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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE WINTER MEETING OF THE

# GRAND CONCLAVE

OF THE ORDER OF

## MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,

HOLDEN AT HEAD QUARTERS IN THE EAST, GRAND FIELD OF  
ENCAMPMENT, FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,

FRIDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER,

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Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

# GRAND CONCLAVE.

PRESENT:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,  
**SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM STUART,**  
 ON THE THRONE.

The Very High and Eminent Deputy Grand Master,  
**SIR KNIGHT COLONEL G. A. VERNON.**

Grand Prelate . . . . . Sir Knight The Rev. Edward Moore.

## Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commanders,

CHESHIRE . . . . . Sir Knight W. C. Crustenden.  
 KENT . . . . . " H. J. Hinxman, M.D.  
 GLOUCESTERSHIRE and CITY of BRISTOL . . . . . " S. Bryant.  
 HERTFORDSHIRE . . . . . " George Francis.

## Officers of Grand Conclave.

First Grand Captain . . . . . Sir Knight H. K. Churchill Herne.  
 Second Grand Captain . . . . . " H. W. Spratt.  
 Grand Vice-Chancellor . . . . . " M. H. Shuttleworth.  
 Grand Treasurer . . . . . " J. Newton Tomkins.  
 Grand Chamberlain . . . . . " W. Blenkin.  
 First Grand Expert . . . . . " D. H. Stone.  
 Second Grand Expert . . . . . " Rev. C. M. Style.  
 First Grand Standard Bearer . . . . . " J. W. Figg.  
 Grand Director of Ceremonies . . . . . " W. J. Meymott.  
 First Grand Herald . . . . . " W. C. Hood, M.D.  
 Grand Organist . . . . . " M. Cooke.  
 Grand Banner Bearer . . . . . " J. M. Thearle.

The following Knights also attended as representatives of their respective  
 Encampments:—

STUART: Thomas Rogers, James Burton, Charles Davy, Henry C. Finch, Henry G. Warren, George Lambert.

FATH AND FIDELITY: George Worley, P.G.C., Brackstone Baker, P.G.S.B.

S. GEORGE: Andrew Sisson, R. Costa, P.G.O., H. Goddard, H. J. Sparks, F. M. Guiblet, R. Spencer, P.G.S.B., W. Smith.

ALL SOULS: Thomas Coombs.

FREDERICK OF UNITY: Charles Beaumont, P.G.H.

KEMEYS TYNTE: Edmund S. Fraser.

PRINCE EDWARD: R. R. Nelson, P.G.H.

CŒUR DE LION: R. J. Spiers, P.G.C.

VISITORS: Captain C. E. Barnett Lennard, Grand Conclave of Scotland; G. Armstrong, Dublin.

Grand Conclave was opened in due form with solemn Prayer.

The Summons convening the Meeting was read by the Grand Vice Chancellor.

The Minutes of Proceedings of Grand Conclave, holden May 10, 1861, were read and confirmed.

The following Report of the Committee of General Purposes was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes :—

In their last Report, your Committee expressed their sanguine expectations that the unfortunate differences so long existing between Grand Conclave and the Baldwyn Encampment at Bristol, would be brought to an honourable and satisfactory termination ; and they very much regret that their brother Knights at Bristol still decline to waive the only point now remaining unsettled, and which they allege will affect the Baldwyn Encampment only, the Committee having agreed to concede all their other stipulations.

Your Committee, however, feel assured Grand Conclave will consider the Grand Master could not, with due regard to the high and responsible office he so worthily holds, sanction the proposition which would give the Knights of the Baldwyn, the right to nominate in effect, their own Provincial Grand Commanders, and which would introduce a precedent which might hereafter prove fatal to the exercise of his proper and legitimate authority.

In conclusion, your Committee have again the satisfaction of congratulating Grand Conclave upon the steady increase and continued prosperity of the Order.

(Signed) M. H. SHUTTLEWORTH, 30<sup>o</sup>

G. V. C., and A.

*November 1st, 1861.*

Letters of apology for their unavoidable absence, were read from Sir Knights Huyshe, Taylor, Yeeles, Harcourt, Salmond, Thompson, and Purdy.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor, by command of the Grand Master, laid before the Conclave a paper purporting to be a Charter of Union forwarded from the Encampment of Baldwin, at Bristol, and informed the Knights that a deputation from the said Encampment, consisting of Sir Knights Taylor, Powell, and two other gentlemen, was in attendance.

The Grand Treasurer then read the following Abstract:—

CHARTER OF COMPACT OR ARTICLES OF UNION between the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales, and the Grand Encampment of Masonic Knights Templar of Baldwin at Bristol, from Time Immemorial.

