

CHAPTER GENERAL 1999



Left, Rome. Magistral Villa on the Aventine. His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master, Fra' Andrew Bertie, opens the works of the Chapter General, the last for this millennium, in the presence of the Representatives of Institutional and National Organizations of the Order gathered in the Hall of the Complete Council of State, on 22 and 23 June 1999.

Right, Rome. Meeting of the Members of the Chapter General in the Church of *Santa Maria all'Aventino*, for the Extraordinary Chapter General of the Order held in 1997 for the Reform of the Constitutional Charter and Code.

*Most Eminent Highness,
Most Reverend Excellency, Excellencies, Members of the Chapter,*

According to the new Constitutional Charter and Code, the Receiver of the Common Treasure has the duty to present to the General Chapter a report on the utilisation of the funds given by the different bodies and members of the Order.

In the performance of my duty, therefore, I present herewith attached the Budget for the Financial Contributions made by the Order's Members to the Grand Magistracy. This Budget (annex A) has been prepared in collaboration with the Financial Commission, founded by the Presidents and approved by the Camera dei Conti. The document that is being delivered has been put on the Agenda (point 8) and will be discussed tomorrow.

Nevertheless, also the report on the general situation of the Order, both from the economic and financial points of view, obviously lies within the province of the Receiver of the Common Treasure. To perform this duty, I have prepared a document from which you will notice the economic and property increases that have been recorded in the last five years; summing up, from the economic point of view there has been an increase of L. 2,142 miliardi and from the property point of view there has been an increase of L. 12,302 miliardi. Figures and trends are confirmed by the Camera dei Conti's report, which is also attached (annex B).

You will certainly have time to read it before the meeting of tomorrow.

I thank you for your attention.