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CORRELL LAYING, MALTA

PRESENT:

# Grand Magistral Council Meeting

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Prince Don Francisco Enrique de Borbon y de Borbon - President

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MALTA

Members of the Council **23rd and 24th September 1977**

The Grand Commander, H.R.H. the Duke of Liria and Sagunto

The Grand Chancellor and Grand Controller of the Treasury, H.E. John E. Micallef

The Grand Marshal, H.R.H. The Prince of Egypt

The Grand Magister, H.E. Don B. Kandy, Viceroy of Cuba

The Grand Commander of the Order, H.E. Charles A. Karmali

The Grand Master Deputy, H.E. Sir William Stewart

The Grand Master Elect, H.E. Charles de Bolognino

Delegations from the following Jurisdictions:

The Priory of Alentejo

The Grand Priory of America

The Delegation of Austria

The Bailiwick of Burgundy

The Chapter of Brabant

The Grand Bailiwick of the Duchy of Brabant

The Grand Priory of England

The Grand Priory of Flanders

The Chapter of Germany

The Grand Priory of Hungary

The Grand Priory of Ireland

The Chapter of Italy

The Grand Priory of Malabar

The Bailiwick of the Holy Land

The Grand Priory of the Kingdom of Sicily

*THE MEETINGS WERE HELD AT THE GRAND CHANCERY  
CASTELLO LANZON, MALTA.*

**PRESENT:**

H.R.H. the Grand Master,  
Prince Don Francisco Enrique de Borbon y de Borbon, - presiding.

*Members of the Supreme Council:*

The Grand Commander, H.E. Lt. Col. the Laird of Gayre and Nigg;  
The Grand Chancellor and Grand Custodian of the Treasury, H.E. Chev.  
J. Amato-Gauci;  
The Grand Marshal, H.S.H. The Prince of Lippe;  
The Grand Registrar, H.E. Chev. Dr. B. Kezdy Vasarhelyi de Kezd;  
The Grand Custodian of Insigna, H.E. Chev. T. A. Keith-Hill;  
The Grand Sword Bearer, H.E. Sir William Steward;  
The Grand Banner Bearer, H.E. Chev. J. de Beaugourdon.

*Delegations from the following Jurisdictions:*

The Priory of Alsace  
The Grand Priory of America  
The Delegation of Austria  
The Bailiwick of Boigny  
The Canadian Jurisdiction  
The Grand Bailiwick of the Dutch Tongue  
The Grand Priory of England  
The Grand Priory of Finland-Sweden  
The Commandery of Germany  
The Grand Priory of Hungary  
The Grand Priory of Ireland  
The Commandery of Lochose  
The Grand Priory of Malta  
The Bailiwick of New Zealand  
The Bailiwick of South Africa  
The Grand Priory of Spain

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The following letter was received from H. B. the Patriarch Maximos V:  
*The Grand Chancellor,*  
*J. Amato Gauci,*  
*Malta.*

*Dear Knight,*  
*I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated July 8. I took note of your invitation. It will be difficult for me to attend that meeting, as I have to be in Rome at the beginning of October for the Roman Synod. With my best wishes.*

20-7-1977

✠ MAXIMOS V, Patriarch,  
P.O.Box 50076,  
Beirut,  
Lebanon

*Regrets for absence were received from several other members, amongst whom:*

Chev. J. P. Fitzpatrick (Grand Referendary)  
Sir H. P. Scicluna (Grand Capitular)  
Col. A. R. Hughes (Bailiff, The Bailiwick of New Zealand)  
Chev. Jorge da Silva Preto (Prior, Grand Priory of Portugal)  
Chev. M. Gonzalez de Sanche (Chancellor, Grand Priory of Spain)  
Chev. R. Wasserman (Prior, Priory of Suisse Romande)  
Chev. G. Tobler (Prior, Priory of Suisse Allemande)  
Chev. J. Caruana (Delegate, The Delegation of Australia)

THE AGENDA WAS THE FOLLOWING:

**Friday, 23rd September:**

10.00—13.00 Speech of welcome by the Grand Commander.  
Reply by the Grand Master.  
Report by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Custodian of the Treasury.  
Discussions, Amendments to decrees, etc.  
13.00—14.00 Lunch Session  
14.00—17.00 Reports by Jurisdictions.

