
" Dominion of Canada Loan, 1959.....	250.00	C. R. Cornell Ltd.....	115.20
" Dominion of Canada Loan, 1958.....	385.00	A. McAllister Co.....	51.41
" City of Verdun bond, 1944.....	165.00	Expenses of Grand Treasurer's office:—Attending audit at Montreal and Great Priory at Halifax, \$120.00; premium on bond, \$5.00; rent of safety deposit box, \$6.00; postage for year, \$3.75; revenue stamps for cheques, \$2.25; new ledger, \$1.00.....	138.60
Less 5% Tax.....	5.62	Printing Certificates—Bennalack Co.....	95.40
City of Calgary bonds.....	217.38	Printing and postage, 1932 Proceedings—C. R. Cornell Ltd.....	1,357.21
Canadian National Ry. bonds, 1957.....	270.00	Printing Ceremonies—The Maccoomb Press.....	344.50
U.S. Premium.....	63.38	Return to Knights Templar Orphans Fund.....	50.00
Less 5% Tax.....	693.38	Expenses of Grand Chancellor's office:—Salary to late R.E. Kt. Thos. Essery, \$450.00; expenses of late R.E. Kt. Thos. Essery attending Great Priory, 1932, \$116.30; office rent of late R.E. Thos. Essery, \$40.00; salary to V.E. Kt. J. A. MacKerrow, \$950.00; brief bag for Grand Chancellor's office, \$11.25; premium on bond, \$5.00; insurance premium, \$3.12; cost of moving office, \$12.00; office supplies, \$27.76; postage for year, \$113.23; revenue stamps, \$1.74; telegrams, telephone calls, express, duty and transfers, \$24.83; sundry expenses, \$6.02.....	1,761.25
Town of Port Arthur (Waterworks), 1933.....	676.45	Bank of Montreal, commission on coupons, postage and insurance.....	12.12
Dominion of Canada Loan, 1941.....	300.00		
Interest from the Bank of Montreal.....	3,420.33		
Amounts deposited by the Acting Grand Chancellor.....	18.50		
Total Receipts.....	6,002.00		
		Total Expenditures.....	8,716.99
		Balance in Bank of Montreal.....	8,704.16
		Total.....	\$17,421.15

Moved by the Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, that the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and adopted.—Carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.

MOST EMINENT SIR AND FRATRES:

I have much pleasure in reporting that I have audited the books and accounts of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Chancellor, for the year ended June 30th, 1933. I have also audited the books and accounts of The Orphans' Fund for the same period.

Proper vouchers have been submitted to me for all disbursements, and I have verified the balances in bank, and have also received certificates that your investments are in order.

I am pleased to report that the books and accounts of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Chancellor are kept in a most creditable manner.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. COULTER,  
Chartered Accountant,  
Auditor.

ASSETS

No	Amount	ISSUE	Rate	Due	Amount	Cost Price	Market Value 30th June, 1933
5	\$1,000.00	Dominion of Canada Loan.....	4 1/2 %	1940	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,920.21	\$ 5,037.50
5	1,000.00	" " Conversion Loan.....	4 1/2 %	1936	5,000.00	4,861.05	4,962.50
3	1,000.00	" " ".....	4 1/2 %	1938	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,976.00
7	1,000.00	" " ".....	4 1/2 %	1939	7,000.00	6,937.45	6,982.50
4	1,000.00	" " Service Loan.....	5 %	1941	4,000.00	3,968.76	4,140.00
4	1,000.00	Canadian National Railway Bonds.....	5 %	1934	4,000.00	3,982.19	4,140.00
14	1,000.00	Province of Quebec bonds.....	4 1/2 %	1937	14,000.00	14,247.46	14,000.00
5	1,000.00	City of Calgary bonds.....	4 1/2 %	1930	5,000.00	4,914.60	5,125.00
6	1,000.00	City of Medicine Hat bonds.....	4 1/2 %	1945	6,000.00	5,728.28	4,500.00
5	1,000.00	City of Verdun bonds.....	5 %	1942	5,000.00	4,813.50	3,000.00
4	1,000.00	Town of Port Arthur—Waterworks bonds.....	5 %	1944	4,000.00	3,924.00	3,880.00
5	1,000.00	Cash Balance in Bank of Montreal.....		1933	5,000.00	5,184.96	4,950.00
		Office furniture consisting of:—Safe, desk, chair, steel cabinet, desk lamp, numbering machine, brief bag, flags and case.....					
		Less 5% depreciation.....					
		Stock of Supplies on hand of Official Receipts, Statutes, Annotated Statutes, Tactics, Ceremonies, Preceptor's Certificates, Life Membership Certificates and Stationery.....					
		Annual Fees for year ending 30th June, 1933, by:—					
		Western Gate, No. 30, Victoria, B.C.....	97.50				
		Prince Edward, No. 35, Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	30.50				
		Fredericton, No. 50, Fredericton, N.B.....	35.50				
		Total Assets.....			\$67,000.00	\$66,482.46	\$63,687.50
					8,704.16		
					442.94		
					1,658.20		
					163.50		
					\$77,968.80		

Audited and found Correct.  
T. J. COULTER, C.A.,  
Auditor.

LIABILITIES  
There are no Liabilities.

F. DAVEY DIAMOND,  
Grand Treasurer.

## AUDIT AND FINANCE

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master and Members of Sovereign Great Priory.*

Your Committee on Audit and Finance not having the books of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Treasurer to audit this year, have little to report, but we have a few recommendations to make and submit our estimates for the year 1933-34.

Your Committee feel that owing to the falling off of revenue, certain reductions in expenditures should be made. We, therefore, recommend to this Sovereign Body that the salary of the Grand Chancellor be reduced to \$1,500 per annum. That the Reviewer of Templar Proceedings be paid \$100. That the appropriation for the Drill Corps Competition be \$375, divided as follows: If two Corps compete first prize \$200. If three Corps compete, \$100 be paid as second prize, and if four or more Corps compete a third prize of \$75.00 be paid.

Your Committee also feel that several pages of the Annual Proceedings might well be deleted, thereby saving a considerable sum on our printing account.

The following are the Estimates:

Proceedings.....	\$1,350.00
Mileage.....	2,350.00
Reviewer of Templar Proceedings.....	100.00
Postage.....	150.00
General Printing and Certificates.....	250.00
Drill Corps Competition.....	375.00
Grand Chancellor, Salary.....	1,500.00
" " Office.....	240.00
Auditor.....	25.00
Contingent Fund.....	200.00
Bal. to Grand Master.....	46.30
Grand Treasurer, Expenses.....	75.00
Receipts in Card Form.....	75.00
Official Representative Warrant.....	20.00
Grant to Local Preceptory.....	300.00
Additional Grant to Local Preceptory.....	200.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. WILLIAMSON,  
W. J. CARSON,  
WM. JACKSON, *Committee.*

It was moved by R.E. Kt. R. Williamson, and seconded by R.E. Kt. W. Jackson, that the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.—Carried.

## PROVINCIAL PRIORS' REPORTS

LONDON DISTRICT, No. I

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.*

## EMINENT KNIGHTS:

It is with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret that I submit herewith my official report on the Condition of the Order in London District. Pleased that I have been so privileged to serve Great Priory and sorry that it brings to a conclusion the most pleasant year in my Knight Templar career. As in the fulfilling of the duties of this honourable office I have been in closer touch with the activities of the various Preceptories in this district and with the valiant Knights whose untiring efforts and loyalty have given hope and encouragement during the past year of chaos when there have been so few candidates and so many withdrawals and suspensions. The true spirit of Knight Templarism is indeed instilled in the hearts of many of the Fratres who, although they have received all the honours that their Preceptories could bestow upon them, are still ready and willing at all times to aid in the "Advancement of the Glory of the Cross and for the honor of the Order."

It is my desire to take advantage of this opportunity to express my thanks to the Fratres of London District for the honour they conferred upon me when they elected me to the high and responsible position of Provincial Grand Prior. I have executed my duties to the best of my ability and if I have not measured up to their expectations it has not been due to lack of effort nor appreciation and I ask their pardon for any errors I have made.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of each Preceptory for the courtesy and co-operation shown to me during my term of office and to those faithful Knights who journeyed many miles many times to be present on the occasion of my official visit, which showed a true knightly spirit and one of co-operation existing throughout the district. Particularly was this spirit manifested in the western part of the dis-

tract. Sarnia, Chatham, Windsor and Leamington Preceptories were all represented at each of these Preceptories when I paid my official visit.

I was installed into office on November the eleventh by Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master, and immediately commenced my visitations but not in an official capacity. I received a very kind invitation from Vallette Preceptory, No. 64, of Kitchener, which is located in Hamilton District, to be present on October the eighteenth to join with them in receiving the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and other Officers of Sovereign Great Priory, but a previous engagement for this evening, I regret, prevented me from being present. I also received an invitation from Godfrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, of Toronto District, to be with them on November the eleventh to join with them in their Remembrance Day Commemoration which invitation I also reluctantly had to decline. I am, however, grateful to both of these Preceptories for their thoughtfulness and kindness in extending an invitation to me to fraternize with them.

To fill the office of Provincial Grand Prior is not an easy task at any time and the responsibilities have greatly increased during the last few years of a depression that has greatly affected both the membership and the financial condition of many Preceptories. On this account I did not commence my official visits until May, knowing that the Preceptors and their officers would not have the same incentive to become proficient in their work as they would have had if there were, when they assumed their new duties, candidates waiting to receive the Orders. With the exception of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory and Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, the work presented for my inspection by the Preceptors was the conferring of one of the Orders on one of their own members and not a regular candidate and I feel that the officers of a Preceptory can not put the same enthusiasm into their work under such conditions but on the other hand they are worthy of more praise when they are enthusiastic enough to prepare themselves and rehearse their duties so as to be ready should a candidate present himself. Some of the Preceptories in this district have

not had a candidate for two years yet their Presiding Preceptors and their officers showed by the manner in which they conferred the Orders that they were faithfully fulfilling the duties of their respective offices.

On May the second I made my official visit to Windsor Preceptory, No. 26, accompanied by V. Em. Knight J. H. Moran, Em. Knight Geo. Jewell, Em. Knight R. Garrett, Sir Knight H. Hayman and Sir Knight E. Pudney. We were met at the Temple by the Presiding Preceptor who accompanied us downtown where we were joined by other members of the Preceptory including their very capable Registrar, James Evans, from whom I obtained much information regarding conditions in the Border Cities. We were treated to a very enjoyable supper after which we returned to the Temple where I witnessed the opening of the Preceptory which was performed in a very capable manner. The existence of a drill corps was manifested by the military precision shown by the officers and the Knights who formed the lines. I afterward retired and was received in full form. I was escorted to the lines by Rt. Em. Knight W. E. Tregenza and Rt. Em. Knight S. T. Wallace. The work for the evening was the conferring of the Orders of Novitiate of the Temple and Installation as Knight of the Temple. Both Orders were conferred by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Knight D. C. Hargrave, and his officers in a most efficient manner. Em. Knight Hargrave and his officers are to be commended on the manner in which they perform their duties. The only criticism I could offer was in connection with a minor error in substituting the Crusader's Sign for the Military Salute which error was explained to them and I feel sure will not be repeated.

I was sorry to learn that this Preceptory did not officially observe Christmas Day, Good Friday or Ascension Day as with the number of uniformed Knights which they have and with the assistance I know they would receive from Sarnia, Chatham and Leamington Preceptories, augmented by the white plumes of Detroit Commandery, they could no doubt make a very impressive showing by holding a Church Parade on at least one of these Holy Days.

The Registrar's records show an increase in the amount of outstanding dues, but I feel sure that this is a condition due to the stagnation of business and industry at the Border Cities and not to any inefficiency on the part of the Registrar.

A very enjoyable social hour concluded the evening and the pleasant thoughts of this, my first official visit, will long be remembered.

I visited St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, No. 37, officially on the evening of May the eleventh accompanied by Em. Knight E. A. Shaw, after witnessing the opening of the Preceptory capably done by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers, I retired and was escorted to the lines by Rt. Em. Knight R. Williamson and V. Em. Knight R. Garrett, and received in full form. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred on one candidate in a most capable manner by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Knight John Smith, and his officers. The conferring of this Order was so well done that it could not be criticized but was well worthy of commendation. Again the existence of a well trained and fully uniformed Drill Corps added much to the impressiveness of the work as the training received was quite evident by the military manner in which the officers executed the floor work. They have, however, allowed the military spirit to encroach upon the Statutes as they have dispensed with the wearing of the mantle, when in uniform. This matter was drawn to the attention of the Presiding Preceptor.