To all Knights of the Order, Greeting—

Know ye, that whereas it is considered desirable that all the Encampments should be placed under the command of the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales,

We thesaid contracting parties do hereby agree as follows—

That the said Encampment of Baldwin doth hereby enrol itself under the Banner of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales, and doth submit itself in all things to the Laws and General Statutes thereof, and to the Rule and Government of Sir Knight William Stuart, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master thereof, and his lawful Successors.

That the City and County of Bristol shall be constituted and created a separate and distinct Provincial Grand Commandery.

That the Encampment of Baldwin shall take precedence of all other Encampments holding warrants under the Grand Conclave of England and Wales.

That the following Encampments established under Warrants granted by Sir Knight Davyd William Nash, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the said Encampment of Baldwin at Bristol from Time Immemorial (that is to say),

The Encampment of Antiquity, at Bath ;  
 The Encampment of Ascalon, at Birmingham ;  
 The Encampment of the Holy Rood, at Warwick ;  
 The Encampment of the Vale of Jehoshaphat, at Highbridge ;  
 The Encampment of the Vale Royal, at Salisbury ;  
 And the Percy, at Adelaide, South Australia ;

shall be recognized and affiliated and take precedence in the Official Registers amongst the Encampments of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales according to the dates of their respective Warrants.

That all the property and effects of the said Encampments shall remain in the custody of the Treasurers for the time being, of the said several Encampments.

That no fee for Registration in the Books of the Grand Conclave shall be payable by any Knights at the date of these presents Members of the said Encampments before mentioned.

That all present and future Members of the said Encampment of Baldwyn, &c., shall from the date of these presents be subject to the annual payment of One Shilling each to the Funds of the Grand Conclave pursuant to Law Three of the Statutes thereof.

Sir Knight Col. Vernon, Deputy Grand Master, objected most strenuously to receiving the document, on the ground that it was signed by a Sir Knight Davyd William Nash, subscribing himself Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, and prefixing to his signature the Triple Cross of Salem.

Sir Knight Meymott observed that he signed as supreme Grand Master of the Baldwyn Encampment only.

Sir Knight Hinxman, Provincial Grand Commander for Kent, opposed the reception of the Deputation, seeing that its members had not yet tendered fealty to the Grand Master.

A long discussion upon other points followed, in which Sir Knight J. M. Thearle, Sir Knight Tomkins, Sir Knight R. R. Nelson, and others took part, which ultimately resulted in the Grand Master deputing Sir Knights Hinxman, Bryant, Tomkins, and Meymott to confer with the deputation from Bristol, who informed Grand Conclave on their return that the members of the deputation, having sworn allegiance to Sir Knight Nash, had no power to alter the document in question, but entertained hopes at no distant period of being able to submit an amended charter for the consideration of Grand Conclave, and the most fraternal feelings existed between both parties.

Proposed by Sir Knight R. R. NELSON, and Seconded by the Grand Vice-Chancellor:—

That the Registration Fee of a joining Knight be reduced to Two Shillings and Sixpence; which, being put to the Conclave, was passed in the affirmative.

Proposed by Sir Knight Col. M<sup>c</sup>LEOD MOORE, Provincial Grand Master for Canada West, Seconded by Sir Knight MEYMOTT:—

That all Provincial Grand Conclaves shall have the power to regulate for themselves the amount of the Fees of Honour, upon appointment of Provincial Grand Officers; which, being put to the Conclave, was passed in the affirmative.

Proposed as above, and Seconded by Sir Knight COSTA.

That, in the Colonies, the Provincial Grand Commander shall have the power to grant Dispensations for New Encampments; which, being put to the Conclave, was passed in the affirmative.

Sir Knight HINXMAN, Provincial Grand Commander for Kent, in deference to the opinion expressed by the Provincial Commanders, withdrew his motion.

That in Paragraph 17, page 32, Book of Statutes, Two Guineas be inserted in lieu of Three Guineas.

Notice of Motion by Sir Knight HINXMAN:—That in consequence of several alterations having of late been found necessary as regards the statutes of the order, it is suggested that a Subcommittee be formed to revise the Statutes; the Committee to consist of Five:—The Deputy Grand Master; The Grand Chancellor; The Provincial Grand Commander for Kent; The Grand Treasurer; and The Grand Registrar. Three to form a Quorum.

Sir KNIGHT SHUTTLEWORTH, the Grand Almoner, then collected the alms, amounting to £2. 17s.

There being no further business before Grand Conclave it was closed according to ancient custom with solemn prayer, and the Grand Master was conducted in due form to the Banquet Hall, where the Knights partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

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Copies of the Report of Grand Conclave, holden May 10, 1861, comprising the ceremony of Installation of the Grand Master, may still be had by application to Brother Spencer, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Price 6d.