**Saturday, 24th September:**

10.00—12.30 Reports by Jurisdictions (Continuation)  
Discussions  
Summing up.

The Grand Commander opened the meetings with a speech of welcome to H.R.H. the Prince Grand Master, who presided.

The Grand Master replied.

The instructions and procedure governing the meetings were read out by the Grand Chancellor.

The Grand Chancellor and Grand Custodian then read the following report:

Your Royal Highness, Excellencies, Confrères and Consoeurs. Welcome to your Headquarters in this tiny but historic Island of Malta. This is the second Grand Magistral Council Meeting since H.R.H. Prince Don Francisco Enrique de Borbon y de Borbon took up again the reins of Government of this Most Noble and Ancient Order.

Many, and I agree with them, will consider that this year's Meeting is not on such a grand scale as was originally planned. This is due to the unexpected change of venue and our limited resources here. I appeal to all present to take this in consideration for any shortcomings.

Since the last Grand Magistral Council Meeting, which was held in Edinburgh in August 1974, a very important event in the Order occurred when the Members of l'Association d'Alsace des Chevaliers de Saint Lazare declared their allegiance to H.R.H. the Prince Grand Master and came over in full strength to the legitimate side of the Order. Alsace is now a Priory of the Order with His Excellency Baron the Chevalier Christian Rendinger, Knight Grand Cross, as its Prior. The new Priory was inaugurated in December 1975 when H.R.H. the Grand Master together with High Officers of the Order and several Heads of Jurisdictions visited Strasbourg where they were right royally entertained.

During the last 3 years there have been some changes in the Hierarchy of the Order, of which the most important is the nomination by H.R.H. the Grand Master of H.R.H. the Duke of Seville as Coadjutor, Vice H.R.H. Prince Michael of France who had resigned.

The other changes in the Supreme Council are the appointment of Chevalier John Patrick Fitzpatrick, GCLJ, as Grand Referendary, and of Chevalier Jean de Beaugourdon, GCLJ, as Grand Banner Bearer.

The Grand Master has also appointed the Chevalier Richard Flores Martin, GCLJ, as Secretary to the Supreme Council. The following Offices in the Supreme Council are vacant: The Judge of Arms, The Grand Archivist, the Herald Principal, the Grand Genealogist, the Grand Standard Bearer and the Commander of Ambulance Services.

The following Jurisdictions were raised to the status of Grand Priors/Grand Bailiwicks or to that of Priory: The Grand Bailiwick of the Dutch Tongue, with Chevalier H. A. van den Akker as Grand Bailiff; The Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands with Judge the Chevalier William Harding as Grand Prior;

The Grand Bailliage of Boigny with the Chevalier Jean de Beaugourdon as Prior;

The Priory of Finland with the Chevalier Curt Ulfstedt as Prior.

H.E. The Grand Commander, in his capacity as Hereditary Commander of Lochore, has set up a Sub-Commandery of Lochore in Malta with the Chevalier J. Amato-Gauci as the Deputy Commander.

The effective membership of the Order as on 1st September 1977 was 1416 as compared to 1158 in August 1974. The membership is made up as hereunder:

<i>Members</i>	<i>Affiliates</i>	<i>Clergy</i>	
GCLJ — 144	CLJ — 256	Ecclesiastical Grand	
DGCLJ — 38	OLJ — 182	Crosses	9
KCLJ — 56	MLJ — 181	Senior Chaplains, Chaplains	
KLJ — 402		and Assistant Chaplains	63
DLJ — 85			
	<u>619</u>		<u>72</u>
	725		

The number of members, (Members, Affiliates etc.) who have died or have ceased to be members of the Order since September 1974 is 58.