At this meeting Rt. Em. Knight Alex Saunders made the official presentation of photographic records of the Preceptors of this Preceptory. Large sized individual framed photographs, of the Preceptors with their name and the year in which they held office inscribed thereon adorn the walls of the ante room. These photographs will no doubt become a very valuable asset to the Preceptory in years to come as they should ever remind those who are to follow, of the faithful Knights whose untiring and zealous efforts contributed so much to the building up of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory.

The amount of unpaid dues in this Preceptory is greater than it should be but this is a condition that seems hard to rectify under present conditions.

After closing the Preceptory we adjourned to the Banquet Hall where a very enjoyable social hour was spent and some very inspiring and encouraging remarks were given by visiting Fratres from Port Huron Commandery.

It was also my privilege to visit this Preceptory on two other occasions. On December the eighth I had the pleasure of witnessing the Installation of their officers by Rt. Em. Knight R. Williamson and Em. Knight Jas. Foster, and to form part of the escort of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight W. W. Williamson who was officially visiting St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory. I was accompanied on this visit by Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master, and Em. Knight J. G. Gammage. We enjoyed a very pleasant evening which was brought to a close by the serving of a full course dinner in keeping with the Christmas spirit followed by very interesting speeches by the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, W. W. Williamson, Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master and other Great Priory Officers.

As hosts I doubt if this Preceptory could be excelled. The latch-string is always on the outside and there is always a friendly handclasp for a visiting Frater.

Again on May the twenty-fifth, accompanied by Em. Kt. E. A. Shaw I availed myself of the opportunity to join with the officers and members of this Preceptory in observing Ascension Day. A splendid showing of fully uniformed Knights paraded to the ferry dock to meet the members of Port Huron Commandery who, for a number of years, have joined with St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory in their Ascension Day observance. The members of St. Simon of Cyrene Preceptory reciprocate by joining with Port Huron Commandery on the occasion of their Easter observance. A very commendable practice as these visits, along with others made throughout the year, do much to keep alive the interest and enthusiasm in Knight Templarism in Sarnia. After a short exhibition drill, by the members of Port Huron Commandery, we paraded to St. Georges Church and enjoyed a very impressive service and inspiring sermon conducted and delivered by the Rev. Canon D. W. Collins.

On May the nineteenth I made my official visit to Kent Preceptory No. 20, at Chatham, accompanied by Em. Knight E. A. Shaw. A number of Sir Knights were at the Temple to extend a very cordial welcome to us. Prior to the opening I examined the Registrar's records and found them to be in splendid condition. Kent Preceptory is indeed fortunate in having such a capable Registrar as Sir Knight Martin. I remained in the Preceptory to witness the opening and regret to have to report that, with the exception of the Presiding Preceptor, Constable and Chaplain, the officers did not seem entirely familiar with their work. The Marshal will have to do considerable rehearsing before he can measure up to the standard set by the Constable, who not only did his own work, in a very capable manner, but acted as a prompter for the junior officers throughout the work. Presented for my inspection was the Order of Novitiate of the Temple and the Order of Installation. The former under the able direction of Em. Knight E. U. Dickenson, Presiding Preceptor, and the latter very capably directed by Em. Knight Walter Watts. The delivery of the second historical lecture by the Constable, Sir Knight T. M. Irwin, was very impressive. During the work the Crusader's Sign and the Military Salute were sometimes interchanged, which error was drawn to the attention of the officers.

A very enjoyable social hour with the Knights of this Preceptory and visiting Knights concluded the evening.

I also visited this Preceptory on the ninth of April accompanied by Rt. Em. Knight E. A. Simmie and Em. Kt. F. S. Thompson. Our visit on this occasion was one of sadness rather than pleasure, as it was to assist in forming a Knight Templar Escort at the funeral of our late Frater, Em. Knight Bert Brown, a Preceptor of Kent Preceptory, whose death has left a vacancy in this Preceptory that will be hard to fill. He served faithfully even until death and has passed on to receive his reward from the Great Captain of Our Salvation.

My official visit to St. Elmo Preceptory, No. 22, of Stratford, was on May the twenty-second. Accompanied by Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master, and Em. Knight J. C. Reid, of

Leamington Preceptory, who journeyed to London to accompany me thereby retaining his record of being present at every Preceptory in the district on the occasion of my official visit. We were met at the Temple by Rt. Em. Knight John Stevenson, the very capable Registrar of St. Elmo Preceptory. Rt. Em. Knight Stevenson produced his records for my inspection, which were all that could be desired in the way of neatness and completeness and information pertaining to St. Elmo Preceptory, whether historical or financial is, immediately available from the Registrar's records, they are so well kept. Rt. Em. Knight Stevenson's heart and soul are in Knight Templarism and the duties of his office. I witnessed the opening of the Preceptory by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers which was splendidly done. The Constable, Marshal and Sub-Marshal conducted themselves in a true military manner and in a way that proved that they were well versed in their work. I retired and was officially introduced to the Presiding Preceptor, officers and members and received in full form. The Order of Novitiate of the Temple was then conferred by Em. Knight E. A. Etherington and his officers in an excellent manner. Only one slight error did I notice during the performance of the work and that was of a minor nature.

The efficiency of the Registrar is shown by the financial condition of this Preceptory. The amount of unpaid dues amounting to only one hundred and forty-eight dollars with no members in arrears for more than two years and only nine members in arrears for more than one year. A very creditable showing under present conditions. This Preceptory made large contributions toward the building of the new Masonic Temple (which was presented to the Blue Lodges of Stratford entirely free of debt) and are still in a strong financial condition due to the steady hands and wise counsel of those faithful Knights whose love for the Order has been responsible for the success of St. Elmo Preceptory.

After closing the Preceptory we adjourned to the Banquet Hall to enjoy an hour of sociability and interesting and inspiring speeches by Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master, my esteemed predecessor Rt. Em. Kt. Geo. L. Money, Past Provincial

Grand Prior, Rt. Em. Kt. John Stevenson, Em. Kt. J. C. Reid, and others.

This brought to a close an evening of pleasure such as this Preceptory is noted for and one which has added to the many pleasant memories I have of past visits to St. Elmo.

On June the second I visited Leamington Preceptory, No. 49, located at Leamington, I was accompanied by twenty-five Knights from my own Preceptory. There were present at this meeting Representatives from every Preceptory in the district with one exception and my worthy predecessor, Rt. Em. Kt. Geo. L. Money, was there to witness the change which had taken place since his visit a year ago. A change which has been the fruits of the untiring efforts and persistent appeals of the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. J. C. Reid, along with the true knightly spirit and co-operation shown by Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia Preceptories in assisting in every way they could towards rejuvenating a Preceptory which, a year ago was in a deplorable condition.

When I assumed my duties as Provincial Grand Prior I looked forward to my visit to Leamington Preceptory with some feeling of anxiety knowing, as I did, the condition it was in and no Provincial Grand Prior likes to report unfavorably on any Preceptory in his district but it is a duty that must be done when circumstances demand it. However, thanks to the timely warning given by my predecessor, Rt. Em. Knight Money, and to the accepting of the challenge by Em. Kt. J. C. Reid, I was relieved of this unpleasant task.

I have watched, with a great deal of interest, the progress made by this Preceptory since I was elected Provincial Grand Prior and it has been almost phenomenal. Their Presiding Preceptor undertook a task that only a man with a stout heart and strong determination would accept and at a time when general conditions were far from favorable for its accomplishment and it is to be hoped that there are others in the Preceptory capable and willing to take up the torch and continue to rebuild on the foundation laid by their present Preceptor as there is much yet to be done before this Preceptory can measure up to the standard set by the other Preceptories in the district.

There was no work presented for my inspection by the officers of this Preceptory but after being escorted to the lines, introduced and received in full form, I witnessed the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross under the able direction of V. Em. Knight J. H. Moran, assisted by the officers of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory of London. I was given to understand, by Knight Reid that the officers of Leamington Preceptory were rehearsing the Templar Orders and that they expected to be in condition to confer them in the fall when they also expect to have one or more candidates.

During the year officers and members of Kent Preceptory of Chatham and of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory of London journeyed to Leamington to confer one of the orders as an incentive. A truly commendable Templar spirit which I trust will have the desired results.

The financial condition of this Preceptory is not as bad as one would expect. The amount of outstanding dues is three hundred and eighty-eight dollars with nine members in arrears for more than one year and eighteen in arrears for more than two years. The duties of Registrar are in the hands of a very capable Knight, in the person of Sir Knight W. F. Williams, who unfortunately was confined to his home through illness on the evening of my visit.

The drilling of the members of this Preceptory is in the very capable hands of Rt. Em. Knight Major Gidley, M.C., who is one of the faithful and an asset to the Preceptory.

Before closing I would like to pay tribute to the efforts of Em. Knight Reid to make the notices of the Preceptory interesting. One thing that I will miss, when I relinquish the duties of Provincial Grand Prior, will be the notices from Leamington Preceptory. Each one that I have received during my term of office has been most interesting and inspiring as the page or two compiled by the Eminent Preceptor have always contained stimulating remarks and inspiring poetical quotations. I feel sure that the appeals made in these notices have had much to do with the reviving of interest in the Knights who had drifted away from their Preceptory

After the closing of the Preceptory in proper form adjournment was made to the Banquet Hall which afforded an opportunity for the exchange of fraternal greetings among the Knights. A happy conclusion of a pleasant evening.

My own Preceptory, Richard Coeur de Lion, No. 4, was officially inspected on the evening of June the ninth, after the routine of general business I retired and was officially escorted to the lines by Em. Kt. Geo. Jewell and Em. Kt. C. E. Webb after being introduced by Em. Kt. Jewell I was received in full form. The work for the evening was the conferring of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross on one candidate by V. Em. Kt. J. H. Moran and his officers. The conferring of the Order of Novitiate of the Temple on two Companions was very efficiently and impressively done by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. E. A. Shaw, and his officers, followed by the conferring of the Order of Installation by Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master and the officers of the Preceptory in the same capable and impressive manner that Most Eminent Knight Barr carries out any task assigned to him.

This Preceptory was very fortunate in having three candidates during the year, though, far below past averages, is good, considering present conditions.

The Registrar's report shows outstanding six hundred and seventy-five dollars in unpaid dues. One hundred and forty of which are for more than two years. Forty-six members in arrears for more than one year and twenty-eight for more than two years. Present conditions alone are responsible for the amount of unpaid dues as I can honestly report that the very efficient Registrar, Sir Knight Harry Bennett, has left no stone unturned in his efforts to reduce the amount of same. His monthly notices would not be complete without a paragraph appealing for dues which appeals are followed up by letters and personal calls.

Burleigh Preceptory, No. 21, of St. Thomas, was the last Preceptory which I visited officially. Unfortunately due to a slight misunderstanding during a long distance telephone conversation with their Registrar my visit to this Preceptory was at a later date than was intended, my original itinerary called for my official visit to be

made to St. Thomas on the evening of May the twenty-ninth, but arrangements were made to receive me on May the twenty-second, on which date I was officially visiting St. Elmo Preceptory. The postponement of my visit coupled with the fact that the evening of June the twenty-sixth, when I did eventually visit, was intensely hot affected greatly the attendance and the work for the evening.

Most Eminent Knight A. B. Barr, Past Supreme Grand Master accompanied me on this visit. I was formally introduced and received in full form and very cordially welcomed by the Eminent Preceptor. There was no work offered for my inspection, I understand that it was the intention of the Preceptor to have the Order of Novitiate of the Temple exemplified by a staff, consisting of a number of the Past Preceptors, for my inspection but owing to the failure of some of the Preceptors to be present this had to be dispensed with. The practise of conferring the Orders by the Past Officers is one that should not be encouraged as it is not according to the wishes of Great Priory. I realize of course that the lack of candidates has dampened the ardor of the officers to commit to memory one or more of the Orders but feel that the rehearsing of the work, by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers is a much better practise and tends to keep alive their interest in Knight Templarism.

The books of the Registrar were found to be in a neat and complete condition as one would expect from such a capable Registrar as Rt. Em. Kt. Jas. E. Hulse. Rt. Em. Kt. Hulse, like the other Registrars of the district, is confronted with the laborious task of keeping down the amount of outstanding dues and his efforts along this line are being rewarded.

The evening was brought to a close by the enjoyment of a social hour by the Knights present.

I also had the privilege and pleasure of fraternizing with the Knights of Burleigh Preceptory on the evening of December the nineteenth, when the officers for the year 1933 were installed by Rt. Em. Kt. McCully, assisted by a number of Preceptors followed by a very appropriate address by Brother Knight Archdeacon Andrew in commemoration of the birth of the "Great Captain of our Salvation."

A very enjoyable evening was spent in the company of Knights whose hospitality is hard to excell.

In conclusion I wish to state that, even under present conditions, London District is upholding it's record as Banner District number one, due I think, to the untiring efforts of the many faithful Fratres who are so imbued with the spirit of our wonderful Order that they unconsciously instill it into the hearts of those they come in daily contact with.

