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<Text: Ordinance>

<fol. 11r>Thys ys the ordinance and the Custume hwych ys nyedfol
 that euerych+man & womman that ys . other shal be Mad brother
 other soster at the hous of seynt laurens knawe and do ther
 efter // For the ooth ys thys that ys y-mad hwan a+man othir
 a womman shal be Mad brothe other soster . at the same place .
 the ferste ooth ys thys hwo þet be ther brother other soster
 hy scholle swer~ at the Cherce dore that hy scholle kepe
 hem Chast yn hyre body also longe als hy dwellyth at that
 place // Al-swo þet hy scholleth be obedient and buxam to
 the Abot of seynt Augustins ant to other Abottys that
 cometh eftyr hym in alle thyngys thet be-longeth to hys
 Jurediccoun // And al-swo hy scholleth swer~ that hy scholleth
 be obedient to her~ wardeyn ant to her~ prioressse // the secunde
 ys that hy scholleth Conne & knawe her~ pater~ noster and
 aue Maria and Credo . hwych pater noster hy beth yholde to
 sygge euyrych day two hundred sythe and fyfty . and in
 lentyn thre hundred sythe . and euyrych day fyfty sithe
 Aue Maria . For Alle the Foundours and the benefactors
 quyke and dyede of the hous of seynt laurens //
 Al-swo hy beth y-holde to come to-gyder~ in-to the Cherche
 and ther~ sygge hyr~ bedys to-gyder~ . Out-take hem thet beth
 seke ant ham that habbeth leue . of the wardeyn that tra
 uayleth other beth y-ocupied for profyth of the hous . and hwo
 thet deth ellys the wardeyn ys holde to amendy ham . and
 opuynie ham ther-of // Al-swo hy beth j-holde alle to gwo
 to bedde to-gyder~ thet ys to sygge in o time . and aryse at
 o time . and For to holde the sylence hwanne hy gwoth
 to bedde and hwanne hy aryseth . bote yef eny of ham be
 openlyche sek hwy that he mot be excused // Al-swo

ther ne schal no brother ne soster be shryue to
 <fol. 11v>non other preest ne frere . bote to hyre o3ene prest of the
 place . bot 3ef hy habbe leue of the Abbot other of hyre
 wardeyn . Al-so al se ofte ase the wardeyn wyle holde
 chapitele hy beth y-holde to come ther-to and be amendyd
 of hym there 3ef hy habbeth ytrespacyd; // Al-so hwanne
 hy walketh in the Court . other gwoth out / ate gate . ther
 schal non of ham gwo a-lone wyth-oute a felaghe bote be
 leue of hyr~ Mayster the wardeyn . hwanne he sent ham for eny
 gret nede other profyt of the hous ; // and al-so four time
 a 3er hy beth y-holde . ^[be] shryue to hyre oghene prest . in the
 same place . and four tyme a 3er to be housled . and four
 time a 3er be y-shore . // Forthermor 3ef eny brother other
 soster be founde wyth eny thefte other blod shedynd
 other putrye other lecherye . hee other hy shal be potid
 out for-euere of the hous of seynt laurens . // and hwo-so
 yt euere be of ham thet potyth eny desclandre other
 eny fals fame ope here Mayster the wardeyn other ope
 eny brother other soster of the same hous he shal be
 denounced acorsed thre tymes a 3er // . Forthermor for
 the profyth of the brothren ant sostren . the Abot heth
 yordeyned thet hwenne eny guodys beth be-quethe to the
 hous of seynt laurins . that thylke guodys torne to the
 vus and profyt of brothren and sostren thet there beth
 and to the profyt of the hous efter the dyscrecioun and
 ordinance of the wardeyn and of her~ prioresse // And the wardeyn
 and the prioresse sholle ordeyny of the Melle and and othere hous
 the beth wyth-oute the gate and othre smale rentes and profitys
 hou hy sholle be torned to the profyt of the sostren and brothren
 <fol. 12r>Al-so the wardeyn ys y-holde to begge wode and Coles that yn
 certeyn tymes of the 3er hwanne yt ys wonder cold the brothren
 and the sostren Moghe habbe veer . als the olde custume was
 ywoned to be // Al-so hwanne ther es eny nede to Make other
 to amende the Commune hous the wardeyn shal clepe alle
 the brothren and sostren to-gydere and haske here conceyl .
 and her~ help . // Al-swo yt ys yordeyned thet ther sholle be
 tweye keyes of the gernere and that on shal the wardeyn
 habbe and thet other the prioresse . that euerich of ham Moghe
 bere wytnesse hwet other deth . // Ne the wardeyn ne shal

