



GRAND CONCLAVE of the Royal,
Exalted, Religious and Military Order of
MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
HOSPITALIERS of St. JOHN of JERU-
SALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES,
and MALTA, in England and Wales, and the

Colonial Dependencies of the British Crown.---SIR KNIGHT
WILLIAM STUART, Most Eminent and Supreme
GRAND MASTER.

Sir Knight M. H. Shuttleworth, G.V.C., to the Eminent
Sir Knight G. C. W. Griffiths, 1st Grand Expert sendeth greeting,
Health, Peace, Goodwill,

You are hereby summoned, with the past Commanders present and past Captains commanding Columns, and such Companions of your Encampment as may wish to be present, to attend a Meeting of Grand Conclave, to be holden at Head Quarters in the East, Grand Field of Encampment, 14, Bedford Row, London, on Friday, the 13th day of May, A.D. 1864, at the hour of Three of the clock, prompt time.

To Elect and install the most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in accordance with our ancient Rites and Ceremonies.

To Elect a Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

For the nomination of Grand Officers.

To receive the Annual Report of the Committee of General Purposes.

To consider the Appeal of Sir Knight Cameron, by Sir Knight Sandeman, P.G.C. for Bengal.

To consider especially the Statutes of the Order as revised and altered by the Committee.

The chief and most important of the proposed alterations are—

First—That the Order may be conferred upon a M.M. and not necessarily upon a R.A.M.

Secondly—That a Knight shall be eligible for election to the office of Eminent Commander of an Encampment if he has served for the space of one whole year the office of Prelate, although he has not served that of a Captain commanding Columns.

Thirdly—That Deputy Provincial Grand Commanders shall rank next to Provincial Grand Commanders and wear the insignia of and be considered members of Grand Conclave.

Fourthly—The insertion of a Permissive Statute upon the subject of Costume, and divers other important and urgent business.

The Musical Arrangements will be conducted by Sir Knight Matthew Cooke, Grand Organist.

You are requested to bring with you your private Banner and the Standards of your Encampment, and to ask the Knights under your command to bring theirs also.

A Banquet (Tickets One Guinea each) will take place after the closing of the Grand Conclave, at which all Knights of the Order are invited to be present.

Done in London, this Eighteenth day of April, A.D. 5868, A.D. 1864, A.C. 746.

By Command,

† f: M. H. Shuttleworth,

Grand Vice-Chancellor.



14, BEDFORD ROW, HOLBORN, W.C.

18th April, 1864.

DEAR SIR AND EMINENT SIR KNIGHT,

Herewith you will receive the Summons from the Grand Vice-Chancellor to attend Grand Conclave on FRIDAY, *the 13th day of May.*

I have the pleasure to inform you that since the Meeting in December last, great progress has been made under the unremitting exertions of Sir Knight SPRATE, in the internal decorations of the GRAND HALL and Ante-Rooms, all temporary fittings have been removed, the Carved Oak Canopies of the Stalls affixed, and over them permanent Poles have been placed to receive the Banners of the Knights, who need no longer take the trouble to forward Poles when they send their Banners.

As upon this occasion the M. E. and S. Grand Master will be Elected and Installed, and other important business transacted, a very numerous attendance of the Knights of the Order is anticipated, on which account if it is your intention to be present, you will oblige by letting me hear from you to that effect, *on or before Monday, the 8th of May.*

As the Grand Hall contains only SEVENTY-TWO Stalls, they must be appropriated in the first place to Grand Officers, and the remainder as far as the number will allow, to Eminent Commanders of Encampments, according to the priority of their written intimation to be present.

As on the last occasion the Committee for carrying out the Banquet arrangements had to pay a large amount for Dinner Tickets of Knights who were expected to be present but did not attend, it must be understood that all who intimate their intention to be Present at the Banquet, must pay for the Tickets whether they partake of it or not, and no Seat will be provided at the Banquet for any Knight unless he sends a written application to that effect *on or before Monday, the 8th of May.*

And I shall also be happy to take charge of your Banner, and affix it in its proper place, if sent to me at No. 14, Bedford Row (but with your own name and address written on a Card attached to the Banner), any time before Monday the 8th day of May.

By Command,

† CHARLES SWAN,

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

NOTE.

Each Knight who attends Grand Conclave, must appear in full E. T. Costume.

Grand Officers will assemble in the North-West Chamber, and all Knights below that degree in the South-West Chamber—and

Each Knight is requested to enter his Name in the Grand Registry Book previous to attending the Hall.