

United Orders of the Temple and Hospital,

FOR THE

DOMINION OF CANADA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SUB-PRIOR,
TORONTO, MAY 22nd, 1876.

TO THE V. E. SIR KNIGHTS,
Members of the Grand Council.

V. E. SIR KNIGHT,—

Referring to Circular of 22nd January, handing you Draft Statutes re-printed from those of England and Wales, with a margin for also drafting such changes as might be suggested to make them applicable to Canada by the Grand Council at their Meeting at Cobourg on the 8th of February last, I have now to advise you that at a very full meeting of the Council then held, Statutes having been submitted to the most full and careful consideration time permitted, were referred to a sub-committee, consisting of E. Sir Knights Menet, Spry Stephens, and myself, to be re-issued with the substance of the proposed changes, necessarily made hurriedly at Cobourg, intelligibly inserted.

While unavoidable circumstances have caused some delay; on this sub-committee has devolved a somewhat arduous task in putting them in the shape now presented.

The main changes are the making the Great Officers and the leading Officers in Preceptories elective, and the doing away with the necessity of furnishing a full return of the members of Preceptories annually—see sections 23, 55, and 64. It may be further mentioned briefly that the following sections of the English Statutes are entirely struck out, namely, Nos. 21, 22, 29, 34, 38, 39, 46, 48, 53, 57, 64 to 74, 90, 96, 105, 108, 112, 118, 120, 125, and 126 and the remainder are re-arranged and re-numbered, while, in your convenient reference, in considering the enclosed Revised Statutes, the old number of the English Statutes are written opposite the sections as so re-numbered; sections 19, 23, 29, 65, 98, and parts of 40, 43, and 80 are new; section 71 is taken from the Proceedings of the Great Priory of England and Wales, for 1875-6, page 39.

It is hoped the Statutes as now enclosed will meet your concurrence, and as it is desired that the Council should be unanimous in presenting them to Great Priory, you are requested at once to advise me of any casual changes which may present themselves to you, so that they may be considered before the copies are struck off for the final consideration and adoption of Great Priory.

Copies will also accompany the summonses to Preceptories to attend Great Priory, but as the Preceptories were generally represented on the Council it is hoped that this will be little more than a formal proceeding, and, as has been said above, the Statutes when presented to Great Priory will commend themselves for unanimous approval and adoption.

I beg to remain, very Eminent Sir Knight,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL B. HARMAN,

Grand Sub-Prior.

P. S.—Further copies of the enclosed draft can be had on application.

The following are reprinted from the Statutes of the Great Priory of England and Wales, as the same have been remoulded, by the Grand Council at the Special Meeting held at Cobourg on the 9th of February, into such shape as was deemed applicable to the circumstances of the Great Priory to be erected in Canada in compliance with the Memorial of the Templars of the Dominion. It may be named that the Grand Council consists of The Grand Prior, The Great Officers, 7, The Provincial Priors, 5, Elected by the Grand Priory, 5, Appointed by the Great Prior, 4—Total 22, of whom a majority were present, and the remainder, with one exception, conveyed their views in writing. This revised Draft is now open to final change and adoption by Grand Priory.

GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA.

Statutes

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

United Religious and Military Orders

OF

THE TEMPLE,

AND OF

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE,
RHODES, AND MALTA.

IN THE DOMINION OF

CANADA.

OF THE GREAT PRIORY.

1. The public interest of the Orders in The Dominion of Canada shall be regulated, subject to the Most Excellent and Supreme Grand Master and the Convent General, by a general convocation of all the Preceptories on record in Canada, represented by their Preceptors, Constables, and Marshals, with the Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commander, the Great and Past Great Officers, Officers and Past Officers, under the Very High and Eminent Great Prior. This collective body is styled "THE GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA" of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.

2. The Members of the Great Priory shall take rank in the following order, viz. —

[It is not deemed necessary to print this: see sections 24 and 25 as to the names of the Great Officers and Officers, and the rank and precedence of Past Great and Grand Officers, and Officers will be analyzed and presented for adoption at Great Priory.]

Eminent Preceptors taking precedence according to the dates of their respective warrants, or as otherwise expressed in their respective warrants.