The lack of candidates is not alarming. The greater problem during the past year has been to retain the valued members already enrolled into our beautiful Order for I feel sure the other condition will right itself with the return of normal economic conditions. This also applies to the large amount of outstanding dues.

A thought occurred to me during my term of office when I realized, through my travels, the comparatively short distance between the Preceptories in the district. Every one being easily reached by motor over paved highways, that it would do much to stimulate the interest in Knight Templarism if a joint Church Parade was held by all the Preceptories in this district at some central place preferably in the spring to commemorate either Good Friday or Ascension Day. This would not only tend to further stimulate the interest in our Order throughout the district and create an interest in the observance of one of these Holy Days by the Preceptories which are not now observing them but would furnish a vehicle for the renewing of old friendships and the establishing of new ones amongst the Fratres of the district. I commend this to the Knights of the district for them to act upon if they think it worthy of same.

I again wish to express my gratitude for the courtesy extended to me by each Preceptory and for the kindly receptions given me as Representative of the Supreme Grand Master and to those "Good and Dear Sir Knights" who travelled many miles to accompany me on my official visits.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

‡ W. H. MORGAN,  
Provincial Grand Prior,  
London District, N I

### HAMILTON DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,*

#### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I have the honor to submit my Official Report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Hamilton District for the year 1932-33.

I also wish to take the opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to the Fratres of this District for the honor they conferred upon me by electing me to this high office.

I also wish to express my gratitude to the officers and Fratres of each Preceptory of the District for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

On the evening of Dec. 6th, 1932, I had the extreme honor of being Installed as Provincial Prior of this District by our esteemed Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight W. W. Williamson, at the regular meeting of Vallette Preceptory, No. 64, Kitchener, on the occasion of his official visit to this District and which was attended by a large gathering of Knights Templar from the surrounding Districts.

The Grand Master gave the gathering a very instructive address which was warmly applauded.

Owing to the very exceptional times in which we are living I had to give advice and caution in regard to arrears and suspensions on many occasions, and I hope that with the prospect of better times ahead of us that such advice will bear fruit and bring our Preceptories to the same high standard as of old.

I began my duties by presiding at a meeting of the Hamilton District Preceptors' Association held on October 12th, 1932, in the quarters of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton.

There was an attendance of 30 Preceptors which shows the keen interest that is being maintained in Knights Templarism in the Hamilton District.

I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Provincial Prior's Jewel to my predecessor, Kt. Em. Knight Tetlaw, of Brantford.

ASCENSION DAY.—On Sunday, May 28th, 1933, accompanied by several Preceptors from Guelph, I attended the Ascension Day Service held in St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, at which our Grand Master was also in attendance.

CHURCH PARADE.—On Sunday, Oct. 2, 1932, a District Church Parade was held under the auspices of St. Bernard de Clairveaux, No. 19, Dunnville, to the First Presbyterian Church, Pt. Colborne.

There were in attendance 140 Knights in uniform. A unique feature being the presence of 16 Knights of the Commanderies of Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y., which was a pleasing spectacle as they marched side by side to the Church. There were about 50 Knights in mufti.

All assembled at the Masonic Temple and marched to the Church, headed by Welland Boys' Naval Bugle Band. We were honoured by the presence of Most Em. Kt. A. B. Barr, of London, and several distinguished visitors from the New York State Commanderies.

A splendid sermon was given by the Rev. Neil Douglas MacDonald, and all came away feeling that a profitable time had been spent and renewed friendship with our Fratres from across the Border. Many of the Knights were accompanied by their ladies and after the service all adjourned to the Masonic Temple, where light refreshments were served by the Dunnville Preceptory.

The thanks of the District is extended to Rt. Em. Kt. Massie and Rt. Em. Kt. Parkes, who had charge of the arrangements.

NIAGARA FALLS.—On Dec. 8th, 1932, I visited Jacques de Molai Preceptory on the occasion of the joint Installation of the Officers of Jacques de Molai Preceptory, Niagara Falls, and Plantagenet Preceptory, St. Catharines.

I was accompanied by an escort from Victoria Preceptory, Guelph, consisting of V Em. Kt. J. Wilkinson.

Em. Kt. R. Forsythe and Em. Kt. E. E. Kennedy and Sir Kt. E. Ogg.

I was introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. Thorp and cordially welcomed by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. H. H. Hilder.

The Installation of the newly elected Knights was taken charge of by Rt. Em. Kt. Bowman, who in a capable manner carried out the duties of Installing Officer, assisted by Rt. Em. Kts. Thorpe, of Niagara Falls, and Grover Davis, of St. Catharines.

The manner in which the newly installed officers performed their closing duties was most encouraging and convinced me that the affairs of these two Preceptories were in good hands.

After which all adjourned to the Banquet Hall where a good time was enjoyed by everyone. The attendance included visitors from Hamilton, Welland, St. Catharines and Guelph.

On Dec. 16th, 1932, I visited my own Preceptory, Victoria, No. 10, Guelph, and installed the officers for 1933, being ably assisted by Rt. Em. Kt. A. McPhail and a number of other Preceptors.

On Dec. 18th, 1932, the Christmas Ceremony of Victoria Preceptory, No. 10, was carried out as laid down by Sovereign Great Priory. There was an attendance of about 90. Sir Knights, Masons and their ladies.

A very impressive address was delivered by the Rev. Archdeacon Scovil. The Sir Knights in the lines all being in uniform created a most favourable impression to the large gathering.

On Friday, Feb. 24th, 1933, accompanied by Rt. Em. Sir Kt. A. McPhail, Past Prov. Prior, V. Em. Kt. J. Wilkinson, and Em. Kt. E. E. Kennedy, I paid a fraternal visit to Godfrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2. Toronto, on the occasion of the official visit of the Prov. Prior, Rt. Em. Kt. Chas. H. Youden, to the above Preceptory.

TORONTO.—After being cordially received and welcomed by Em. Sir Kt. Chas. Bower, I witnessed the Order of Consecration as put on by the officers of this Preceptory, and which was done in a beautiful manner.

After this all adjourned to the Banquet Hall where a good time was spent by everyone.

HAMILTON.—Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, No. 3, Hamilton, I made my official visit to this Preceptory on Friday, March 3rd, 1933.

I was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Smith.

The Novitiate of the Temple was then conferred by the Presiding Preceptor in a very able manner assisted by a well balanced set of officers.

All records and books are well kept and in good order by a very energetic Registrar, R. Em. Kt. H. V. Wilson.

The business of the evening being concluded all retired to the Banquet Hall where a most enjoyable hour was spent.

KITCHENER.—Vallette Preceptory, No. 64, Kitchener.—On Tuesday, March 7th, 1933, I paid my official visit to Vallette Preceptory, No. 64, Kitchener. After witnessing the opening I retired and was introduced by Em Kt. U. Ernst and received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Hessenaur, and was given a very cordial and warm reception.

The work of the evening being the Red Cross was conferred by the Presiding Preceptor in a faultless manner, being splendidly assisted by a very capable set of officers and Past Preceptor.

The feature of this degree being the Historical Lecture which is so seldom given, was given by Em. Kt. Sharp-Riley and which was most impressive and instructive.

This Preceptory is to be congratulated on their very able and efficient Registrar, Em. Kt. G. DeKleinhans, whose books and records are in excellent condition. I am sorry the attendance was not larger but the smallness of the attendance can be accounted for partly owing to a very severe snow storm.

The Junior Officers showed a great interest in their work. The Constable's and Marshal's work was very well exemplified.

A banquet at the close brought the evenings event to a delightful close.

The Preceptory held their Christmas Ceremony on Monday, Dec. 26th, 1932, when about 70 Sir Knights were in attendance. The speakers being Em. Kt. DeKleinhans, Rev. S. Logan and Rev. Geo. Taylor.

GALT.—St. Omer Preceptory, No. 62, Galt. I made my official visit to this Preceptory on Friday, March 10th, 1933. After witnessing the opening I retired and was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Walter Dryden. Being introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. T. F. Campbell.

The Order of Consecration was conferred by the Presiding Preceptor in a very creditable manner. This Preceptory is to be congratulated on having the assistance and service of so many of its Past Preceptors.

The work of the officers throughout this impressive Order was very pleasing and showed good team work.

This Preceptory is indeed fortunate in having a very efficient Registrar, Em. Kt. Malcolm, and to whom much credit must be given for the low amount of outstanding dues in these very depressing times. All books and records are up to date and in good order.

After the business of the evening had been concluded I was entertained in the Banquet Hall, where many interesting speeches were made to the large gathering which included visitors from Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, Guelph.

GUELPH.—Victoria Preceptory, No. 10, Guelph. My official visit to this my own Preceptory was made on Friday, March 17th, 1933. After witnessing the opening which was done in a very efficient manner I retired and was introduced by Em. Kts. E. Kennedy, and R. Forsythe, and received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. A. R. Clough, and given a very hearty welcome.

The Order of Installation was then exemplified by the Presiding Preceptor. The work throughout the evening was carried out in a manner which well maintained the reputation of this Preceptory. This Preceptory is fortunate in having an experienced set of

officers. The work of the Presiding Preceptor left nothing to be desired, not only in the Ritualistic part, but in conducting the business of the Preceptory. The Junior Officers showed great interest in their work. The Constable's and Marshal's work was all that could be desired. I am happy to report a full attendance of officers. The Records and Books are very well kept by a popular and efficient Registrar, Sir Kt. J. F. Potton.

Sorry to say that there is a large amount of outstanding dues.

I am given to understand a committee is at present at work to combat this important matter.

Visitors were many and included large delegations from Hamilton, Galt, Kitchener.

The business of the evening being concluded all retired to the Banquet Hall, where an interesting address by Rt. Em. Kt. Hamilton, of Galt, was given and much appreciated. This being St. Patrick's Day a programme of entertainment and music brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

ST. CATHARINES.—Plantagenet Preceptory, No. 8, St. Catharines. On Monday, April 3rd, 1933, I visited Plantagenet Preceptory, No. 8, St. Catharines. After witnessing the opening I was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. F. B. Fetterley. I was introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. Grover Davis.

The Novice Ceremony was exemplified during the evening by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers, assisted by several Past Preceptors and the work was done in a very creditable manner. I drew to the attention of the gathering the importance of assisting the Orphans' Fund by contributing the necessary contribution to this worthy object.

After the closing of the Preceptory I was entertained in the Banquet Hall, where Em. Kt. Hatzan, of Niagara Falls, gave a very interesting address on Knights Templarism.

All the Books and Records of the Preceptory are in excellent condition, due to the efforts of Em. Kt. N. B. MacPhee, the Registrar. The attendance included visitors from Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Welland and Guelph.

NIAGARA FALLS.—Jacques de Molai Preceptory, No. 42, Niagara Falls. On Thursday, April 13th, 1933, I visited Jacques de Molai Preceptory, No. 42, Niagara Falls, accompanied by an escort of Sir Knights from Guelph.

After witnessing the opening which was done in a very capable manner I retired and was introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. J. W. Bowman and received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor.

The Novitiate of the Temple was then conferred in a most capable and efficient manner by Em. Kt. H. H. Hilder, the Presiding Preceptor.

This Preceptory has a very active committee at work under the leadership of Em. Kt. Hatzan to create a new interest in Knights' Templarism in this Niagara District.

All the Books and Records of the Preceptory are well kept and in good condition. A unique feature being that the Treasurer and Registrar are father and son, namely Sir Kt. James Harriman and Rt. Em. John J. Harriman. A pleasant time in the Banquet Hall brought the evening to a delightful close.

BRANTFORD.—Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17, Brantford. On Tuesday, April 27th, 1933, I visited Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, No. 17, Brantford, accompanied by an escort of Preceptors and Sir Knights from Guelph.

After witnessing the opening by the regular officers, which was performed in a very capable and efficient manner, I retired and was introduced by V. Em. Kt. Franklin and given a very cordial welcome by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Col. Joyce.

The Order of Consecration was then conferred by the Presiding Preceptor, assisted by several Past Preceptors, in an excellent manner with careful attention to the details.

This Preceptory is in a flourishing condition and has the assistance and co-operation of a splendid band of officers and Past Officers. The Books and Records of the Preceptory are well kept and in good order by a most capable Registrar, Em. Kt. McFadden.

A Buffet Luncheon in the Banquet Hall brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

TORONTO.—On Friday, April 28th, 1933, I paid a fraternal visit to Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, Toronto, accompanied by the officers and Fratres of Plantagenet Preceptory, No. 8, St. Catharines, Victoria Preceptory, No. 10, Guelph, St. Omer Preceptory, No. 62, Galt, and Vallette Preceptory, No. 64, Kitchener. Where, on the courteous invitation of the officers and Fratres of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, the officers of Plantagenet Preceptory conferred the Order of the Novitiate of the Temple, and the combined officers of Vallette, St. Omar and Victoria conferred the Order of Installation and received the highest commendation of our Toronto Fratres. The occasion being unique in that there was visitors from Brantford, Kingston, Whitby, Michigan, England and Scotland.

