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## CHANCERY OF THE ORDER, MARK MASONS HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W. C. 2.

22nd December, 1933.

DEAR SIR AND EMT. BRO. KNIGHT,

I write to inform you that permission has been sanctioned by the Grand Master's Council for the appointment in Provinces of a Provincial Prior's Body Guard, similar in its constitution to that of the Grand Master's Body Guard in Great Priory.

The appointment of such is in no way compulsory and it is left entirely to the discretion of the Provincial Prior concerned, but in the opinion of the Council the existence of a Provincial Prior's Body Guard, at any rate in the larger Provinces, might be of assistance at Provincial Meetings in the orderly and dignified conduct of the "Arch of Steel," etc.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has approved of a prescribed badge which may be worn by members of a Provincial Prior's Body Guard, on the distinct understanding that this badge may only be worn whilst they are actually members, and, with the exception of the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Body Guard (who may be Provincial Officers), must be returned upon appointment to any office in Provincial Priory, or on relinquishing membership for other reasons.

The badge is to be worn immediately above the red cross on the left shoulder of the mantle.

A member of a Provincial Prior's Body Guard has no rank or precedence as such, either within or without his own Province, and membership does not constitute an office in Provincial Priory.

I enclose a copy of the prescribed design, and in the shield, superimposed on the red cross, may be embroidered the crest or coat-of-arms of the Province or of the Provincial Prior. The Commander and the Deputy Commander may wear the appropriate designation above the badge, as is shown on the amended designs marked "A" and "B," respectively.

In the event of a Provincial Prior desiring to appoint a Body Guard, application must be made to this office with the design suggested, for the approval of the Grand Master's Council.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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Great Vice-Chancellor.

The Provincial Vice-Chancellor.