3. Every Knight regularly elected and installed Preceptor of a Preceptory registered under the Convent General, shall, so long as he is a subscribing member to any Preceptory registered under the Great Priory of Canada, rank as a Preceptor, and be a member of Great Priory.

4. The Returns of all Preceptories shall be made up to the 31st day of December in every year, and be transmitted to the Grand Vice-Chancellor, with the accrued fees, not later than the 31st day of March thereafter. The Representatives of any Preceptory failing to make the same shall be *ipso facto* disqualified from attending or voting in Great Priory, and the Preceptory shall be reported on the audit for suspension until the same be duly made, unless good cause is shewn to the satisfaction of the Council for recommending that suspension be deferred.

5. The Great Prior may permit any Knights of the Order, not otherwise qualified, to attend any Great Priory as Visitors.

Wiltshire Masonic Museum Trust

Eng. 1
They are not Canadian, they are the creation of the Grand Master alone & I doubt their having such a direct vote in our Proceedings.
D. A. H.
CH

Eng. 2

Eng. 3

Eng. 4

Eng. 5

6. The Annual Assembly of Great Priory shall be held on the Tuesday immediately preceding the day of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and at the same place. A special Great Priory may be held at any time or place the Great Prior may think fit. And every Great Priory shall be convoked by the Vice-Chancellor, by a circular letter addressed to each member thereof, accompanied with an Agenda of the business to be transacted. Such notice to be sent at least *two weeks* before the day of Meeting.

Eng. 6
Why should Great Priory a Sovereign Body, vested thus, and be treated about like a Menagerie? The Maritime Provinces should be considered Montreal is Central for them & Ontario should be the permanent place.

7. The Great Priory having been opened in ample form and with solemn prayer, the business shall be proceeded with, as follows:—1st. The minutes of the proceedings of the last Great Priory, and of any subsequent special Great Priory, are to be read and put for confirmation. 2ndly. The reports of the Council, and any other communications, are to be read and considered. 3rdly. Notices of motion are to be considered in the order in which they are inserted on the Agenda paper. 4thly. The election and appointment of Great Officers, Officers, and Members of the Council, shall be proceeded with, and three Knights, of a rank not below that of Preceptor, shall also be elected as delegates on the Grand Master's Council; all elections being by ballot following nominations handed to the Vice-Chancellor. No business shall be discussed or transacted, at any special Great Priory other than that for which it shall have been specially convoked.

Can these islands of England or Ireland represent Canada in Convention General? - G. D.

8. Any Member intending to submit any motion or business for the consideration of the Great Priory, may give notice thereof in writing to the Vice-Chancellor, two weeks at least before the day of assembling of Great Priory, in which case the same shall be entered on the Agenda paper, and may be considered; Provided always that no motion for an alteration, amendment, or addition to the Statutes shall be made or discussed at any Great Priory, unless the same shall have been so inserted.

Eng. 8 & 9

9. Every Great Priory may adjourn from time to time to a future day, if the business to be conducted thereat shall render it necessary. And a day shall be then fixed for holding the adjourned Great Priory; and notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given by the Vice-Chancellor if the day so fixed on will admit of it. No business shall be discussed or transacted at any adjourned Great Priory, except that left unfinished at the Great Priory from which the adjournment shall take place.

Eng. 10

10. If the Great Prior shall not be present at any Great Priory, the Chair shall be taken by the Sub-Prior or, in his absence, by the Member present who shall be next in rank and seniority.

Eng. 11

11. All questions are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Preceptory having three, each Past Preceptor and Past Great or Grand officer, or Past officer, one, and the Great Prior or presiding officer, an additional or casting vote in case of a tie; unless Great Priory may think proper to leave any subject to the decision of the Great Prior, or the Council.

Eng. 12 & 16

12. Every resolution of the Great Priory shall become law, and be binding and conclusive, and shall be carried into effect accordingly, without confirmation, unless the Great Prior shall deem it advisable to direct a summons to be issued within one month for the holding of a Special Great Priory for the purpose of reconsidering such resolution, in which case such resolution shall not become law nor be binding and conclusive, nor carried into effect, until confirmed by such Special Great Priory.

Eng. 13

13. The Great Priory shall have power after due trial to admonish, suspend, or expel any Knight, or to suspend, or erase, any Preceptory for violating any of the laws or regulations of the Order, or for conduct calculated to bring obloquy and discredit on the same. (see Articles 22 and 52.)

