

duty of ascertaining and reporting to the Council cases of distress requiring fraternal assistance.

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

46. The Grand Council shall consist of the Great Prior, the Great Officers, (the Grand 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 Grand Council who is otherwise, or not qualified, the Great Prior may nominate a member in his stead.

47. The Grand 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.

48. The Grand 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.

49. The Grand Council shall hear and determine all matters referred to them, and, if necessary, report thereon to Great Priory; and any determination of the Grand 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.

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

51. The Grand Council at their meeting to be held at the Annual Assembly shall audit the accounts of the Grand