



Patron, Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen.
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., K.P., &c., &c.,
Grand Master.



of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple
and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.

You are hereby summoned, together with such Knights as shall
be entitled to be present, to attend

A Convent General,

to be holden at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, London,
on Friday, the 29th day of October next, at Four o'clock, prompt
time.

The Convent General will be opened in ample form.
The Master Roll will be called by the Arch-Registrar.
The Minutes of the last Convent General will be read.
A Motion will be made that the Minutes are correctly recorded.
Motions adjourned from the last Convent General will be made.
Motions pursuant to Notice will be made.
The Arch-Treasurer will be elected.
The Auditors will be elected.
A Motion will be made for a Grant for Expenses.
A Petition from Canada will be considered.
Notices of Motion for the next Convent General will be received.
The Convent General will be closed in ample form.

The Banquet will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, London,
at Seven o'clock, prompt time. Tickets One Guinea.

Dinner will be provided for those Knights only whose applications for Tickets shall
have been received at least three days previous to the Meeting, vizt.—Tuesday, the 26th
of October.

Done in London this 8th Day of October, A.D. 5879, A.O. 757, A.D. 1875,

J. F. Townshend, LL.D.,

Arch-Chancellor.

Convent General.

29TH OCTOBER, 1875.

Agenda Paper.

The Convent General will be opened in ample form.

The Arch-Registrar will call the muster roll.

The Minutes of the last Convent General will be read.

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

The following motions, notices of which were given at the Convent General on 9th May, 1873, and adjourned from the last Convent General on 30th October, 1874, will be made :—

Proposed by Sir Knight Captain Philips.
 Seconded by Sir Knight General H. Clerk :—

“That, ^{if} ~~as~~ ^{to be} past rank is abolished for the future, a Cross of Merit be instituted, to be conferred upon those Knights who have served the Order well, and may be recommended for the same by their Provincial Prior.”

Proposed by the Earl of Limerick, Great Prior of England and Wales. Seconded by Sir Knight Major S. H. Clerke, Sub-Prior :—

“That the Grand Master be empowered to appoint foreign Knights of distinction Knights Grand Cross and Commanders, such appointments not to be reckoned in the number of those honours respectively limited to each Nation by the Statutes.”

The following motions, notices of which were given at the Convent General, on 30th October, 1874, will be made :—

Proposed by Sir Knight Captain G. Huband, G.C.T. Seconded by Sir Knight O'Donovan, LL.D.

Are not all these within the privilege of M.P.M.?

“Whereas it has been found that the provision in the Statutes as to costume, may give rise to difficulty in certain parts of Her Majesty’s Dominions, it is hereby enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Great Prior of any nationality, at the request of any Preceptor under his jurisdiction, to grant dispensation to any Preceptory respecting the wearing of the habit of the Order, anything in the present Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.” *or a variation*

Proposed by Sir Knight Dr. J. Ringland, K.C.T. Seconded by Sir Knight Dr. Macnamara.

“EXEMPTION. (Page 24, Statutes). ”

“Each Great Priory shall have the power, in the several Preceptories within its respective district, to exempt from the wearing the habit and arms specified in the foregoing Statutes, and permitting the use of the costume formerly in use by such members as have been installed into the Order antecedent to the coming into force of the Statutes of the Con-
Is not this reserved actually?
 vent General (namely, October 21, 1872), *If so it-*

sh. be that any Kt. to whom the reservation applies shall cease to have the benefit of reservation after the 21st Oct. 1872.

until such Knights shall have attained to and been installed into any one of the respective offices of Preceptor, Constable, or Marshal, on and after which time it shall be imperative for each such Sir Knight thenceforth to wear such habit and arms; provided always, however, that each Great Priory may exempt the wearing of arms by the Members of any Preceptory, on reasonable cause being shown."

The Arch-Treasurer will be elected.

The Auditors will be elected.

A motion will be made for a Grant for expenses.

A petition from Canada will be considered.

Notices of motion for the next Convent General will be received.

The Convent General will be closed in ample form.

J. F. TOWNSHEND, LL.D.,

ARCH-CHANCELLOR.