Eng. 14 & 15

14. In all cases where appeals or other questions are to be submitted to the Great Priory for confirmation or otherwise, the papers in connection therewith, after they have been before the Council, shall be open for inspection at the office of the Vice-Chancellor by all duly qualified Members of the Great Priory.

Eng. 17

15. All judicial proceedings are subject to the appeals provided by the Statutes of the Convent General.

Eng. 18

OF THE GREAT PRIOR.

16. The Very High and Eminent Great Prior is appointed by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, and holds his office *quandiu se bene gesserit*.

Eng. 23
This is all rights for as much as the
Great Prior is concerned the Patent
will of course pass to Col. Moore.
But what in the case of vacancies. He
should possess the privilege of sending
a nomination or nomination to
England - by three names
J.S.H.
4

17. The Great Prior shall have and exercise within his own jurisdiction, powers analogous to those exercised by the Grand Master of the collective Orders. On his appointment he shall be installed and proclaimed in ancient form at the next ensuing regular Great Priory, or at a special Great Priory summoned by his authority.

Eng. 24
But what in the case of vacancies. He
should possess the privilege of sending
a nomination or nomination to
England - by three names
J.S.H.
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18. The Great Prior may of his own authority appoint Provincial Priors for such provinces or districts in Canada as he may think fit, on the nomination of the Preceptories within said Provinces or Districts. He shall also fill all vacancies of office, whether elective, appointed, or on the Council, until the next meeting of Great Priory.

Eng. 25 (see 27)
England - by three names
J.S.H.
4

19. The Great Prior, under the sanction of Great Priory, may, by warrant, appoint any Knight of eminence and skill, being a Preceptor, to represent the Great Priory in any other Great Priory or any Grand Commandery. He may also constitute the representative of any other Great Priory or Grand Commandery a member of this Great Priory with such rank as Great Priory may deem appropriate.

See similar provision in
Constitution of Grand Lodge
and Grand Chapter.

20. All communications to the Great Prior shall be made through the Vice-Chancellor.

Eng. 26

21. The Grand Master, Great Prior, Sub-Prior, or Provincial Prior within his jurisdiction, shall, if they think fit, preside in any Preceptory they may visit.

Eng. 27

22. The Great Prior may suspend any Preceptory or member of the Order until the next meeting of Great Priory, when action may be taken thereon. (See Article 14).

Eng. 28

OF THE GREAT OFFICERS AND OFFICERS.

23. The Great Officers shall be elected by ballot, after nominations to be handed to the Grand Vice-Chancellor, and, with the Officers appointed by The Great Prior, shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected and appointed. All Great Officers and Officers must be Preceptors of the Order, and they shall be installed & invested in ancient form.

Except the Sub-Prior who should be
the nominee of the great prior. J.S.H.
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24. The Great Officers, elective as aforesaid, shall be:—

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| The Sub-Prior. | The Constable. |
| The Provincial Priors. | The Marshal. |
| The Prelate. | The Treasurer. |
| The Chancellor. | The Registrar. |

Eng. 19

25. The Officers, to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be:—

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| The Vice-Chancellor. | The Great Prior's Banner Bearer. |
| The Sub-Marshal. | Two Aides de Camp. |
| The Almoner. | The Chamberlain. |
| The Warden of Regalia. | Two Captains of The Guard. |
| The Herald. | The Sword Bearer. |
| Two Standard Bearers. | The Organist. |
| | Pursuivants and Guards. |

Eng. 20

or such of them as the Great Prior may from time to time think fit to appoint.

OF THE SUB-PRIOR.

26. In the absence of the Great Prior, and also during any vacancy in the office of Great Prior, the Sub-Prior shall have and exercise all the powers, authorities, and privileges given to and vested in the Great Prior. The Sub-Prior is *ex officio* President of the Council.

✓ Eng. 30

OF THE PROVINCIAL PRIORS.

27. Provincial Priors shall be appointed by the Great Prior, on the nomination of the majority of the Representatives of the Preceptories within their respective Provinces or Districts at the Annual Assembly of Great Priory, and shall hold office until their successors shall be appointed, but any Provincial Prior may resign his office or be removed therefrom for cause.