89 persons who are not members of the Order hold Awards in the Companionate of Merit in the following grades:

GCM LJ	5
KMLJ/DMLJ	21
CMLJ	22
OMLJ	9
MMLJ	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>

16 Donat Crosses were awarded to non-members who had made donations to the Order.

During the financial year May 1976 - April 1977 Chancery Fees were received from the following Jurisdictions:

- The Priory of Alsace
- The Grand Priory of America
- The Bailiwick of Boigny
- The Jurisdiction of Canada
- The Grand Bailiwick of the Dutch Tongue
- The Grand Priory of England
- The Commandery of Germany
- The Grand Priory of Hungary
- The Grand Priory of Ireland
- The Commandery of Lochore
- The Grand Priory of Malta
- The Bailiwick of New Zealand
- The Members in Gremio Religionis and in Lochore Malta.

To the above Jurisdictions I say "Thank You". By honouring your obligations you have enabled the administration of the Order to continue functioning.

## STAFF

The Staff of the Grand Chancery consists of the Grand Chancellor, who is also the Grand Custodian/Receiver of the Treasury, the Vice Chancellor (both unpaid) and an occasional typist.

### *Reports by Heads of Jurisdictions:*

The Grand Commander called on the Heads of Jurisdictions to report on their respective Jurisdictions. The following is a summary of the reports:

#### **The Priory of Alsace**

The Priory of Alsace has always been most active. It has thirty ambulances in operation in the lower Rhine district. The members of the ambulance corps meet every year for training and at the same time with one another and with other members of the Order.

The Ste Aurélie Dispensary functions very satisfactorily with two of the Order's nurses on duty there. It is attached to the Lutheran parish administered by Pastor Horn, a Chaplain of the Order.

Of all the Priory's interests, the leprosarium at Touboro, Northern Cameroons, is the most important. A member of the Priory visits Touboro every year. The dispensary there caters chiefly for children and for maternity cases. It was completely refurbished by the Priory during 1976. Thanks to the efforts of the members of the Priory and, in particular to Chevalier Lavandier, the Priory was able to help Touboro to the extent of Frs. 70,000, not including the value of medicines etc., donated during 1977.

#### **The Grand Priory of America**

The Grand Bailiff explained that in the United States of America the Grand Priory was free to operate without any interference and that the associated legal body was exempt from tax. They had about 225 active members divided into four jurisdictions which, together, covered the not inconsiderable area of the United States. A very strong charitable programme and at least fifty active members was required before any jurisdiction could be incorporated.

The Grand Bailiff also indicated that the Grand Priory was carefully fostering the spread of the Order's membership in Mexico, Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

Publicity is considered important and some excellent brochures were shown to the Meeting.

The Grand Priory has taken part in the recent Holy Year Celebrations in the United States, in a crusade of prayer in favour of believers in the communist world and in studies on geriatrics sponsored by Tufts University, in Boston.

### **The Delegation of Austria**

The Austrian Delegation was set up in 1973. The St. Lazarus Volunteers are officially recognised by the Government and the main work they undertake is helping the disabled. The organisation helps such people in their own homes, organises excursions, half day trips, visits to theatres, cinemas or swimming pools etc. The ambulance, received from the Commandery of Germany in 1975, has proved to be of the greatest use. However, it now needs extensive repairs.

A holiday trip to Tunisia for the disabled is being organised next February, and Christmas shopping trips for the disabled in wheel-chairs, will be organised as usual in November and December.

New groups of St. Lazarus volunteers are being established in Salzburg and in Upper Austria. The uniform of the St. Lazarus Volunteers is recognised by the Austrian Ministry of the Interior and may be worn in Germany, Italy and Switzerland. The group co-operates with the Austrian Army, the Red Cross and the fire brigades.

The Delegation hopes that the next meeting of the Grand Magistral Council will be held in Salzburg.