Among whom were no less than twenty-eight Preceptors in uniform. This night will long be remembered by the Fratres of the Hamilton District, and my personal thanks is extended to Eminent Knight Chas. Bower for his cordial reception and generosity to the visitors.

DUNNVILLE.—St. Bernard de Clairveaux, No. 19, Dunnville. On Friday, May 12th, 1933, I paid my official visit to St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory, No. 19, Dunnville, Ont. After witnessing the opening I retired and was introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. G. E. Parkes and given a very cordial reception by the Presiding Preceptor.

The work for the evening being the Novitiate of the Temple, was then conferred by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Sundy, in a very creditable manner, the work of the Junior Officers being excellent.

This Preceptory in common with all others in the District is having a hard time to keep going, owing to lack of attendance and finance.

There was a large attendance of visitors from Hamilton, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland and Guelph, which was most encouraging. The Registrar, Rt. Em. Kt. Parkes, is to be congratulated on the excellent manner that his Books and Records are kept. A

visit to the Banquet Hall, where all enjoyed an ample repast, brought the evening to a close.

On Wednesday, June 14th, 1933, my activities were brought to a close by presiding at the meeting of the Hamilton District Preceptors' Association, when there was a splendid attendance.

Many matters of interest was discussed and arrangements made for attendance to Great Priory at Barrie.

The three Preceptories in the Northern part of the District comprising St. Omer, Vallette and Victoria held their tri-Preceptory meetings at which no ritualistic work was done, but a social evening was enjoyed by all.

I wish to say that in my opinion all the Preceptories in this District are in the hands of competent officers, who appear to take a great interest in the work of Knight Templarism.

I also wish to thank Rt. Em. Kt. Parkes, of Dunnville, for his splendid work as Registrar of the Preceptors' Association.

In conclusion, I wish to pay tribute to all those Knights who accompanied me on my visits to the various Preceptories.

I wish also to thank my Secretary who so ably assisted me with the work.

Respectfully yours,

‡ WM. J. ELLIOTT,  
*Provincial Prior, Hamilton District.*

TORONTO DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.*

EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I present herewith my report as Provincial Grand Prior of Toronto District and wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the very complete co-

operation and many kindnesses tendered me by the officers and members of the Preceptories of this District.

It has been my privilege to attend many assemblies apart from the regular official visits and, in every instance, my welcome as the District Representative of the Supreme Grand Master was very warm and cordial.

I received an invitation to attend Vallette Preceptory, Kitchener, Oct. 18, 1932, where I had the honor of attending (with many other officers of the Sovereign Great Priory) the Supreme Grand Master on his official visit to that Preceptory. It was a very enthusiastic assembly and we all profited by the inspiring addresses of the Supreme Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

Rt. Em. Kt. Davey Diamond most cordially invited me to visit King Baldwin Preceptory, Belleville, and on the occasion of the official visit of Rt. Em. Kt. Alyea, Provincial Prior of Kingston-Ottawa District, June 8th, I had the privilege of being present. It was, despite a very hot night, a well attended and enthusiastic assembly. The success of this Preceptory under the inspiring influence of Rt. Em. Kt. Diamond in regard to the Orphans' Fund is wonderful.

I officially visited Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, No. 2, on Feb. 24th, accompanied by twenty members of my own Preceptory, was received in full form and most cordially welcomed. As I attended all but two of the assemblies of this Preceptory during the year, I was no stranger and the work of the evening, the Order of Consecration was proceeded with; it was a very impressive ceremony and was carried out in a faultless manner.

I have seen all the Orders but the Malta conferred by this Preceptory, some of them more than once, and I cannot speak too highly of their efficiency.

During the year the Presiding Preceptor and Officers have given me the greatest co-operation and assistance especially the Registrar, Rt. Em. Kt. P. W. Rogers.

MOUNT CALVARY, NO. 12, BARRIE.—I visited this Preceptory officially April 21st, and was accompanied by Em. Kt. Beatty, of Palestine, V. Em. Kt. G. W. P. Every, of St. John the Almoner, Rt. Em. Kt. Thos.

Windsor, Rt. Em. Kt. L. E. Bowerman, of Cyrene, Rt. Em. Kt. P. W. Rogers and Em. Kt. John Marr, of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar. We were most cordially received and the Preceptory was opened promptly. The opening ceremony was carried out in a most capable manner after which I was received in full form and, after a very warm welcome, the Order of the Red Cross was conferred (communicate) by V. Em. Kt. James Shrubsole. This was done in a most dignified manner and was little short of the regular work; V. Em. Kt. Shrubsole is to be much commended for the manner in which he has prepared this work.

The Order of Novice of the Temple was then proceeded with by Em. Kt. Plowman and his officers; the work was very well done indeed. There was a full attendance of the officers with the exception of the Registrar, who was unfortunately prevented from being present by illness.

Mount Calvary is active and enthusiastic and is preparing to entertain the Sovereign Great Priory in August and I am sure their efforts will ensure a good time for all.

MOORE PRECEPTORY, NO. 13.—I visited this Preceptory officially on May 12th, accompanied by a large number of Knights from Palestine, including Em. Kt. Thomas, the Presiding Preceptor, and Em. Kt. Beatty—twenty-five members in all. M. Em. Kt. A. B. Barr came from London especially for this occasion and was accompanied by Rt. Em. Kt. Murdoch and Em. Kt. Patterson of Cyrene. We were most cordially welcomed by the Preceptor and officers.

I have visited this Preceptory many times and have many good friends among its members.

The opening ceremony was all that could be desired and after the usual reception of visitors the work of the evening was proceeded with, the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Spalding, taking the Order of Novice of the Temple and Rt. Em. Kt. J. M. McCulloch, the Installation. There was a full attendance of the officers and the work was excellent. I would like especially to commend the Constable and Marshal and the Junior Officers for their very fine floor work.

The influence of the Past Preceptors is very plainly evident and Moore is to be congratulated on a group of Past Officers who have maintained their interest and engendered a spirit of good fellowship unequalled in my experience. With the return of better business conditions Moore cannot help but prosper.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, NO. 15, WHITBY.—This Preceptory was officially visited April 10th, a good number from Palestine accompanied me. Rt. Em. Rt. P. W. Rogers, Em. Kt. Chas. Bower and Em. Kt. John Marr, of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, were present and added much to the interest of the meeting. This Preceptory has apparently overcome most of its difficulties and shows a spirit of enthusiasm most gratifying. Among others V. Em. Kt. G. W. P. Every and Em. Kt. Harden are mainly responsible for the greatly improved condition. The opening was carried out well and after being duly received and welcomed the work was got under way.

The Novice of the Temple by Em. Kt. Fred Rowe, Presiding Preceptor, and Installation by Em. Kt. W. F. Harden, assisted by all the regular officers, was very commendably done. I have spent many pleasant and profitable evenings with this Preceptory and am more than pleased to see so many of their Preceptors and members taking hold in a real, interested manner. St. John the Almoner will soon be a real force in our Order.

PALESTINE, No. 18.—I officially visited this, my own Preceptory, April 28th. Although we have had no candidates this year, the Em. Preceptor, Em. Kt. Fred. Thomas, assisted by all the regular officers, put on the Novitiate of the Temple in a very acceptable manner and realizing how difficult it is to create interest without candidates, the work was very well done. Em. Kt. Wm. O'Neill did the Installation. No attempt was made to make a large meeting on this occasion as we expect to entertain a large gathering on the night of our strawberry festival, June 30th. I sincerely hope that with the return of moderate prosperity Palestine will have quite a few applications. The members have given me the finest kind of support and turned out most enthusiastically at every opportunity.

CYRENE PRECEPTORY, No. 29.—I paid my official visit to this Preceptory on Jan. 4th and was received in full form and welcomed as the representative of the Supreme Grand Master in this District.

The work of the evening was the Novice and Installation, the Novitiate of the Temple being worked by Em. Kt. Chas. Evans, supported by the regular officers. Despite many handicaps, such as bad colds and it being immediately after the holiday season, the work was acceptably done and particularly as I had already seen the whole of the Orders conferred in a faultless manner.

I have no hesitation in saying that Cyrene does wonderful work. A report on this Preceptory would not be complete without mention of the assistance rendered me by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Chas. Evans, his officers and the Preceptors, Rt. Em. Kt. L. E. Bowerman, Rt. Em. Kt. Thos. Windsor, Grand Marshal, Rt. Em. Kt. Becker, Registrar, and Rt. Em. Kt. Murdoch.

OFFANTO, No. 40.—Em. Kt. Beatty and I visited this Preceptory on March 14th. This is the difficult visit of the District as the members are largely lake Captains, Engineers, etc., and the suitable time, of course, is while navigation is closed.

We left Port Hope and Cobourg respectively around 5 a.m. in a very severe weather, ice covered everything and it was almost an adventure getting to the train. We reached Owen Sound in the afternoon and a spring thaw made the streets very wet. Our cordial reception at the station by Em. Kts. Logan and McLeod banished all memory of a rather weary journey and we were very well taken care of by the various officers. The Constable D. McMillan, did all possible for our entertainment.

The work of the evening was the Order of Consecration and was put on by Em. Kt. Dobie, ably assisted by the regular officers. The opening and closing were very well done and quite in accordance with the Ritual.

The work generally of this Preceptory shows lack of contact with other Preceptories and on enquiry I found that owing to their geographical location it was very unusual for them to visit other Preceptories and except

for the annual visit of the Provincial Grand Prior rarely do they receive visitors. I stressed the need for them to get out and visit and in the Toronto Preceptories, especially Cyrene, urged that they visit Offanto.

The general conditions of the Preceptory need the livening spirit of contact with their Fratres of other Preceptories. The Registrar, an old and valued officer, is much afflicted with failing eyesight and should be assisted by a younger man.

During the past two or three years Offanto, like many of the smaller Preceptories, have had an uphill task maintaining interest and attendance. I strongly recommend that our members in Toronto and Barrie do all in their power to assist.

We reached home about 11 p.m. the next night feeling that our efforts had not been entirely fruitless.

In general I have had the most wonderful co-operation of all concerned. Em. Kt. Beatty, of Palestine, has acted as my District Registrar, and has been invaluable, has been with me on all my official visits and nearly all informal ones.

Armistice Day was observed by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, assisted by Cyrene, by placing a wreath on the Cenotaph at Toronto; a pouring rain rather spoilt what should have been a splendid gesture but at the luncheon provided by Geoffrey there seemed no lack of enthusiasm for the ideals of our great Order.

The various Preceptories in the District have turned out for visits to other Preceptories in a very satisfactory manner. Cyrene's visit to Moore and the return by Moore to Cyrene were most notable; I was unable to attend either as business took me out of the District at that time. The members of my own Preceptory turned out in large numbers for official visits to Cyrene, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar, Moore and St. John the Almoner. It was a privilege to install the officers of St. John the Almoner, ably assisted by Rt. Em. Kt. Mitchell, of Palestine. I also installed the officers of Palestine and was present at the Installation of the officers of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and Cyrene. I also attended the Christmas services of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and Cyrene.

It was suggested early in the spring that an attempt be made to hold an Ascension Day Service for the whole District. After enquiry and discussion Cobourg was selected as the place and organization work was put in hand with the result that on Sunday, May 28th, a very large gathering of Fratres of the Temple assembled. All Preceptories in the District were represented, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar with a full Drill Corps and a very large number of Past and Present Officers, also the Pipe Band of the Toronto Police. Cyrene also had a complete Drill Corps and many Past and Present Officers. The other Preceptories were splendidly represented. The Supreme Grand Master honored the occasion with his presence. Kingston-Ottawa District was well represented by Rt. Em. Kt. O. G. Alyea, Provincial Grand Prior; Rt. Em. Kt. F. Davey Diamond, Grand Treasurer; and distinguished Fratres from Kingston and Belleville. M. Em. Kt. Barr came especially from London, Rt. Em. Kt. W. J. Elliott, Provincial Grand Prior, of Hamilton District, accompanied by distinguished Knights from that District. In all about two hundred and fifty Knights, many bringing their ladies, were present.

The Knights assembled at St. Peter's Anglican Church at 4 p.m., and, under the Captain General of the Day, Rt. Em. Kt. E. J. Luttrell, marched to Victoria Park headed by the Police Pipe Band and the Cobourg Kiltie Band. The lines were drawn up around the Cenotaph, a wreath in memory of our honored dead was placed by M. Em. Kt. Barr to the solemn strains of music by both bands.