✓ Eng. 62

28. They are invested with rank, powers, and privileges in their respective Provinces or Districts similar to those of the Great Prior, except such powers as by the Statutes of the Order are limited and expressed to be exercised by the Great Prior alone.

They shall be installed & proclaimed in ancient form.

✓ Eng. 63

T. B. H.
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29. It shall be their duty to visit all Preceptories in their several Provinces or Districts during their term of office, to instruct them in carrying out the work and principles of the Order, and to ascertain that their returns are duly made, with all fees that may have accrued. They may hear and determine any subjects of complaint and irregularity respecting Preceptories or individual Fratres within their Provinces or Districts, reporting, in any case requiring suspension, full particulars to the Great Prior for his action in that behalf as provided in Article 23. When present they shall install the Officers of the Preceptories, and they shall report generally to Great Priory at the Annual Assembly on the progress and condition of the Preceptories in their Provinces or Districts.

✓ New

OF THE PRELATE.

30. The Prelate shall be a clergyman, and read, recite, or chant prayers, and perform ceremonies of a religious or ecclesiastical nature.

✓ Eng. 31

OF THE CHANCELLOR.

31. The Chancellor shall have the custody of the Seals, and shall affix the same, or authorize the Vice-Chancellor to affix the same, to all patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by the authority of the Great Prior or Great Priory, in conformity with the Statutes of the Order.

✓ Eng. 32

OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR.

32. The Vice-Chancellor shall issue all patents, warrants, certificates and other documents authorized by the Great Priory, or directed by the Great Prior to be issued, and shall take care that the same are prepared in due form. He shall also issue all summonses for the Meetings of Great Priory and the Council. (See Article 6.)

✓ Eng. 33 and 36.

33. He shall receive the returns from the several Preceptories, and enter the same in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and forthwith pay over to the Treasurer all moneys received for Great Priory.

✓ Eng. 35

34. He shall also receive petitions, memorials, communications, and applications to or for the Great Prior, or other proper authority; and attend Great Prior or the Council with such books and papers as may be required.

✓ Eng. 35

35. He shall receive all notices of motion to be brought before the Great Priory, placing a number thereon, denoting the order in which the same were received, and duly insert the same in the Agenda paper.

✓ Eng. 37

36. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of Great Priory and the Council, and publish the former with all dispatch and transmit the same to all the members of the Great Priory and to the Preceptories, as also all such

✓ Eng. 36 and 40

other papers and documents as may be ordered by the Great Prior, and the Great Priory, or as the Council shall from time to time direct.

OF THE CONSTABLE AND MARSHALL.

37. The Constable shall be the Senior Military Officer of the Great Priory, and command the South Column.

38. The Marshal shall be the Second Military Officer, and command the North Column.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

39. The Registrar shall register in a proper book, to be kept for that purpose, all Preceptories holding warrants under the Great Priory, specifying the dates of their respective warrants, their days and places of meeting, the names and places of abode of members, with the numbers and names and places of meeting of the respective Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters to which they belong, with the dates of their raising and exaltation as Master and Royal Arch Masons, and of their installation as Knights Templar.

40. He shall enter in a separate book, to be kept for that purpose, the names of all subscribing Preceptors registered under the Great Priory, specifying the dates of their respective installations as such, and the Preceptory in which they were installed, and the names of the Constables and Marshals of the same for guidance in verifying the Roll of Representatives attending Great Priory; he may depute the fulfilment of the duties in this and the preceding Article to the Grand Vice Chancellor.

41. He shall sign all the certificates of registration of Knights.

OF THE TREASURER.

42. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys payable to the Great Priory, and pay all demands duly authorized by the Great Priory or the Council, keeping an account of all his receipts and disbursements, to be produced with the proper vouchers, at the Annual Assembly, and an abstract of the same for the audit and for publication with the Proceedings, in every year, or whenever otherwise required.

OF THE ALMONER.

43. The Almoner shall, at such time during the sitting of the Great Priory as he may be ordered so to do, collect alms from the Knights present, and pay the same to the Treasurer. He is further charged with the special duty of ascertaining and reporting to the Council cases of distress requiring fraternal assistance.

OF THE COUNCIL.