### **The Bailiwick of Boigny**

Boigny is especially concerned with the need for unity in the Order and is continually studying ways and means by which this may be achieved. Apart from this, as much as possible has been done to help the unfortunate refugees from Cambodia and the victims of the fighting in the Lebanon. Something has been done for the handicapped and the aged but the main difficulty is, as always, insufficient means.

The Bailiwick is seeking to complete the work on the history of the Order commenced by Dr. Claire Engel, and is hoping to set in motion a study on the heraldry of St. Lazarus.

The Bailiwick is concerned about the domain of Boigny. This is the personal property of the Grand Commander, acquired and restored by him at great expense in the interests of the Order. It includes a two acre farm and a 12th century tower. The Grand Commander cannot continue to hold it much longer but is prepared to give the Order an opportunity to buy it at a price which will probably involve him in considerable loss. The Bailiwick feels that the Members of the Order and the various Jurisdictions will certainly wish to contribute to saving the historic headquarters of the Order.

### **The Jurisdiction of Canada**

The Priory of Canada was set up in 1976 after it became clear that the differences between the Order and the Paris Group could not easily be settled. The Prior gave a detailed account of the state of affairs at present obtaining and of the pressure, including a supreme court case which is being brought to bear on his jurisdiction.

Various investitures have been held and it is hoped that, in due course, the membership will increase.

### **The Grand Bailiwick of the Dutch Tongue**

The Delegation of the Dutch Tongue was founded in 1974. It supports the work of the leprosy mission in the Himalayan state of Bhutan to the extent in 1975, of 5,000 Dutch florins. Membership doubled during that year and the Delegation became a Commandery. It became a Grand Bailiwick at the end of 1976 with Chevalier Henri van den Akker as Grand Bailiff. The Grand Bailiwick aims to become a worthy successor to the Order's original Grand Bailiwick in the Netherlands of which some interesting 14th century records have been traced.

### **The Grand Priory of England**

The Grand Priory of England has grown in numbers since 1974 and careful attention is paid to the selection of new members to ensure that those accepted are indeed prepared to serve mankind through the Order. The Secretary General and all the officers have the Priory very much at heart and do valuable work.

In 1976, one of the members, Terry Mills, C.L.J., set up the St. Lazarus volunteers, who operate in South London, visiting the elderly in their own homes. Arrangements are being made also for visits to Springfield Hospital. The Almoner, Rev. Dr. Denis Brown, is examining the possibility of the Grand Priory becoming associated with the administration of an Alms-house.

The Priory's annual service, meeting, investiture and dinner were held in Northampton in May, 1977, where the first Royal Charter was granted to the Order in 1177 by King Henry II. The charter has been traced by the Assistant Secretary General, Gerard Edwards, and a copy is now exhibited in the Grand Chancery, at Castello Lanzon.

### **The Grand Priory of Finland/Sweden**

The Grand Priory of Finland/Sweden is growing steadily but of course due regard is paid to the necessity for quality rather than quantity in accepting

new members. The Grand Master's visit did much to help and encourage the members and the resulting publicity has done much good.

The present day equivalent of the leper is perhaps the drug addict and everything possible, including the running of an ambulance service, is done to help these people. Apart from this the Grand Priory is always ready to help in any charitable work which comes to its notice.

To commemorate the Turku celebrations a commemorative medallion was struck in a limited issue in Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Grand Master was presented with a Medallion in Gold, the Grand Commander with one in Silver and the Grand Chancellor with one in Bronze.

### **The Commandery of Germany**

Chevalier Eichenberg explained that although the use of uniforms and decorations of Orders such as that of St. Lazarus was forbidden in Germany no restrictions were placed on the Order's operation. The jurisdiction was progressing satisfactorily. It had opened its own offices and was doing all it could for the disabled and the elderly. In fact it had acquired special transport which enabled wheel-chairs to be taken on with their occupants. This had proved a great success. The Commandery had also prepared, in agreement with the Grand Commander and the Grand Chancery, a new medal to be given to those who merited well of the Order. A set was produced and very favourably commented upon.