The Drill Corps of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar commanded by Sir Kt. Robt. Alexander, gave a wonderful exhibition of suitable drill tactics to the music of the Pipers.

Cyrene Drill Corps commanded by Sir Kt. W. J. Foster, to the music of Cobourg Kilties, gave us an equally splendid exhibition.

The Fratres then paraded to the Town Hall where the Supreme Grand Master, supported by a large number of Sovereign Great Priory Officers, took the Salute.

A light supper was served in the Church Gymnasium and at 7 p.m. the assembled Fratres marched into church.

A stirring sermon by the Rev. Dr. Kingston made a fitting climax to a successful day. After the Church Service the Drill Corps of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and Cyrene very kindly marched to the Ontario Hospital led by the Pipe Band; short exhibition drills were put on for the staffs and patients after which Dr. Kidd, the Superintendent, and Miss Bryan entertained us with refreshments.

The weather was glorious and of course did much to make the day one to be long remembered.

In conclusion I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Presiding Preceptors, Officers and Fratres of each Preceptory in the District for the very complete co-operation they have given me and to those veterans of our Order who, by kindly advice and assistance, have enabled me to carry on.

All of which is courteously and fraternally submitted.

‡ W. J. YOUDEN,  
*Provincial Grand Prior, Toronto District.*

#### KINGSTON-OTTAWA DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.*

#### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

It is with a feeling of great pleasure and sincere gratitude that I present herewith my Official Report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Kingston-Ottawa District during the year 1932-1933.

First I wish to express my deep appreciation of the great honor conferred on me through my appointment as Provincial Grand Prior at the 49th Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory held in Halifax, N.S., August 9-10, 1932.

To the Officers and members of the various Preceptories throughout this district who have carried the Banners of Knight Templarism on high during these troublous days I convey my sincere appreciation.

Theirs has been a Noble task and may their reward be great when they finally report to the Great Captain of our Salvation.

This District is particularly fortunate in having as Registrars, Fratres who are keenly interested in the advancement of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and if we are not succeeding, it is through no fault of theirs.

It would appear that aside from the general depressing conditions existing, not only in our community, but throughout the entire world, a great inroad is being made into Knight Templar material by the various service clubs. These clubs, organized for local service, are now taking on a national aspect and bid fair to rival or surpass our beloved Order unless we take definite steps to increase our membership and get our present members to attend the regular assemblies of the different Preceptories to which they belong.

Drawn as they are for the most part from the elder members of the Masonic Order, they are naturally somewhat set in their ways before learning anything of the aims and ambitions of the Knights Templar. Yet, many of them—especially the keener ones, have held higher offices in both Craft and Capitular Masonry. There is therefore no reason why they should not, if properly looked after, continue to be interested in our work. Personally, I consider a great deal of this non-attendance due to a lack of co-operation between the officers and members of the different Preceptories. When we consider that the average attendance is less than 15 per cent of the total membership, either the Order lacks interest, or the officers do not make it interesting enough for the members to come out.

In this District the younger Preceptories—particularly Cornwall and Ottawa—have a better attendance than the older ones, showing that new blood is still keeping up enthusiasm.

The work is uniformly well done in this District and needs no commendation or criticism on my part.

The Knights Templar Orphans' Fund is being taken care of as well as the present distressing conditions permit.

A Church Service was held in Cobourg at which a number of Knights Templar from this District attended. It was a source of gratification to all, and our thanks are extended to the adjoining District for the most capable manner in which everything was carried out.

In closing, I wish to again commend the good spirit prevailing in the Kingston-Ottawa District under the present difficult times and foretell a rapid expansion as soon as things return to normalcy. Thanking those who have assisted me in carrying on the work during the past year.

Fraternally yours,

† O. ALYEA,

*Provincial Grand Prior, Kingston-Ottawa District.*

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#### QUEBEC DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.*

#### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I have the honor and pleasure of submitting herewith my report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Quebec District for the year 1932-33.

Not being present at the Halifax Assembly I was not installed until November 3rd, when R.E. Kt. W. G. Cross of Sussex Preceptory, kindly performed that ceremony, the jewel of office being presented by the M.E. the Grand Master on his visit to Sussex Preceptory, November 17th.

On the occasion of my official visits to the Preceptories in this District, I was everywhere received with the greatest courtesy and consideration. It would be invidious on my part to single out any particular Preceptory for special mention, as all vied with one another in the warmth of their welcome and hospitality, banquets and speeches being the conclusion to each happy evening. I shall therefore confine myself to a resume of the results of my visitations.

RICHARD COEUR DE LION PRECEPTORY, No. 7, MONTREAL.—Accompanied by a goodly number of Preceptors from both Richard Coeur de Lion and Melita Preceptories, I made my official visit on Thursday, May 25th, and was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Geo. Garard, who in his eloquent address of welcome stressed his personal loyalty as well as that of all the Fratres of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory to Sovereign Great Priory and desired that I should convey an expression of their loyalty to that August Body. This I have much pleasure in doing.

The work of the evening was the Consecration of two candidates as Knights of the Temple, which Ceremony was most excellently performed by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Geo. Garard and his regular officers. The manoeuvring of the well drilled escort added much to the dignity of the Ceremony.

I cannot refrain from complimenting the Registrar, Sir Kt. Herbert Walton on his new Register of Members. This is in loose leaf form, a page to each member, and contains a complete record of each Frater. The compilation of this register must have entailed much work, but the splendid results have justified his labor of love.

SUSSEX PRECEPTORY, No. 9, SHERBROOKE.—I paid my official visit Thursday, May 4th, and accompanied by several Preceptors I was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. R. H. Stevenson.

There being no candidate, the Novice portion of the Temple was exemplified by the Presiding Preceptor and regular officers, and considering there have been no candidates for some time, the work was very well done.

I regret to have to report that the absence of our Chaplain, R.E. Kt. W. C. Fuller, was due to serious illness. He and I have long been fast friends and he would certainly have been present had his health permitted it.

This being my own Preceptory, I was able to attend all Assemblies.

We were signally honored by a visit from the Grand Master, M.E. Kt. W. W. Williamson, on Saturday, November 17th. He was accompanied by some twenty-

five Sir Knights from Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory who exemplified the Consecration portion of the Temple Order for the benefit of our members. This is not the first visit we have had from these good Fratres and we certainly enjoyed both their splendid work and companionship. We are hoping to have another visit from them this coming fall.

It was my privilege to install the officers of Sussex Preceptory on December 1st, with the exception of the Presiding Preceptor (prevented through illness), whom I installed on January 5th, the presentations being made by R.E. Kt. W. G. Cross.

The Sir Knights of Sussex acted as escort on the occasion of the following Church Parades: District Meeting, Sherbrooke, September 25th; St. Francis Lodge, No. 15, Richmond, May 28th; Ashlar Lodge, No. 31, Coaticook, June 25th.

MELITA PRECEPTORY, No. 63, MONTREAL.—On the occasion of my official visit, Monday, April 17th, I was met by Em. Kt. Wm. Bruce, who looked after me very successfully during my stay in Montreal and who drove me to the Waverly Masonic Hall for the Stated Assembly. There were quite a number of Preceptors to accompany me as I was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Chas. Fawcett. Two candidates received the Consecration portion of the Temple Order, the work being done by the Presiding Preceptor and the regular officers of the Preceptory in a most excellent manner. I certainly appreciated the manner in which I was received, perhaps because it was the first official visit I made, but if, when I entered the Chapel, I was slightly nervous, I was soon set at ease by the warmth of my reception.

I am hopeful that this coming fall we may have a visit to Sussex Preceptory from some of the Fratres along with those from Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE THE MARTYR PRECEPTORY, No. 25, QUEBEC.—An Emergent Assembly was called for Saturday, June 3rd, at which time, accompanied by Em. Kt. Luther Stevenson, of Sussex Preceptory, I paid my official visit. Several of the local Preceptors also

accompanied me into the Chapel, where I was received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, R.E. Kt. F. W. H. Porter. Though there was no candidate, the Presiding Preceptor and his regular officers exemplified the Consecration portion of the Temple Order in a very impressive manner.

I greatly appreciate the kindness of the Fratres of this Preceptory in calling this Special Assembly for my convenience.

Christmas Day was observed by Richard Coeur de Lion, Sussex and Melita Preceptories, Sussex also observed Ascension Day. Neither days were observed by William de la More the Martyr Preceptory.

The Registrars and Treasurers of the following Preceptories are bonded: Richard Coeur de Lion, Sussex and Melita. They are not bonded in William de la More the Martyr Preceptory.

During my visitations, I have examined the books of the Registrars and Treasurers and found them all in good order. I consider the four Preceptories in this District as being fortunate in having such painstaking officers.

In concluding my term of office I wish to thank all the Fratres of this District for, in the first place, electing me to this high office, and again for their loyal support, whole-hearted co-operation and great cordiality.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

‡ W. RUPERT ELLIOTT,  
*Provincial Grand Prior, Quebec District.*

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master and the  
Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,  
Knights Templar.*

EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I have the honor to submit my official report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island District for the year 1932-1933.

As I was not present at the Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory when the honor was conferred upon me, it was not until late in the Autumn that I was installed into office, which ceremony was performed in Malta Preceptory, No. 27, Truro, N.S., by R.E. Kt. B. F. Porter.

My first official visit was on September 21st, when accompanied by E. Kt. William McLeod, I visited Prince Edward Preceptory, No. 35, at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where I was pleased to renew friendly and fraternal relations with R.E. Kt. V. L. Goodwill, who took me about the city and showed me various places of interest. In the evening I visited the Preceptory and was received in full form.

While the attendance was not large, one had the feeling of being in an atmosphere of Knights Templarism, which to my mind is more to be preferred than mere numbers. With such spirit prevailing, I believe that Templarism will progress in Prince Edward Preceptory, No. 35.

On December 12th, I had the combined pleasure of visiting Malta Preceptory, No. 27, my mother Preceptory, and of being installed into the office of Provincial Grand Prior, by R.E. Kt. B. F. Porter, who performed the Installation Ceremony, assisted by R.E. Kt. John W. Logan, in an able and impressive manner. After which, with R.E. Kt. Logan acting as Master of Ceremonies, I installed the officers for the ensuing year.

Malta Preceptory is deeply imbued with the spirit of Templarism, and her officers are active and industrious inculcating the principles thereof.

At every Assembly one of the Orders is exemplified in rotation, until all have done so in turn, thus training themselves in the work of the Ritual. In addition addresses pertaining to Templarism were read several times during the year. This incites increased interest in the work and teachings of the Order. This practice was put into effect by E. Knight William McLeod and is being continued by E. Knight A. Reginald Prince.

Your Provincial Grand Prior, as a member of Malta Preceptory, has had the privilege on more than one occasion to address the assembled Knights, taking for his

subject, "The Dispersion of the Children of Israel," and especially the "Tribes of the Kingdom of Israel and their subsequent History," and to the best of his ability, tried to interweave their history with Templarism. I recommend this as an interesting study to any Knight Templar, who is willing to read and study ancient history.

The Christmas ceremony was conducted according to the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Great Priory. This was supplemented by an interesting and appropriate address by Knight (Rev.) P. A. Walker, and the reading of that beautiful sentiment, "The Cradle at Bethlehem," expressed by the late Perry Winslow Weidner, Grand Master, Grand Encampment, U.S.A., Knights Templar, by your Provincial Grand Prior.

While no additions in membership were made during the year, yet the spirit of Templarism is thriving, which in my opinion is the better part.

On June 2nd, I visited Antiquity Preceptory, No. 5, which is claimed to be the oldest Preceptory in Canada. Here I was accompanied by R.E. Kt. H. S. Theakston, Kelley and Zwicker. The work of the evening was the Consecration Ceremony, exemplified by E. Kt. F. W. Simmons in a most impressive manner.

On June 6th, I made an official visit to Cape Breton Preceptory, No. 43. There were present twenty-three members, and despite economical depression, the Fratres display a wonderful spirit of optimism, and are looking forward to better times both in the business conditions of the community and in Templar work. They deserve the highest praise for the brave spirit displayed under adverse conditions, and I believe that ere another year rolls round, their courage will be rewarded. The Order of Malta was conferred in a very accurate and impressive manner by E. Knight D. W. Green.

On May 25th, in company with R.E. Knight B. F. Porter, I visited Yarmouth Preceptory, No. 31, and besides being amply rewarded by the drive through the beautiful Annapolis Valley and the many well kept towns and fishing villages situated along St. Mary's Bay, when we reached Yarmouth and were met and greeted by my old friend E. Knight (Capt.) Joseph W.

Boyd and several other Knights, we had the feeling of having reached home. While to a certain extent Yarmouth has felt the stress of general conditions, yet that effect is not so noticeable as in some other districts.

In the evening we attended Yarmouth Preceptory and were received in full form. No work was exemplified, but the time was profitably spent in giving and receiving social and spiritual intercourse along Templar lines.