44. The Council shall consist of the Great Prior, the Great Officers, (the Sub-Prior being *ex officio* President,) four Members of the Great Priory, being Preceptors, to be appointed by the Great Prior, and five to be elected by the Great Priory. If by inadvertence a Knight is placed on the Council who is otherwise, or not qualified, the Great Prior may nominate a member in his stead.

45. The Council shall meet, seven forming a quorum, on the day of the Annual Assembly of Great Priory and at such other times and places as the Great Prior may determine, or on a requisition signed by a quorum.

46. The Sub-Prior, as President, shall preside, and in his absence the member present who shall be highest in rank and seniority; and the member in the chair shall have the privilege of giving a second or casting vote on all questions when the votes of the members present shall be equal.

47. The Council shall hear and determine all matters referred to them, and, if necessary, report thereon to Great Priory; and any determination of the Council on questions expressly left for their decision by the Great Priory, shall not be carried into effect until confirmed by the Great Priory, unless the contrary intention be distinctly expressed.

Eng. 54

48. The Council may recommend for the consideration of the Great Priory, any matter or subject relating to the Order which they may think fit.

Eng. 55

49. The Council at their meeting to be held at the Annual Assembly shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending on the 31st day of December preceding.

Eng. 56

50. The Council may appoint from amongst its members Sub-Committees, for the purpose of investigating and reporting to the Board on any subject or matter relating to the Order.

Eng. 58

51. The Council may summon any Preceptory to attend them, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, or accounts of the Preceptory; and may require any Knight to attend and to produce his certificate of registration. And when any Preceptory shall be summoned by the Council, it shall be represented by the Presiding Preceptor, with the Constable or Marshal, or other duly appointed representatives. (See Article 87.)

Eng. 59

52. All applications, petitions, complaints, or representations to the Council shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, otherwise the same shall not be entertained; and the Council may, in their discretion, or if requested by the parties, proceed to hear or investigate any complaint on the written evidence, without requiring the attendance of parties, but should they decide otherwise, then the hearing shall be deferred until the complainant or complainants shall have been summoned to attend the Council to answer such complaint, but the Council may proceed on the written evidence should the parties summoned fail to attend.

Eng. 60

53. All proceedings of the Council shall be fairly written by the Vice-Chancellor in a book, to be kept for that purpose.

Eng. 61

OF PRECEPTORS.

54. Every Preceptory must be constituted under a warrant or patent, as set forth in Article 99.

Eng. 75

55. Every Preceptory shall consist of an Ensign Preceptor, a Constable, a Marshal, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Registrar, and a Sub-Marshal, to be elected; a Captain of the Guards, an Almoner, two Standard Bearer, and other officers to be appointed by the Preceptor; one or two serving Fratres as Guards, to be chosen by show of hands; and such other Knights as may be installed or admitted members therein.

Eng. 76

56. The presence of a Preceptor of some registered Preceptory, and four other Knights at the least, is requisite to constitute an Assembly of a Preceptory for the installation of a Knight into the Order; but any other business may be transacted at an Assembly, if three, including a Preceptor, shall be present. This clause shall not apply to a Board of Installed Preceptors, held for the purpose of installing a Preceptor in the Chair, which requires the presence of two Preceptors to form the same. The warrant, or patent of constitution, must at all times be in the Preceptory.

Eng. 77

57. Every Preceptory shall meet in such place as shall be mentioned in the warrant or patent, or in such other place as shall have been subsequently approved by the Great Prior, and registered in the Registry of the Great Priory. But any Preceptory may at pleasure resolve on removing to other premises within the same place, and also on altering the days or times of its assemblies; but no such removal or alteration shall take place until the ex-

Eng. 78

piration of one calendar month after copies of the resolutions for such changes shall have been sent to the Vice-Chancellor, and also to the Provincial Prior of the Province.

58. If the meeting of any Preceptory at its usual premises shall, from any cause, be impossible or improper, the Preceptor may convene a meeting of the Preceptory, to be held at any other premises to consider and determine on the course to be adopted under the circumstances.

59. An Emergent Assembly may be held at any time when duly summoned by command of the Preceptor, and every Assembly shall be summoned by the Registrar, seven days' notice being given.

60. The Registrar of every Preceptory shall send a copy of the summons to the Provincial Prior seven days before each Assembly.