### **The Grand Priory of Hungary**

This is a priory in exile and faces continued financial difficulties; the members however, do all they can. The membership of the Grand Priory is spread over many countries in each of which the members co-operate with the local jurisdictions of the Order.

The Grand Priory of Hungary supports the Hungarian missionary hospital in Taiwan. Dr. Buzady, K.L.J. has done volunteer work there which has done much good. His wife, who is a dentist, helped too and when they left, the hospital had become a useful institution much used and respected and with a very good reputation.

### **The Grand Priory of Ireland**

The situation in Ireland is improving and contact has been maintained with all Lazarites there. The attitude in Ireland has always been that although there may be disagreements it is always best to search for what should unite rather than to focus on what should divide. Patience, common sense and sound argument will eventually have their way and this is certainly proving to be the case in Ireland.

### **The Hereditary Commandery of Lochore**

Of Lochore it must be said that the work to be done outstrips the finance available. St. Vincent's church is continually being improved. Stained glass windows generously donated, are being installed. All the members, and particularly Mrs. Mann, Chevalier and Mrs. Morris and Chevalier Keith-Hill, have worked hard for the Church.

The emergency ambulance corps is an important part of the work of the Commandery. The members of the corps do a great deal themselves and the Commandery helps to the extent of about £1,000 a year. The situation in Ireland means that the corps there is practically to all intents and purposes on active service but the work the corps is faced with in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Galashiels is almost unbelievable.

### **The Grand Priory of Malta**

The Grand Priory of Malta, which comprises the former Priory of Malta and the Delegation of Gozo, makes it its constant purpose to assist the sick, the aged and the poor. Donations are made to institutions for the aged and to orphanages. This naturally requires fund raising activities of which the most successful was organised by Mrs. Mary Hughes, M.L.J., O.M.L.J. The Grand Priory also depends on donations received from members. The Grand Priory was fortunate in being able to entertain Chevalier Eichenberg, the Commander of the Commandery of Germany, and Baron de Rendinger, the Prior of Alsace, when they were on visits to Malta. The Grand Priory, as always, suitably celebrates the feast of St. Lazarus.

### **The Bailiwick of New Zealand**

The early work of the Bailiwick of New Zealand was among the South Pacific Islands, where leprosy is endemic. Help both financial and material has been given to Valmale Hospital, New Hebrides; Helen Goldie Hospital, Munda, New Georgia; Jetero Leprosarium, Guadalcanal; Hospital of the Epiphany, Malaita; The Mission Hospital, Toun, Bougainville; St. Mary's Hospital, Atape, New Guinea. This work is continually expanding.

The Bailiwick minibus has carried thousands over the years at the price of many sacrifices by the volunteer drivers under Brigadier S. F. Catchpole, KLJ.

Much financial support has come from R.S. Higginbotham, MLJ.

The Bailiwick works in close liaison with the Venerable Order and does all it can to provide transport for the aged and in particular for the Sunset Old Folks Home.

The St. Lazarus village is nearing completion. It contains eleven housing units for the elderly. The land was donated by Wilfred Subritzkey C.M.L.J.

and much work was done by the Chancellor, L.J. Hill K.C.L.J., and F. W. G. Taylor, O.L.J., C.M.L.J. New Zealand together with Belgium, has also contributed an Ambulance for service in Ireland.

### **The Bailiwick of South Africa**

Membership of the Order in South Africa is small, the Order is not very well known and there is relatively little activity. However, everything possible is being done to rectify this. The Grand Commander visited the Bailiwick in 1976 and provided much needed encouragement. Very useful meetings were held as a result of his visit. Some of the new members are very keen. Mr. R. Laing, O.L.J. has raised money for the Order through carol singing and, with another new member, Miss P. Stack, has organised a successful fund raising buffet supper. The newsletter was also Mr. Laing's idea. All this is indeed encouraging and it is hoped that, with the enthusiasm of the younger members the Bailiwick will give a good account of itself in future.