The next evening, May 26th, we visited Champlain Preceptory, No. 71. The Fratres here are a splendid lot and have excellent facilities, in the way of a meeting place, good paraphernalia, etc., but a very limited field in which to acquire new members. The burden of carrying the responsibility of the Preceptory, financial and otherwise, falls upon a faithful few, and I gathered the impression that it was becoming onerous. Their meetings are held at irregular intervals and very seldom. They deserve commendation for the brave attempt being made to carry on.

On June 26th, I travelled to Amherst to visit Beausejour Preceptory, No. 57, but on account of a misunderstanding regarding the notice of my visit, and because of a difference of time, Amherst being on Day-light Saving, I arrived after the greater number of the members had gone to their homes. I was able to obtain some information as to the general conditions, from which information I would consider Beausejour to be holding her own.

To summarise, I would state that my year as Provincial Grand Prior has been one of pleasure, and I hope, of mutual profit. At every Preceptory visited, I tried to impress upon the Knights the essential importance of being true members of the Order, and being that, naturally we must follow the example of our Divine Lord and Master, and be useful members, doing His service.

A word in regard to work, (Opening and Closing) and floor work in general, I think that more attention and practice should be given to sword drill, as the finished effect in conferring an Order depends very much on whether this part of the work is well done or otherwise.

I wish to thank all Fratres for their assistance and hospitality, and to accept my best wishes for a successful future.

Respectfully submitted,

‡ W. R. DUNBAR,  
*Provincial Grand Prior, Nova Scotia District.*

#### NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.*

#### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

In submitting my report as Provincial Grand Prior, first permit me to thank those who were responsible for my election to the honourable position and also my gratitude to the Officers and Knights of each Preceptory in the District for their friendly greetings and many kindnesses extended to me during my visits.

In addition to making official visits I also visited some of the Preceptories unofficially and I am sorry that circumstances did not give me more time for visiting. The general depression has affected all Preceptories more or less. I have endeavored to stress the idea this will pass and we should look forward to better times in the near future. In my address to the different Preceptories I gave an outline of the Sovereign Great Priory Meeting held in Halifax, especially to those Preceptories who did not have a representative that attended.

TRINITY PRECEPTORY, No. 67, CAMPBELLTON.—I visited this Preceptory on May 22nd, and received a very pleasant welcome, and while I was sorry there was no work put on I found the Preceptory in the hands of very capable officers. The lines were formed for my inspection and the opening and closing ceremonies were very well done. All Officers and Knights were in full uniform. The locality from which this Preceptory draws its candidates has suffered rather severely from the present depression with the result that no new mem-

bers have been taken in during the last two years, and to overcome this I would suggest reducing the joining fee and amend the by-laws to dispense with the compulsory uniform feature with the exception of the Mantle and Star. I understand at present that with the joining fee of \$75.00 and a full uniform the cost to a new member is approximately \$135.00, which is considerably higher than any of the other joining fees in the New Brunswick District. A social hour was spent in the banquet hall of their beautiful Masonic building after the Assembly.

FREDERICTON PRECEPTORY, No. 50, FREDERICTON.—On October 27th, I visited this Preceptory. The opening ceremony was done in splendid form. The work of the Order of the Temple was then put on for my inspection by the Presiding Preceptor and which was very well done. All of the officers did their part in a very efficient manner and the lectures were exceptionally well given by the Constable and Marshal. After witnessing the closing ceremony we spent a very interesting social hour in the banquet hall.

SAINT JOHN DE MOLAY, No. 3A, ST. JOHN.—I made my official visit to this Preceptory on October 27th, at which time the Order of Malta was put on for my inspection. The Presiding Preceptor and his officers did their parts in a very fine manner and were ably assisted by R.E. Kt. W. R. Bennett, and I might say I have never seen this work done any better. I also had the pleasure of witnessing the Novitiate of the Temple and Installation of the Temple by Presiding Preceptor G. E. McCauley, and it was well done. On December 27th I had the honor of installing the new officers in their respective offices. On both of my visits to this Preceptory a very pleasant social hour was spent in the newly fitted up Armories of the newly completed Masonic Temple at St. John. Notwithstanding the disastrous fire at St. John which completely destroyed their Masonic Temple a few years ago I find they have now almost completely recovered. The regular attendance has improved and I find both Officers and Knights very optimistic so that the future of this Preceptory is well assured, and it is very gratifying to see so many Preceptors take an active part in its welfare.

WOODSTOCK PRECEPTORY, No. 41, WOODSTOCK.—I made an official visit to this Preceptory and witnessed the Consecration of the Temple, which was put on by one of the Past Preceptors assisted by the Presiding Preceptor and it was exceptionally well done. This Preceptory draws its membership from a large scattered country which means it is difficult to have many attend at each meeting. There are about fifty (50) members who have not yet received the Order of Malta and, therefore, have not received their certificates, but I hope to assist in having a field day in the near future and get this work cleared up. The Order of Malta has not been worked for several years, but I expect to have a good official report for this Preceptory to forward you before my term of office expires.

IVANHOE PRECEPTORY, No. 36, MONCTON.—I had the privilege of making my official visit to this Preceptory on October 13th. The lines were formed for my inspection. The opening and closing ceremonies were well conducted. Owing to the necessity of putting on a lot of work at this Assembly it was exceptionally well done. The Presiding Preceptor, after putting on the Red Cross, assisted the other Preceptors in putting on the succeeding degrees and I could not help but notice the splendid team work and co-operation of the officers and Preceptors of this Preceptory. They are also fortunate in having a Chaplain who is thoroughly acquainted with the work, and whom, I understand, is one of the oldest and most capable active officers in the Sovereign Great Priory. I refer to George Ackman, and I trust he may continue to enjoy good health and keep an active interest in his Preceptory.

The Order of Consecration was exemplified by Eminent Knight C. Junget in a very impressive manner. I have never witnessed it done any better or more efficiently, notwithstanding the late hour the Assembly closed and the officers, no doubt, were tired, we enjoyed a very social hour in the banquet hall of their very beautiful temple.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

‡ W. J. PICKRELL,  
*Provincial Grand Prior, New Brunswick District.*

## MANITOBA DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.*

## MOST EMINENT SIR AND SIR KNIGHTS:

It is with sincere pleasure that I present herewith my official report as Provincial Grand Prior of Manitoba District, No. 8, for the year now drawing to a close.

I am deeply grateful to the Preceptors, Officers and the Fratres throughout the District for the assistance and co-operation they have given me, for which I am happy to express my hearty appreciation. I wish to compliment the Preceptories in this District for the splendid work they do both in the handling of their Preceptory business and the conferring of the Orders; also for the commendable practice of visiting each other so frequently. I am glad to report that the two Winnipeg Preceptories, King Edward, No. 24, and Bethany, No. 68, are like one. With two men like Em. Knights B. S. Bailey and L. H. Sprange and their staffs of officers in charge, this is just what one would expect. They are bringing Knight Templarism into its own in and about Winnipeg. Rhodes, No. 23, Ledger, No. 70, and Mount Carmel, No. 44, though hundreds of miles apart, are taking their place in the great work and much is being accomplished. I am satisfied that there is a closer feeling of co-operation than was ever enjoyed before, and now as never before can be said that we are all for one and one for all.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the official visit of the Most Eminent, the Supreme Grand Master, Most Em. Kt. W. W. Williamson honored Mount Carmel Preceptory, No. 44, with his official visit on September 21st, 1932, at Neepawa. The Preceptory was duly opened in form and it was my privilege to introduce our distinguished guest, whereupon he was received under an arch of steel and conducted to the dais with the salute from all of the Knights present. He gave us a very inspiring address, which was enjoyed by all. At the close of the Preceptory those in attendance repaired to the Banquet Hall and partook of a very

fine luncheon, after which M. Em. Kt. Williamson opened his heart and gave us a very friendly and fraternal talk. There was much informal discussion. Everyone enjoyed himself to the full. When Auld Lang Syne was sung, and adieu made to the Mount Carmel Fratres, M. Em. Kt. Williamson accompanied Em. Kt. S. H. Fahrni, our District Secretary, and myself by motor to Gladstone, from which place we saw him safely aboard the train for points farther West. His visit to Mount Carmel Preceptory and short sojourn amongst us was very much appreciated.

On October 14th, 1932, it was my privilege to visit King Edward Preceptory, No. 24, on the occasion of Ledger Preceptory making a visit. It was a pleasure which I will long remember. The officers of Ledger conferred the Order of Malta in a manner that would do credit to any Preceptory. After the work was done we sat down to a sumptuous luncheon that was well mixed with speeches, songs and other such forms of entertainment by the Sir Knights of both Preceptories. We were just like one big family. At nine o'clock in the morning we met again and were treated to a delightful day of golf, many Knights from both Preceptories participating. The warmth of feeling existing between all quickly dispelled the chill of that fall day. The occasion closed with our return to the city and the enjoyment of another dinner together. To all this was felt to be a red letter day indeed.

On December 6th it was my pleasure, assisted by Rt. Em. Kts. W. G. Pollock, James McIntosh and J. F. Irwin, to install the officers of Mount Carmel Preceptory, No. 44. It was a very pleasant meeting indeed. The newly installed officers each spoke. After closing, we proceeded to the King Edward Hotel and did justice to an oyster supper so amply provided by Sir Knight L. Vivian. The compliments of the season were exchanged and all went home happy.

On January 17th, 1933, I had the pleasure of visiting Bethany Preceptory, No. 68, in Winnipeg. After seeing the opening, I witnessed Em. Kt. C. A. Hill and his Degree Team confer the Order of the Red Cross in a very creditable manner. When work is so well done it becomes impressive not only to the candidates but to the

Fratres on the side benches. Em. Kt. B. S. Bailey and his officers then conferred the Novitiate most efficiently. Bethany Preceptory is indeed fortunate in its staff of officers. As usual, Em. Kt. L. H. Sprange with his party of Sir Knights from King Edward Preceptory were present.

On March 14th, 1933, I visited officially King Edward Preceptory, No. 24. I was met at the train by Em. Knight L. H. Sprange and George Syme, and taken to the Hotel, where we had breakfast. I was well taken care of that day. Em. Kt. Sprange took me to a Club Luncheon at the Royal Alexandra Hotel. That evening I witnessed the opening of the Preceptory and then retired and was officially received and welcomed by the Presiding Preceptor in a very fluent manner. The Order of Consecration was conferred by Em. Kt. L. H. Sprange and his officers in the very best manner possible. These officers are past masters in the art. Sir Kt. George Syme, the Registrar, has his books in excellent condition. He is the right man in the right place and the Knights of King Edward know it. As usual there were a large number of Knights present from Bethany who willingly helped to entertain other visiting Knights. These two Preceptories are doing everything in their power to make Knight Templarism what it should be in Winnipeg and in the District. Luncheon, with speeches and songs followed, and another night to be long remembered, with friendship renewed, was brought to a close.

On March 17th I paid my official visit to Rhodes Preceptory, No. 23, at Port Arthur. I was met at the Prince Arthur Hotel by Em. Knights George Blanchard and Jack C. W. Parsons, also my friend R. Em. Knight S. W. Ray. As we drove around the city during the day I met a lot of the Knights. In the evening we sat down to a very elaborate dinner at the Prince Arthur Hotel, which was well attended and enjoyed. We then met at the Temple. I was present at the opening, which was well done. I then retired and was officially received and welcomed by the Presiding Preceptor in a very friendly manner. Em. Knight Blanchard, by the way, is also the Mayor of the City of Port Arthur. I witnessed the Order of Consecration conferred in an impressive

manner. I also inspected the books and found them up to the minute. Sir Knight A. Rome has them in excellent condition and I want to congratulate him again. They have a splendid Temple well kept, and the government of this Preceptory is in good hands, I can assure you. I am happy to say that I made many friends while there and carried away many happy memories which I hope will take me back to Port Arthur before many moons. I found things in good shape and a Knightly feeling among the Fratres.

On April 18th I paid my official visit to Bethany Preceptory, No. 68, where I was met at the Hotel and entertained at dinner with Em. Knight L. H. Sprange with the Rotary Club at the Royal Alexandra. I witnessed the opening of the Preceptory, which was done in a creditable manner, then retired and was introduced by Rt. Em. Knight A. M. Smith and Rt. Em. Kt. A. G. Crawford. Was received officially and welcomed by the Em. Preceptor, B. S. Bailey. The Orders of the Temple and Consecration were conferred by the officers of the Preceptory in a manner that I have never seen excelled; also a ceremony in the Preparation Room prior to the candidate's entrance to the Preceptory by Rt. Em. Knight A. G. Crawford. Em. Knight B. S. Bailey makes a splendid Presiding Officer. He has all the Sir Knights keenly working with him and for the good of the Order. This Preceptory is financially in good shape I am glad to say. Em. Knight C. A. Hill is to be complimented on the condition of his books. They are up to the minute in every respect. There is a very friendly feeling existing between the two Winnipeg Preceptories, which showed up again by the presence in large numbers of Fratres from King Edward Preceptory.