61. Every Preceptory has authority to make by-laws and regulations for its government, provided they are not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the Statutes of the Order; and the now existing by-laws and regulations of every Preceptory shall be valid and binding, except so far as they may be inconsistent with the Statutes for the time being of the Order; and the by-laws of every Preceptory shall state the place in which the Preceptory holds its Assemblies, and also its days or times of meeting, and of the election and installation of its officers.

62. The by-laws of every Preceptory must be submitted to the Provincial Prior, who shall forward them, with his remarks thereon, to the Vice-Chancellor for approval by the Great Prior, and, when approved, a fair copy of them must be sent to the Vice-Chancellor to be deposited in the archives of the Great Priory. And when any alterations shall be made in the by-laws of any Preceptory, such alterations must in like manner be submitted for approval, and no laws or alterations shall be valid until approved.

63. Every Preceptory shall have a Seal for the purpose of being affixed to documents proper to be issued by the Preceptory. A draft of the design for the same shall be transmitted to the Vice-Chancellor for approval by the Great Prior, and a perfect impression of the Seal be subsequently transmitted to the Provincial Prior, and also to the Vice-Chancellor.

64. Every Preceptory shall, as soon as possible after the 1st of January, but before the last day of March in every year, transmit to the Vice-Chancellor, in such form as shall for the time being be required, a Return giving its name, date of warrant, place and days of meeting and of the election of its officers; and further giving all changes in the Muster Roll, and the then total strength of the same for the year ending on the previous 31st of December, specifying the same as members installed, joined, demitted, deceased, suspended, or restored; furnishing, in the case of members installed their respective Christian and surnames, places of abode, their additions, professions, or avocations, the names of their Lodges, and Royal Arch Chapters, and the dates of their raising and exaltation as Master and Royal Arch Masons, and of their installation as Knights Templar; and, in the case of affiliations, the names of the Preceptories in which they were installed, and their respective ranks in the Order. The return shall further state in the case of members claiming to attend in the Convent General and Great Priory as Preceptors, the Preceptories in which they shall have respectively served the office of Preceptors, and the dates of their years of office. It shall also contain a summary of, and be accompanied by, a remittance of all fees and payments to Great Priory.

65. For the purpose of verifying the Registers, Preceptories shall, when required, make a full return of their Muster Roll to the office of the Vice-Chancellor.

66. All candidates for admission into the Order shall be Royal Arch Masons, in addition to being Master Masons of two years' standing.

Eng. 79

Eng. 80. & 81

Eng. 82.

Eng. 83.

Eng. 84

Eng. 85

Eng. 86.

This is almost entirely rewritten. It does away with the necessity of making a full return of the Roll each year. (see section 65.)

New

Eng. 88.

67. Every Knight desirous of joining any Preceptory shall sign an application in the form prescribed in the Appendix. He must be proposed and seconded at some meeting of such Preceptory, and his Christian and surname place of abode, addition, profession, or avocation, and the name or title of the Preceptory wherein he was installed, and the date of his installation inserted in the summons for the next regular Assembly of the Preceptory after he shall have been proposed, otherwise he shall not be eligible to be elected.

Eng. 87.

68. Every candidate for installation as a Knight in any Preceptory shall sign an application in the form prescribed in the Appendix. He must be proposed and seconded in some meeting of the Preceptory, and his Christian and surname, and the place of his abode, and his addition, profession, or avocation, and the name, number, and place of meeting of his Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, together with the date of his raising and exaltation as a Master and Royal Arch Mason shall be inserted in the summons for the meeting of the Preceptory at which the ballot is intended to be passed.

Eng. 89

69. No one shall be installed a Knight or be admitted a joining Member of any Preceptory, unless previously balloted for in open Preceptory, and unless the ballot be unanimous.

Eng. 91

70. Every one, prior to his installation, shall sign a declaration that he submits to and will observe all the usages, customs, and Statutes of the Order.

Eng. 92

71. No candidate shall be admitted to ballot for installation or affiliation in any Preceptory who shall theretofore have been, or then is, domiciled or resident out of the jurisdiction of the Province or District within which he seeks such installation or affiliation, unless he shall have signed a declaration on his obligation as a Master Mason stating whether or not he has been rejected, suspended, or expelled from, any other Preceptory.