### **Priory of Suisses Romande**

*(Read by the Grand Chancellor)*

Currently, our efforts are concentrated on the Asile des Aveugles. At the moment, Frs. 50,000 have been set aside for the use and acquisition of equipment, first of all for the instructors to test and then for the blind, temporarily or permanently according to the individual case.

We have bought 10 T.V.-Lectors machines which allow the visually handicapped to read, thanks to a system linked to the television. (In this instance, we have been able to get conditions which are particularly advantageous from a Lausanne manufacturer). If the people are able to obtain the machines for themselves, they return them to the Asile des Aveugles.

We have also bought an Optacon machine which has been allocated to a teacher who has become blind. Later when she gets one from the AI (Invalid Insurance), it will be given back to the Asile.

### **The St. Lazarus Society of Gothenburg**

The society was set up and exists to give financial support to the St. Lazarus Emergency Ambulance Corps maintained by the Commandery of Lochore. So far £1230 have been contributed to the ambulance corps and \$300 to the Holy Family Hospital, in Taiwan.

### **Amendments to the Constitutional Decrees of 1969**

*Decree 56* - H.R.H. the Grand Master directed that Decree 56/1969 regarding shoulder Badges of Rank shall be amended as follows:

### *BADGES OF RANK*

#### *Member Companion -*

White epaulet with the Initials (S.L.) of the Order and a button (of the Order).

#### *Officer Companion -*

White epaulet with one Green Cross, the Initials of the Order and one button.

#### *Commander Companion -*

White epaulet with two Green Crosses, the Initials of the Order and one button.

#### *Knight -*

Gold epaulet with one Green Cross, the Initials of the Order and one button.

#### *Knight Grand Cross -*

Gold epaulet with two Green Crosses and the Initials of the Order and one button.

### *HEADS OF JURISDICTIONS*

#### *Grand Priors/Grand Bailiffs, Priors/Bailiffs, Commanders -*

Gold epaulet with three Green Crosses and the Initials of the Order and one button.

#### *Members of the Supreme Council -*

Gold epaulet, one Crown and the Initials of the Order and one button.

#### *Grand Referendary/Grand Chancellor -*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, one Green Cross, and one button.

#### *Grand Commander/President Supreme Council -*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, two Green Crosses and one button.

#### *Coadjutor -*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, three Green Crosses and one button.

#### *Grand Master -*

Gold epaulet, one Crown, four Green Crosses, and one button.

The Grand Chancellor moved Amendments to Decrees Nos. 18, 20, 36, 45, 46, 49, 51 and 64.

Decree 18 - After "GRAND REFERENDARY" — To be amended by the insertion of the words "GRAND CHANCELLOR".

(para 2)

Para 2 of the Decree will then read:

"For all the work of the Order the Grand Master will issue his instructions direct, or through the Coadjutor, or the Grand Commander, or the Grand Referendary or the Grand Chancellor to the Officers concerned as listed in Decree 8/69."

Decree 20 - To be amended by the insertion of the words "the President of the Supreme Council and the Grand Chancellor".

The Decree will then read:

The GRANDMAGISTRAL COUNCIL consists of the Grand Master as President, the Coadjutor, the Grand Commander, the President of the Supreme Council, the Grand Referendary, the Grand Chancellor etc.

Decree 36 - To be amended at Para 1 line 14 for VICE-CHANCERY CONCERNED read GRAND CHANCERY.

And at Para 3 (a) for GRAND INQUISITOR read GRAND CHANCELLOR. This sub-para will then read:

"Making a petition to the Grand Chancellor setting out his reasons for asking to be reinstated on the active list."

