

clature, although the Provincial Prior, Frater Wesley, of Barrie, did not recommend its adoption on the proposed change being sent to him from the Presiding Preceptor of Cyrene, to be forwarded to me through the Grand Chancellor for my final approval, considering it, according to the extraordinary strained construction he chose to put upon Statute No. 85,* that the addition to the name would invalidate the Warrant, or render it necessary to issue a new one. In this I entirely disagreed, as a most perverted reading of the Statutes. A Warrant issued by Great Priory is to constitute a Preceptory—the title of the Preceptory is the selection of its own members, and becomes one of the By-laws when sanctioned by the Grand Master; similarly any alteration in the By-laws lies with the members, subject to a like approval. There is not a syllable in the Statutes which authorizes Great Priory to interfere with the title of a private Preceptory, and very properly so, and in this particular case the course followed has been distinctly in accordance with the Statutes.

OF THE CHANCERY.

It being well known that a Grand Master has the prosperity and welfare of the Order more particularly in his own keeping, the onus of official acts of the Body resting upon him, and not upon the officers, who according to recognized constitutional usage, should *either obey or resign*, their duty being to administer, not to legislate, the late action of the Grand Chancellor, a subordinate and executive officer, in refusing to obey the instructions given him, is so unusual that I feel it incumbent upon me to bring the matter before this Great Priory for enquiry and explanation, as while in office he is bound loyally to obey the orders of his Grand Master. It is clearly impossible that the business of Great Priory can be carried on with a divided authority.

ON THE QUESTION OF "OUT-DOOR" COSTUME AND
MILITARY DISPLAY.

Some of our Frateres are still much exercised upon the oft-discussed question of the "out-door" costume and military practices

* Warrants for constituting Preceptories shall be issued under the direct authority, and under the Great Seal of Great Priory, and signed by the Supreme Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Registrar.