I also wish to express my sympathy to Rt. Em. Kt. C. R. MacLean in the death of his mother. He could not be present at that meeting, which we all very much regretted.

On May 2nd, I was present at Mount Carmel Preceptory, No. 44, at Neebawa, where I witnessed the Orders of the Temple being conferred on two candidates, the work being put on by the regular officers of the Preceptory in a very creditable manner. The candidates had come over two hundred miles for these Orders;

therefore we conferred both. There were also visiting Knights from Regina, Edmonton and Calgary. The Preceptory being closed we adjourned to the Dining Room below and there enjoyed the good things that the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter had provided for us, with songs, readings and community singing. We said good-night and adjourned to our various homes.

On May 9th I visited King Edward Preceptory, No. 24, and witnessed the Order of the Temple conferred by the regular officers of the Preceptory. The work, as expected, was impressively done. The Sir Knights of Bethany, No. 68, also paid King Edward a fraternal visit that night. They were in attendance in goodly numbers and there were also visitors from Calgary and Edmonton. We adjourned and proceeded to the luncheon room, where a very fine luncheon was served, with toasts, speeches and community singing indulged in. We dispersed to our various homes feeling that the night had been well spent.

On May 23rd I was again present at Bethany Preceptory, No. 68, when the Consecration was conferred on ten candidates, amongst which were some from King Edward, No. 24. It seems when I attend either one of the Preceptories the other is also present in numbers. They are indeed like one large family, and on this occasion again there would be nearly as many present from King Edward as from Bethany Preceptory. On Preceptory being closed we adjourned to the luncheon room, where a very fine luncheon was enjoyed, with toasts, songs and community singing. The end of another perfect night.

For several years now King Edward No. 24, Mount Carmel, No. 44, and Bethany Preceptory, No. 68, have held at least one annual get-together. Recently it has taken the form of a week-end affair at Neepawa. On May 27th, 1933, a large party of Sir Knights from Bethany and King Edward Preceptories motored to Neepawa and partook of a banquet at their splendid Masonic Temple at 6.00 p.m. that evening. An Emergent Assembly of Mount Carmel Preceptory was called for 8.00 p.m. that evening at which I paid my official visit, accompanied, as you will note, by the Sir Knights from King Edward and Bethany Preceptories. The officers of King Edward Preceptory conferred the Order

of Consecration and the officers of Bethany the Orders of Malta on two of Mount Carmel's candidates who had driven from Swan River, a distance of over two hundred miles, for the occasion. These two Winnipeg Preceptories seem to vie with each other for excellence in their work. In both cases the Orders were conferred in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

Following the Assembly at about 11.00 p.m. another banquet was spread in the Temple by Mount Carmel, at which all the visiting Sir Knights and their ladies and a goodly number of Neepawa ladies were present. It was a most enjoyable affair presided over by Em. Knight W. W. Mathews, Presiding Preceptor of Mount Carmel.

On the following day, Sunday, May 28th, the three Preceptories celebrated Ascension Day by attending Divine Service at the Presbyterian Church at 11.00 a.m. The special speaker for the occasion was Rt. Em. Knight Woodside (Rev. Dr. Woodside) of King Edward Preceptory. Mrs. Kelsey, wife of Sir Knight George Kelsey, of Bethany Preceptory, was the special soloist. The visiting Sir Knights were hosts to the Sir Knights of Mount Carmel and all the ladies present at a dinner in the Masonic Temple that afternoon, following which the Winnipeg Sir Knights and their ladies left for Winnipeg. These visits have become a matter of very considerable significance in the lives of these three Manitoba Preceptories. Each year they gather more interest and are really accomplishing a good work for the Order.

At all Preceptories in Manitoba District I have discussed the possibility and advisability of holding a District Assembly. Everywhere the plan met with approval. It was felt that there were many matters of District importance which really need to be discussed at a meeting when all the Preceptories are represented. As a result and by special arrangement, such a meeting was arranged to be held at Fort Frances, Ontario, on Saturday, June 17th. Some of the Winnipeg Sir Knights went by automobile a day or more in advance. The larger party, numbering sixteen, went by special chartered bus leaving Winnipeg at 7.30 a.m. on the 17th. The party was made up of members from the three Western Preceptories, King Edward, Mount Carmel and Bethany, and a very splendid trip was enjoyed.

The distance was well over three hundred miles and although it was a blistering hot day everyone was in good spirits. M. Ex. Companion A. E. Cantelon, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, R.A.M., Warroad, Minnesota, knew of our plans and he sat us down to a delightful dinner of Sturgeon steak.

On arriving at Fort Frances that evening we found that Em. Knight George Blanchard and his party from Rhodes Preceptory at Port Arthur, had arrived before us. We attended an Emergent Assembly of Ledger Preceptory at which I paid my official visit. After witnessing the opening I retired and was received in full form, accompanied by Rt. Em. Knight Dart, the Presiding Preceptors of Rhodes, King Edward and Bethany Preceptorics, and V. Em. Knight Fahrni. No Orders were conferred but I have seen the officers of Ledger Preceptory at work and know the excellent manner in which they confer the Orders.

A District Assembly was called at which I presided. I had to assist me, Rt. Em. Knight Ray, the veteran of Rhodes Preceptory. The other officers were:

Em. Knight George Blanchard, Presiding Preceptor of Rhodes Preceptory, No. 23, as Constable.

Em. Knight L. H. Sprange, Presiding Preceptor of King Edward Preceptory, No. 24, as Marshal.

Em. Knight B. S. Bailey, Presiding Preceptor of Bethany Preceptory, No. 68, as Sub-Marshal.

V. Em. Knight S. H. Fahrni, of Mount Carmel Preceptory, No. 44, as Registrar.

Em. Knight N. S. Marsh, Presiding Preceptor of Ledger Preceptory, No. 70, as Captain of the Guard.

Rt. Em. Knight J. F. Dart, of King Edward Preceptory, who claims to be foster father of Ledger, could not allow such an occasion to be celebrated without his presence. He was able and pleased to give much assistance especially in the discussion of district affairs and their relation to Sovereign Great Priory.

From a District standpoint the meeting was a profitable one and it was decided to make it an annual affair under the direction of the sitting Provincial Grand Prior.

Following the District Meeting the visiting Sir Knights were guests of Ledger Preceptory to a midnight luncheon in Em. Knight Pelkey's cottage on the Lakeshore. This amiable Sir Knight proved to be such an admirable host and entertainer that it must have been approaching daylight when we returned to the Hotel. If I ever am lost or am delayed anywhere in my travels, may it be near enough Fort Frances that I may find Em. Knight Pelkey and his Fratres of Ledger Preceptory.

On Sunday morning Ascension Day was celebrated by all five Preceptorics of Manitoba District attending Divine Service at the United Church in Fort Frances.

The return trip was commenced at about two p.m. and we arrived in Winnipeg without mishap. On the off chance of finding some more Sturgeon we again stopped at Warroad for dinner. Our good friend Cantelon was equal to the occasion, however, and he had us served with steaks of the largest Sturgeon that has ever been caught in those waters. Evidently quality of sturgeon meat improves with the size of the fish. The delicacy was new to some of us but greatly enjoyed by all.

I am satisfied that much good was accomplished for all five Preceptorics by this joint meeting together. All expressed themselves as looking forward to a similar meeting next year when doubtless the attendance will be even larger.

In conclusion, I must say how deeply sensible I am of the honor done me in making me your Provincial Prior of the Manitoba District. It has been a constant delight to me to carry out the duties in connection therewith, though well aware of my own limitations. Everywhere the warmth of my reception has been cheering. In particular I must record the sacrifice of time, the untiring efforts, and the great assistance given by the District Secretary, V. Em. Knight S. H. Fahrni.

Fraternally submitted,

‡ W. M. JACKSON,  
*Provincial Grand Prior,  
Manitoba District, No. 9.*

## PACIFIC COAST DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, and the Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.*

## EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I beg to submit my report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Pacific Coast District for the year 1932-33.

I wish to express my thanks to the Fratres throughout the District for the courteous and kind co-operation which has been extended to me during the past year.

I regret that, owing to the limited stay of the Supreme Grand Master, M. Em. Kt. W. W. Williamson, on the Pacific Coast, of his inability to visit all the Preceptories, especially Kincolith at Prince Rupert, the Fratres of Westminster, No. 56, joined with Columbia at Vancouver to give him a welcome. It was my privilege to accompany the Most Eminent to the Assembly of Western Gate at Victoria on the 27th of September, and also to the Assembly of Bethlehem at Nanaimo on the 29th of September. I was unable to accompany him to Vancouver on the 30th of September. At the Assembly of Western Gate the Supreme Grand Master placed on me the official jewel of a Provincial Grand Prior of the Pacific Coast District that had been ordered by Sovereign Great Priory.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing away of the esteemed Grand Chancellor, Rt. Em. Kt. Thos. Essery, who for so long had served with great zeal and devotion the Masonic cause, as well as in the ranks of Knights Templar.

The official visits were:—

BETHLEHEM PRECEPTORY, No. 69.—On the 8th of December I paid a visit to this Preceptory and was escorted into the Assembly and introduced by Em. Kt. J. R. McKinnell and courteously received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. R. T. Wilson, who, after finishing the regular business, requested me to take charge and conduct the ceremony of Installing and Investing the Presiding Preceptor elect and his officers. I was assisted in this duty by Em. Knights J. R. McKin-

nell, G. F. Brebber, Saml. Drake, S. G. Carter, W. A. Long and R. T. Wilson.

WESTERN GATE, No. 30.—On December 13th, where, after witnessing the opening and then retiring, I was escorted into the Assembly and introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. Geo. Kirkendale and received in full form by the Em. Presiding Preceptor, W. A. Long. When the regular business had been concluded I was requested by the Em. Presiding Preceptor to conduct the ceremony of Installing and Investing the Presiding Preceptor elect and his officers. In this ceremony I had the assistance of Rt. Em. Knights A. McKeown, G. Kirkendale, T. W. Walker, also Em. Knights Ivan Moore, W. J. W. Wilson, H. F. Davis, R. T. Wilson, Louis Perry, E. E. Leason, J. E. Casson and W. A. Long.

WESTMINSTER PRECEPTORY, No. 56.—On the 6th of March I paid an official visit to this Preceptory. I witnessed the opening ceremony, then retired. I was escorted into the Assembly and introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. Max Jenks and was courteously received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. R. R. Fox. The Commander, Em. Kt. Geo. F. Frye, of Hesperus Commandery, No. 8, of Bellingham, Washington, U.S.A., with his officers and members (17 in all) paid a fraternal visit and was warmly welcomed. A coincidence in that the Em. Commander was born in New Westminster, also being a boyhood friend of mine. Columbia Preceptory, No. 34, was also well represented by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Maylor Emery, M. Em. Kt. Dr. A. S. Estey, Rt. Em. Kts. J. J. Miller, W. C. Kiltz, G. A. Stevens, and Em. Kts. F. C. Corry, Frank Morgan, Alex. Dunlap, Chas. Wrinch, and Walter Bows. The ceremony of Consecration of the Order of the Temple was conferred by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers. The Presiding Preceptor was assisted by Rt. Em. Kt. M. Jenks and Em. Kts. Jas. Robertson and H. Logan. The work was very well done.

BETHLEHEM PRECEPTORY, No. 69.—A visit was paid to this Preceptory on the 9th of March. After witnessing the opening ceremonies I retired, then was escorted into the Assembly, introduced by Em. Kt. S. G. Carter, and received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em.

Kt. Louis Perry. The ceremony of the Order of the Red Cross was exemplified by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers. The work was well done. Em. Kts. Ivan Moore, W. A. Long and Kt. J. W. Thomson, of Western Gate, accompanied me on this occasion.

WESTERN GATE, No. 30.—On April 26th an official visit was made to Western Gate. I was escorted and introduced by Rt. Em. Geo. Kirkendale and received in full form by the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. T. J. T. Arnall. The ceremony of the Order of the Red Cross was conferred by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers and the work was well done.

On the 12th of May I visited Bethlehem Preceptory, No. 69, and on this occasion the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. T. J. T. Arnall and the officers of Western Gate, No. 30, were paying a fraternal visit and they conferred the Novice and Installation ceremonies of the Order of the Temple on their own candidate. The work was very well done, and the Nanaimo Fratres were enthusiastic over the visit of the Victoria Fratres.

After twice arranging to make visits to Columbia Preceptory, No. 34, I was unable to do so much to my regret. Also I was unable to get the necessary time so as to pay a visit to Kincolith Preceptory, No. 59 at Prince Rupert.