Decree 45 - Para 1 - To be amended as hereunder:

"Hereafter no decrees, instructions or documents carrying the force of obligation to accept and obey nor admission to the Order or promotions therein will be considered legal and binding which do not bear the following seals:

1. The Privy Seal of the Grand Master, which is a seal bearing the Grand Master's personal arms quartered with those of the Order.
2. The seal of the Grand Commander.
3. The seal of the Grand Chancery.

Decree 46 - To be amended to read:

"All Certificates (Diplomas) of Admission or Promotion shall be signed by the Grand Master, the Grand Commander and the Grand Chancellor".

Decree 49 - To be amended by the deletion of the words: "The Grand Hospitaller will co-ordinate Ambulance Corps policies throughout the Order".

Decree 51 - To be amended to read:

"The wives of members of the Order may be granted the same rank as their husbands".

Decree 64 - To be amended to read:

"For the purpose of the allocation of the awards of the medals of merit, crosses of merit, the Companionship of Merit, the Donat Crosses or any other awards which the Order may from time to time create, the Admissions Commission of the Order composed of the Grand Commander, the Grand

Chancellor and the Grand Inquisitor shall adjudicate upon the recommendations received from the Heads of Jurisdictions".

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS:

The Grand Chancellor proposed, and it was agreed, that those appointments made in 1969 which were no longer effective shall be considered as cancelled.

All the above amendments were agreed to.

In connection with Decree 49 the Grand Bailiff of America proposed and it was agreed, that the Office of Commander of Ambulance Services, which is vacant, shall be abolished.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Chancellor announced that H.R.H. the Prince Grand Master has been pleased to approve the following:

The setting up of the Grand Priory of Finland and Sweden and the appointment of Chevalier Ulfstedt as its Grand Prior, with the rank of Knight Commander.

The elevation, to Knight Grand Cross of Canon Wrangham Hardy, Prior of the Grand Priory of England.

#### OTHER MATTERS

##### *The Farm and Tower at Boigny*

The suggestion made by the Bailiff of Boigny, the Chev. de Beaugourdon, to the effect that the possibility be considered of acquiring for the Order the farm and tower at Boigny, now the property of the Grand Commander, was discussed at length.

The Domain of Boigny was first granted to the Order in 1154 by King Louis VII of France. It remained the headquarters of the Order until, eventually, both the castle and the domain passed into private hands. Some three years ago the Grand Commander, hearing that it might be possible to purchase that part of the domain consisting of a two acre farm and its buildings together with a tower dating back to the 12th century, entered into negotiations with the owner and eventually purchased it. The buildings have now been repaired and the Grand Commander was prepared to hold them till such time, say three months or so, as consideration could be and has been given to their acquisition on behalf of the Order.

The Grand Commander did not propose to make any profit out of the transaction but would in fact lose over it. He pointed out that the tower

and the farm could not be separated and that as the castle itself was not on the market it was unique opportunity for the Order to obtain possession of at least a part of its ancient headquarters.

It was suggested that individual members of the Order might buy shares in a fund to effect the purchase. The matter was further discussed and the opinion was expressed that it would be advisable for the property to be vested in the various jurisdictions of the Order and not in the names of individual members. Some Jurisdictions immediately expressed the intention of contributing and much interest was shown.

#### *The Pilgrim Medal*

The Bailiff of the Grand Priory of America indicated that this jurisdiction had given much thought to the possibility of striking a pilgrim's medal to be awarded to those members of the Order who had visited the Holy Land. The Catholic Church awards just such a Medal which has a distinguished tradition but is, of course, restricted to Roman Catholics. The Order's medal would be available to all Christians. The matter had been discussed with the Grand Commander who had suggested that the medal should be designed by the Grand Priory of America. This had been done and the Bailiff produced an example which met with universal approval. Arrangements are to be made for the medal to be made available and for the conditions under which it is to be awarded to be laid down.

#### *Medals of Merit*

Chevalier Eichenberg, the Commander of the Commandery of Germany, produced for examination by the meeting a set of medals to be awarded to those individuals who had merited well of the Order. They had been designed by the Commandery of Germany in agreement with the Grand Commander and the Grand Chancellor and were to take the place of the Medal of Merit which had been in use by the Order for many years.