*New. - Taken from proceedings
England and Wales 1875. 6.
page 39.*

72. No Preceptory shall install a Knight into the Order for a less sum than Twenty-five Dollars, which, however, may include the fee to be paid to the Great Prior for registry and certificate. But any Preceptory may oblige serving Brothers by dispensation from the Great Prior or Provincial Prior, provided no fee be taken.

Eng. 93

73. No Knight shall be admitted into Great Priory, or any Preceptory except in the proper costume of his rank in the Order.

Eng. 94

74. No Knight shall wear the costume of the Order in public, without a dispensation from the Great Prior, or the Provincial Prior of the Province.

Eng. 95

75. Every Preceptory shall keep in a regular manner the following books:— An Attendance Book, a Minute Book, a Treasurer's Book, a Guard Book for applications, and a Muster Roll, which must be produced when required by the proper authorities.

Eng. 97

76. Every Preceptory shall annually elect their Preceptor and other Elective Officers by ballot, and the Guard by show of hands, and notice of such election and the names of all knights eligible as Preceptor shall be inserted in the summons for the assembly at which such election is to take place, and at the next regular meeting (not being a meeting of emergency) the Preceptor and other officers elect shall, on the election being confirmed, be duly installed and invested.

Eng. 98 and 112

77. In case the election of any Preceptor or other elective officer or officers elect shall not be confirmed, or if any Preceptor or other elective officer or officers elect shall, without any reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the next regular assembly after his election, for the purpose of being installed and invested, his or their election shall be void, and either at the next subsequent regular assembly of

Eng. 99

the Preceptory, or at some assembly specially called for the purpose, a further election shall take place; and at the next regular assembly of the Preceptory (not being a meeting of emergency) the Preceptor or other elective officer or officers then chosen, shall, on their election being confirmed, be duly installed and invested.

78. If any Preceptor or other elective officer or officers elect shall, for some reasonable cause, explained to the satisfaction of the next regular meeting after the election, be prevented from attending at such next regular meeting, then he or they shall be installed and invested at some subsequent meeting, which may be either a regular meeting or a meeting especially called for the purpose.

79. No one shall be eligible for the office of Preceptor unless he shall at the time of his election have served, or will at the next regular day of meeting of the Preceptory have served, for the space of one whole year the office of a Constable or Marshal in some registered Preceptory, except Knights who, prior to the date of these Statutes, having served the office of Chaplain for one whole year in a Preceptory shall be eligible for the office of Preceptor of that Preceptory; and also except by a dispensation from the Great Prior.

80. Every Preceptor shall forthwith on his installation appoint all the officers of the Preceptory, other than the elective officers, and the Preceptor elect of any Preceptory shall not assume the chair, or exercise authority in any Preceptory, until he shall have been regularly installed. He is responsible for the due observance by the members of his Preceptory of the by-laws of the same, and of the Statutes, laws, and ordinances of Great Priory.

81. Should a Prince of the Blood Royal honour any Preceptory by accepting the Office of Preceptor, he may appoint a Pro Preceptor who shall be regularly installed and entitled to all the privileges of an actual Preceptor.

82. The Preceptor of any Preceptory may, in case of necessity, with the consent of the Great Prior or Provincial Prior of the Province or District, be installed in any other Preceptory, on the production of a certificate of such election signed by the Preceptor and Registrar of the Preceptory of which he shall have been elected Preceptor.

83. A Preceptor shall not continue in office for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation from the Great Prior.

84. The name and address of every Preceptor, and also the names and addresses of the Constable and Marshal, shall immediately after their respective installation and appointment, be certified to the Vice-Chancellor by writing, signed by the immediate or some other Past Preceptor and the Registrar of the Preceptory.

85. If the Preceptor of any Preceptory shall die, or be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, a meeting of the Preceptory shall, as soon as convenient, be summoned especially, for the purpose of electing a Preceptor in the place of such Preceptor, and in the meantime, and until a Preceptor shall have been so elected, and shall have been installed, the meeting of the Preceptory shall be summoned by the Registrar.

86. In case the Preceptor of any Preceptory shall be absent, or in the case of a vacancy in the office of Preceptor, the chair shall be taken by the immediate Past Preceptor of such Preceptory, or any other Preceptor present; and if there shall not be any Preceptor present, the meeting shall not be held.