The books of the Registrars and those of the Treasurers and the records of the several Preceptories were examined at the time of my visit and all found to have been efficiently well kept.

Christmas Day was fittingly observed by the Preceptories. Easter Day being observed by Columbia Preceptory, No. 34, who attended church service and were given a very fine address by Rt. Em. Dr. S. Fea.

The Preceptories, while cutting down expenses and endeavoring to keep the expenditure within the limits of the dues received, are all buoyed up with great hopes for the near future.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

‡ V. W. STEWART,  
Provincial Grand Prior,  
Pacific Coast District.

## KOOTENAY DISTRICT

*To the Most Eminent the Supreme Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada,*

### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting my official report as Provincial Grand Prior of the Kootenay District for the year 1932-33 and, at the same time, of expressing my appreciation and thanks to those who were responsible for electing me to this office and to the members of the Preceptories visited for the friendly welcome extended to me on all occasions.

I had the honour of being installed in my own Preceptory, Selkirk, No. 45, by the Supreme Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight W. W. Williamson, when on his visit through British Columbia, and of accompanying him and party on the following day through the mine and concentrator of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Kimberley, B.C.

On May 17th, I motored to Rossland, accompanied by Eminent Sir Knight S. C. Cook and Sir Knight W. J. Flowers, of Cranbrook, and was joined by Sir Knight A. Williams at Nelson. We arrived at Rossland about 4.30 p.m. after a beautiful drive, the greater part of it being along Kootenay Lake and Kootenay River. We were met by the Presiding Preceptor and Knights and were entertained to a dinner in the banquet room of the Preceptory. Later, I attended the Preceptory and witnessed the opening which was done in an excellent manner by Eminent Knight Muir and his officers. At the completion of the regular business I retired and was introduced by Rt. Eminent Knight Robert Gordon and was received in full form. The Order of Consecration was then conferred on two candidates, the work being done in an excellent manner by the Presiding Preceptor and his regular officers. I examined the books and found them to be well kept by Rt. Eminent Knight Alex Cox. I would recommend that an attempt be made to reduce the outstanding dues of this Preceptory. Rossland Preceptory has been fortunate in having had several candidates this year. The attendance at this Preceptory

was very good. After closing, a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room where speeches and toasts were greatly enjoyed.

On May 25th, I made my official visit to Revelstoke Preceptory, No. 61, after having motored from Kimberley to Golden where I stored my car and continued the journey to Revelstoke by train. I was met at the station by the Presiding Preceptor, Eminent Knight A. Clark, who accompanied me to the hotel where accommodation had been reserved for me. Later in the evening, I attended the Preceptory and witnessed the opening, which was very well carried out. I remained until the completion of the regular business and retired. I was introduced by Rt. Eminent Knight H. J. Bews and was received in full form. The Order of the Temple was then conferred for my inspection by the Presiding Preceptor and his officers, the work being very well done.

I examined the books and found them well kept by Eminent Knight S. F. Cranston, whom I did not have the pleasure of meeting owing to his being out of town. Eminent Knight A. Clark gave me his assistance in examining the books. This Preceptory is to be congratulated on the small amount of outstanding dues. While they have had no candidates so far this year, I understand they expect to have at least four applications later. The attendance at this Assembly was very good. I was told that there were only three absent who could have been present. All Knights in this Preceptory have full uniforms. After the closing of the Assembly, we retired to the banquet room where a pleasant hour was spent in friendly intercourse.

On June 5th I officially visited my own Preceptory, Selkirk, No. 45, at Cranbrook, where I again witnessed the opening ceremony which was very well carried out and, at the completion of the regular business, retired.

I was introduced by Eminent Knight W. F. Attridge and was received in full form. The Order of Consecration was then conferred, for my inspection, by the Presiding Preceptor, Eminent Knight Robert Turner, parts of the ceremony being given by Eminent Knight S. G. Clark and Eminent Knight S. C. Cook. The work was very well done. The books were examined and found

to be well kept. Selkirk Preceptory is to be congratulated on having such an efficient Registrar as Sir Knight W. F. Flowers, who has held that office for several years, and takes a great interest in the work. The attendance at this Assembly might have been very much better.

Following the close of the Assembly we retired to the banquet room where a pleasant hour was spent.

During my visits to the different Preceptories, I have drawn to their attention the splendid and noble work being done by the Knights Templar Orphans' Fund and urged those who are not members of that fund to help along the good work by contributing as soon as possible.

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

‡ E. A. HINES,  
*Provincial Grand Prior of Kootenay District.*

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#### ALGOMA DISTRICT

*To the Supreme Grand Master and Members of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.*

#### EMINENT KNIGHTS:

In respectfully submitting my report for Algoma District I would like to thank our Deputy Grand Master Rt. Em. Knight C. W. Haentschel, M.D., for the very able assistance he has given me throughout the year, as although he is an extremely busy man in Masonic work and many calls are being continually sent in for his services he has unhesitatingly responded to the various requests I have made and given unsparingly of his time to the cause of Templarism.

Unfortunately due to circumstances over which I had no control, was unable to attend Great Priory at Halifax, but V.E. Knight J. A. MacKerrow kindly arranged for my installation which was performed last November in my own Preceptory by Rt. Em. Knight P. E. Young and I immediately wrote the different Preceptories in this District with respect to their finances and outstanding dues and instructed the incoming

Preceptors to be ready for my official visit in the early part of the New Year.

I was extremely anxious to have Rt. Em. Knight C. W. Haentschel with me on my visit to Harington Preceptory, No. 14, North Bay, but on account of previous engagements we could not arrange this until March 11th, and on this date I made an official visit accompanied by Em. Kt. P. E. Day, one of our past officers.

We were royally entertained that day by Rt. Em. Knight B. F. Nott, Rt. Em. Knight H. J. McAuslan, and Em. Knight Clarke, Presiding Preceptor, and that evening the Consecration was conferred on one candidate for my inspection. The following day, accompanied by Rt. Em. Knight C. W. Haentschel I proceeded to Haileybury for inspection of Temiskaming, No. 60, and it was pleasing indeed to see such old friends as Rt. Em. Knight Rechin, Em. Kt. Smiley, Em. Kt. Hayward, and Em. Kt. Caldbeck turn out to greet me.

On March 25th I had the very great pleasure of visiting Mavar Preceptory, No. 65, and although unfortunately several of our Past Preceptors, who had promised to accompany me, were prevented from so doing, I could not have been received and entertained in a more hospitable manner by my own Preceptory and it is to the courtesy and kindness of Sir Kt. J. Fowler, Registrar of this Preceptory, that I am deeply indebted for one of the nicest gatherings we have had in this District.

It was my intention to visit Gibson Preceptory much earlier in the year but on account of a suggestion made by Rt. Em. Knight Haentschel, I deferred my visit. He was very anxious to visit both our Preceptory and Chapter on consecutive evenings and wanted it early in the summer to enable Knights from Haileybury, North Bay, and Sudbury to motor up, consequently I prevailed on both bodies to call the meetings for June 1st and 2nd, at which time we could also invite the Michigan brethren over and close the year in a blaze of glory. This meeting was held principally in honour of our Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Em. Knight C. W. Haentschel and was attended by thirty-eight Knights

from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Commandery, and among the number were ten Past Commanders and one Past Grand Commander of that State, Representatives from Mavar Preceptory, Sudbury, and Harington Preceptory, North Bay, and from the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master it was one of the most successful gatherings he ever attended.

I was under the impression that this would be my final visit for the year but Rt. Em. Kt. Haentschel informed me they had received dispensation to confer the Orders on a number of candidates in Kirkland Lake on June 14th and sent me a pressing invitation to attend and on his visit to our city renewed this invitation. He has been of inestimable service to me during this term and as I felt I would like to repay him in a small way, gratefully accepted and made this delightful trip accompanied by Sir Knight J. McLarty by motor and can truthfully say it was a most enjoyable trip. All the Orders were conferred on four candidates in an excellent manner and all past officers took part in performing the various ceremonies including Em. Kts. W. R. Somerville, A. W. Sanderson, Alf. Brian, F. L. Smiley, G. H. Hayward, Geo. Caldbeck, J. C. A. Crawford, V. Em. Kt. N. J. McAulay, and Rt. Em. Kts. C. W. Haentschel and Chas. Rechin.

HARINGTON PRECEPTORY, NO. 14, NORTH BAY.—My official visit to Harington Preceptory, No. 14, was made on March 11th, accompanied by Em. Kt. P. E. Day of my own Preceptory, and I was received in full form and introduced by Rt. Em. Kt. H. J. McAuslan, and the work of the evening was in the Consecration, which was in charge of Em. Kt. A. H. Clark, Presiding Preceptor, and was very creditably performed. I have always been of the opinion that the Past Officers should assist in putting on work in the various Degrees, as it adds to the impressiveness of the occasion and makes a more lasting impression on the candidates, but the degree this evening was left entirely in the hands of the Presiding Preceptor and I think he is to be warmly congratulated for his efforts as it was deserving of a larger attendance.

We were entertained after the close of the Preceptory with a light repast and short addresses were made

by Rt. Em. Kt. C. W. Haentschel, Em. Kt. P. E. Day, Rt. Em. Kt. B. F. Nott, V. Em. Kt. W. H. Thomas, and the Provincial Prior and the evening was enjoyed by all present.

TEMISKAMING PRECEPTORY, No. 60, HAILEYBURY.—The next official visit was made to Temiskaming Preceptory, No. 60, on March 13th, and I was accompanied to Haileybury by the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Em. Kt. C. W. Haentschel from North Bay, for that purpose.

I was introduced by Em. Kt. G. H. Hayward, who with Em. Kt. F. L. Smiley accompanied me on that occasion and the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. J. Isherwood, gave me a warm welcome.

It had been the intention to confer work in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross but unfortunately the candidate could not take the Degree; consequently I requested them to demonstrate the means of recognition in its entirety and it was very well performed. I have never been in favour of putting on work with a dummy candidate as the officers do not put forth their best efforts, and intending to visit this Preceptory later on did not request anything further at the time.

They entertained me royally, however, supper being furnished at the Haileybury hotel, at which about thirty sat down and from there I was accompanied to the Masonic Hall by Em. Knights Hayward and Smiley.

Em. Knight Hayward, one of their Past Presiding Officers, and who, by the way, was a member of Gibson Preceptory before leaving Sault Ste. Marie to take up his official duties in Haileybury, excelled himself in his address of welcome just prior to the closing and this I can very well understand on account of his personal friendship for the Provincial Prior as he practically left a sick bed to do this.

I gave them a short talk on the teachings of the Order, to which Em. Knight Smiley made a very fitting reply and the Preceptory was closed in full form by the officers of the Preceptory.

I find all the books of the Registrar are kept in a very immaculate manner as he seems to take great pride in so doing, and too much credit cannot be given him

for his efforts on behalf of the Templar cause as well as his able assistant the Treasurer; these two men make a great team and are a tower of strength to Temiskaming Preceptory.

MAVAR PRECEPTORY, No. 65, SUDBURY.—It was my pleasing duty to officially visit Mavar Preceptory, No. 65, on March 25th, at which time I witnessed work in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. I was escorted to the Lodge room by Rt. Em. Kt. J. K. Workman and V. Em. Kt. W. J. Cressy and introduced by the former, and the Presiding Preceptor, Em. Kt. Fleming, welcomed me in a very gracious manner and the work of the evening was proceeded with.

This degree was exemplified on one candidate in a most excellent manner, all the officers excelling themselves, and I could do nothing else than congratulate them on their splendid performance. After closing in the Temple in full form we sat down to a sumptuous repast at the conclusion of which Em. Kt. Jas. Fowler very gracefully proposed the toast to Great Priory, to which I replied and I then witnessed a very nice presentation of the Past Preceptors jewel to Em. Kt. L. Fowler by Em. Kt. G. H. Davidson, and this very successful evening was brought to a close.

GIBSON PRECEPTORY, No. 39, SAULT STE. MARIE.—As already stated the visit to my own Preceptory, Gibson, No. 39, was held over on account of the visitation of Rt. Em. Knight C. W. Haenstchel, the Deputy Grand Master, and this occurred on the evening of June 1st, and on that occasion about eighty Knights sat down to supper, among which number there were about forty Templars from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Commandery. In this connection it affords me great pleasure to mention Past Commander Geo. Blank who officiated at the Inception of Gibson Preceptory in 1901, also a Past Grand Commander of the State of Michigan, Past Grand Commander Davidson together with visitors from Mavar Preceptory, Sudbury, and Harington Preceptory, North Bay. At the completion of the banquet, Em. Kt. Brechin proposed the toast to Great Priory coupled with the names of the Deputy Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Prior, both of whom responded