The Grand Commander pointed out that the medals were not intended for award to members of the Order but rather to people outside the Order whose services the Order wished to recognise. Jurisdictions would propose recipients who would not be expected to pay for the medal the cost of which would be met by the Jurisdiction.

The medals met with general approval.

#### *Telegrams and Resolutions*

A resolution of loyalty to the Grand Master was approved by all present and formally signed by the Heads of Delegations.

It was agreed that the following telegram should be sent to His Holiness the Pope:

"Prince François Henri de Bourbon et de Bourbon Grand Maître de l'Ordre

de Saint Lazare de Jerusalem, Grand Conseil, et tous les Membres de leur Ordre réunis à Malte au siège de la Grand Chancellerie s'adressent à Votre Sainteté au nom de leurs Frères oecuméniques la prient d'agréer l'expression de leur respect et de leur dévouement dans la grande oeuvre quelle a si courageusement entreprise en vue de la réconciliation de tous les chrétiens."

It was also agreed that all Jurisdictions should send a telegram of greeting to H.M. the King of Spain on the anniversary of the discovery of the New World. The text of the telegram is given hereunder:

To the Secretary to H.M. the King of Spain, Royal Palace, Madrid.

"I have the honour to request you to lay before His Majesty the following message:

The Jurisdiction of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in the country of ..... which comprises ..... members supports its legitimate Grand Master Prince Don Francisco de Borbon y de Borbon, in extending to His Majesty King Juan Carlos I felicitations on the occasion of Columbus Day."

Signature and address of Head of Jurisdiction.

It was also resolved to send the following telegram of greeting to the Patriarch:

"Prince Don Francisco de Borbon y de Borbon Grandmaster and Members of the Order St. Lazarus present at Magistral Meeting send their filial respects."

#### *Draft Constitution for the Order*

The Bailiff of the Grand Priory of the United States referred to the decision taken at the Grand Magistral Council held in Edinburgh in 1974 to the effect that a new constitution, consolidating all the rules and regulations governing the Order, should be drawn up.

He reminded the gathering that this duty had been entrusted to Chevalier Paneff, Commander Lathrop and Mr. Murray. Despite various difficulties of communication, which were outlined by Chevalier Dr. von Leden, the new constitution had in fact, been drafted and Chevalier Dr. von Leden presented it to the Grand Master. The Grand Commander proposed that it should, as a next step, be carefully studied by the Grand Chancellor.

#### *Venue for next meeting*

The venue for the 1979 Grand Magistral Council Meeting was provisionally fixed at Salzburg, Austria.

### *Investitures and Church Services*

THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER — Investiture Ceremony at Castello Lanzon for the Members of the Grand Priory of America at which H.R.H. the Grand Master officiated.

SUNDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER - Holy Mass at the Chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, St. Julians (for Roman Catholics).

Communion Service at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral (for Anglicans and other Denominations).

Investiture Ceremony at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mensija, San Gwann, at which H.R.H. the Grand Master officiated.

### *Social Functions*

WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER - Banquet at Grand Hotel Verdala given by the Officers and Members of the Grand Priory of America in honour of T.R.H. the Prince Grand Master and the Princess de Borbon.

THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER - Drinks at Castello Lanzon hosted by the Grand Priory of America. T.R.H. the Prince Grand Master and the Princess de Borbon attended.

FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER - Reception at the residence of the Grand Chancellor attended by T.R.H. the Prince Grand Master and the Princess de Borbon, the Members of the Supreme Council and the Heads and Representatives of jurisdictions.

SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER - Gala Dinner at Casino Maltese, Valletta, hosted by the Grand Priory of Malta which was attended by T.R.H. the Prince Grand Master and the Princess de Borbon, the Members of the Supreme Council and Members of the Order.