87. The Preceptor, the Constable, and Marshal of every Preceptory are the representatives of such Preceptory, and shall answer all complaints against such Preceptory, and shall attend the Great Prior, and the Council, whenever summoned by the Vice-Chancellor, and shall produce the warrant of the Preceptory, and all minute and other books and papers relating to the Preceptory which they may be required by the said summons to produce. A Preceptory may nevertheless appoint any Knight or Knights of eminence to be special representatives, either alone or in addition to the above. (see Article 51.)

88. No visitor shall be admitted into any Preceptory unless he is personally known, recommended, or well vouched for as an member of the Order. And every visitor must, during his continuance in the Preceptory, be subject to and conform to the by-laws of the Preceptory.

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89. No Knight, who shall not for the time being be a subscribing member to some registered Preceptory, shall be entitled to claim admission to any one Preceptory more than once.

AS TO REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATES, &c.

90. Every Knight must be enrolled in the registry of the Great Priory as a member of some Preceptory,

91. Every Knight installed in any Preceptory shall be entitled, immediately on his installation, to a certificate of his registration; and every Preceptory shall forthwith apply to the Vice-Chancellor for such certificate on the form annexed, and shall pay to the funds of the Great Priory the sum of \$2 for every such certificate and registration. The Preceptory shall also pay a fee of 50 cents for registering the name of any Knight joining such Preceptory.

92. Every Preceptory shall pay to the Funds of the Great Priory an annual sum of 50 cents for each Member, to be included in the annual return to the Vice-Chancellor by the Registrar of each Preceptory. This sum is not payable for any Member of a Preceptory for the year in which he shall have been first installed a Member of the Order.

93. Every Great and Past Great Officer, Officer and Past Officer, and Preceptor, who shall require a diploma or certificate of his installation or appointment to office, may obtain the same at a uniform fee of \$2 therefor.

94. A fee of \$1 shall be paid to the funds of the Great Priory for each dispensation and consent granted or given by the Great Prior.

95. All applications for dispensations, or for diplomas or certificates of installation, or of appointment to office, shall be made to the Vice-Chancellor, and no such dispensation, diploma, or certificate shall be issued until payment of the fee for the same has been made.

96. The Great Prior only may grant dispensations for the reception of Candidates otherwise qualified, without waiting for the full time required by the Statutes.

97. No Preceptory shall grant any private certificate whatsoever to any Knight of the Order, except for the purpose of enabling him to procure from the Vice-Chancellor a certificate of his registration, and except such as may be required by the Great Priory or Council; and no Preceptory, nor any of the members thereof, shall on any pretence whatsoever make any charge or receive any fee for any private certificate issued by the Preceptory.

AS TO WARRANTS AND PATENTS OF CONSTITUTION.

98. Warrants for constituting Preceptories shall be issued under the direct authority, and under the Great Seal of Great Priory, and be signed by the Great Prior, and attested by the Chancellor and Registrar.

99. Provisional Warrants or Dispensations may be granted for constituting or holding Preceptories at such places as the Great Prior shall think fit, to remain in force until the Annual Assembly of Great Priory.

100. All petitions for warrants or patents for constituting or holding Preceptories shall be signed by at least seven Knights of the Order, and be recommended by the Provincial Prior of the Province or District, and shall be transmitted to the Vice-Chancellor for presentation to the Great Prior, and the Knights signing any such petition shall state their respective ranks and the Preceptories of which they then are or were members.

101. For every Dispensation or Provisional Warrant for constituting or holding a Preceptory there shall be paid to the funds of the Great Priory a fee of \$30, and for a Warrant, or for a duplicate Warrant in case of loss of the original by fire or otherwise duly verified, \$10, unless at the Annual Assembly of Great Priory a petition be directly granted, when the fee shall be \$40.

102. No warrant or patent shall on any account be issued until the fee for the same shall have been paid.

PRIORIES OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES, AND MALTA.

103. Priories must be held in every registered Preceptory.

104. The Eminent Preceptor of each Preceptory is *ex officio* (if a Knight of Malta) Prior of the Priory.

105. Every Candidate for the Order must be a Knight of the Order of the Temple, and be unanimously elected.

106. The fee for Certificate and Registration of a Knight shall be \$2, which shall be paid by each Preceptory forthwith.

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