

The expenses consequent upon the formation of this Great Priory have unavoidably been much increased, and it will be absolutely necessary that steps be at once taken to obtain corresponding receipts. The establishment of fees of honour for each Great officer, as was formerly the case, would be only proper and advisable, and as it appears Preceptories have not been sufficiently prompt and regular in transmitting their returns and fees, Preceptors should attend to this most necessary duty, and insure its being properly carried out.

#### ALTERATIONS OF STATUTES.

1. A fixed place and time of holding the annual convocations would be a most salutary measure, and one which, I think, would help to the regularity of the attendance, and to the legislations being more maturely considered, by giving greater facilities for the transaction of business than is now the case. We have heretofore met in conjunction with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada to avoid the time and expense of two separate journeys. This is no longer applicable, the Order of the Temple comprising the whole Dominion, and there being now separate Grand Royal Arch Chapters in the Provinces. I would suggest that the present month of October, and in Montreal, at the period before or after the Sup. G. Council 33 A. & A. S. Rite of Canada assembles, be decided upon, leaving it in exceptional cases for the Council or Great Prior to name time and place. This would give our brethren from the Maritime Provinces an opportunity of attending both bodies, which it is hardly to be expected they could do as we are at present constituted.

2. The statutes of Great Priory page 13, article 38, provide that the duties of Chancellor may be delegated to the Vice Chancellor and a remuneration fixed for the discharge of the active duties of the office; I would strongly recommend that these duties should always be performed by the Vice Chancellor leaving the title of Chancellor, which office must be filled by a Great officer, open and untrammelled for election annually by Great Priory; the duties of the office being virtually those of Secretary, and the services required more intimately connected with the Great Prior, it is not advisable that changes should take place irrespective of him, which must be the case in an elective office.

3. I have pointed out, at our last meeting, what I considered an oversight in continuing to style the Great officers, Grand—Great and Grand being synonymous, and as we are now called a Great Priory with great officers, we should entirely omit the word Grand excepting when applied to officers of the former Grand Priory. The tautology "Great, Grand," seems ridiculous which is in reality what we use now, by calling the "Great officers" "Grand."

4. In page 21 No. 79 of the statutes a clerical error appears in fixing the date of DeMolai, the martyr's death (which took place two days before the vernal equinox) on the 13th March instead of the 11th—Addison records 19th March, 1814, but this is accounted for in the difference between the new and old styles, and which were not changed until long after. The vernal equinox by which all dates are regulated took place then on the 13th of March, but is now fixed for the 21st March, so that the anniversary of his death is the 19th, although it still continues to be held on the 11th of March.