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Convent General.

9th MAY, 1873.

Agenda Paper.

The Convent General will be opened in ample form.

The Arch-Registrar will call the muster roll.

The Minutes of the Special Convent General of 7th April last will be read.

A motion that the Minutes are correctly recorded will be made.

The following notices of motion given at the Special Grand Conclave on 7th April last will be moved:—

Proposed by the Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England and Wales. Seconded by J. F. Townshend, Arch-Chancellor:—

GENERAL AMENDMENTS.

Omit "Scotland" wherever it occurs, except in the opening recital.

Page 10, line 27. *Omit* "on the second Friday in May."

Line 28, after "Ireland," *insert* "on such day as the Grand Master in Council may determine, of which day not less than four weeks' notice shall be given."

Page 12, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* "annually in May." *Insert* "at the regular annual Convent General."

Page 9, line 15. *Omit* from after "that" to end of line 17. *Insert* "within their own nation (except in the Convent General) the Sub-Prior shall take precedence immediately after the Great Prior, and the other Great Priory Officers immediately after all Provincial Priors."

Page 20, line 4. *Omit* "past."

Page 23, line 9. After "The Great Officers," *insert* "The Sub-Prior."

Line 11. *Omit* "Great." *Insert* "Grand."

Line 14. *Omit* from after "Insignia" to end of sentence.

Insert "The Insignia, badges, jewels, or decorations shall be those only which are limited and assigned to each respective office, rank, or degree in the annexed schedule of designs."

"THE HABIT.—The Habit shall be a white stuff or woollen Mantle, with a Cross potence, gules, nine inches in length, on the left shoulder, and with a Hood lined with white serge or flannel for all under the rank of Preceptors, and with red for all above that rank.

“A white Cassock or Tunic, with a Cross, gules, on the breast, may be worn by all Knights.

“In a Priory of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, Knights shall use a black Mantle, with a white eight-pointed Cross on the left shoulder, and a Hood lined with white. A black or red Cassock or Tunic may be worn, with the same Cross on the breast.

“The Primate and Prelates shall wear Copes.

“The Chaplains, Habits or Copes.

“The Serving Fratres shall wear a russet brown stuff or woollen mantle, with the Cross of the Order on the left shoulder. No Serving Fratres shall wear any insignia or jewel whatever.

“ARMS.—The arms shall be straight cross-hilted swords, with black scabbards, and black leather belts. The hilts and mountings may be of iron, steel, or bronze.

“BANNERS.—The Beauceant is a parallelogrammic banner, parted per fess, argent, and sable.

“The Vexillum Belli is—argent, a Cross potence, gules, charged with an eight-pointed Cross, argent.

“Preceptors and all above that rank may use banners of a parallelogrammic form. Other Knights may only use swallow-tailed pennons.”

Proposed by General H. Clerk. Seconded by the Rev. A. Bruce Fraser :—

1. At p. 18 of Statutes of the Convent General, at end of Article on the Constitution of Great Priories—to add the words, “together with the First

and Second Captains of Columns, or senior officers (other than Chaplain), subject to the approval of the Great Priories of the respective Preceptories."

2. At p. 24 of Statutes of the Convent General, under head of "Knights"—*to add at end* "together with the Star of the Order."

And at p. 25, line 6 from bottom, after word "Cross," *add* "and Star"—of the Order.

The Arch-Treasurer will be elected.

The Auditors will be elected.

The Convent General will be closed in ample form.

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ARCH-CHANCELLOR.

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