hadde ther stondyngg~ bote on palfrey ne ther ne sholle stonde
 there none othere hors than hors of the place . bote 3ef the
 wardeyn hadde som on colt other two hwyche moghe efter
 ward torne to the vus other profyth of the place // Al-so
 ther ne shal be bote on plough to the place and 3ef ther
 beth moo hy sholleth be jpotyd and torned to the profyt of the
 place . // Ne the wardeyn ne shal hadde none houndes at
 the place bote twaye other thre mastyuys for help and
 surte of the place // Ne the wardeyn ne shal hadde no
 seruant in the place bote he moghe be syker thet he
 be trewe // and 3ef ther be eny seruant ther-inne that
 hadde be founde fals in a-nother wardeynys tyme the wardeyn
 shal pote hym a-way . // Al-so 3ef ther be eny man other
 womman that wyle be mad brother other soster at the
 hous of seynt laurens and he other~ hy wyle 3eue eny gwod
 to the same place . thanne the wardeyn wyth asent of alle
 the brotheren ant sostren . sholle ordeyne how thylke gwodys
 moghe best be torned to the profyt of the place . // Forther~
 hwo-so euer be prioressse hy hys J-holde euerych woke the
 wodenesday to clepe to-gydere alle the brothren and sostren
 <fol. 12v>and halde hyre chapitle efter the olde Custume of the hous
 bote eny of ham hadde a skelful cause hwy he mote be
 excused and there the prioressse 3ef thet hy vynt eny smale
 trespas other defaute in eny brother other soster other
 eny of the Mayne . hy ys iholde to a-mendy and opnyne
 ham ther-of skylfollyche . saue the grete trespas and
 the defautes sholleth be reserued and j-kept to the
 wardeyns correccioun . other ellys to the Abbot . // Al
 so as ofte as eny chapitle ys J-holde hwanne the cha
 pitle ys J-do . euerych brother and soster ys J-holde for
 to sygge thre sythys the pater noster . and th'e sithe Aue .
 Maria . for the Abbot and the Couent and Alle here foundours
 and for alle Crystene saules . // Al-so in absence of the wardeyn
 the prioressse in the wardeynys name . in skelfol cause may 3eue
 leue to brothren and sostren to gwo out ate the gate into
 diuerse places . hwer~ hy habbeth to done and 3ef eny of ham
 that asketh leue wyle alegge eny cause to the prioressse yt lan
 geth to the prioressse for to deme 3ef the cause be skelfol other
 nay . // 3ef eny brothren other sostren . askyth leue to speke

be hamselue to the Abbot other the *priour* of seynt Augustyns
 the wardeyn ne the *prioress* ne shulle naght warne hem
 leue . // Al-so ther ne shal no *prioress* be ma^{ad} ne potyd
 adoun . bote onlyche be the Abbot . saue hwanne the Abbot
 ys ded . and the Cherche of seynt Austyns ys vake
 the *priour* wyth consayl of the wardeyn maye pote adoun
 the *prioress* and make a newe *prioress* . // Al-so the
 Abbot heth Jordeyned that hwo-so euir be *prioress* .
 shel habbe alle here lyueres als yt was Jwonyd to
 <fol. 13r>be in olde tyme // And the Abbot wole noght thet the
 wardeyn do a-doun the *prioress* wyth-oute hym othyr hys
 asent . and 3ef the abbot be ded the *prioress* ne shal
 naght be do down wyth-oute the *priour* of seynt Augustyns .
 Ne ther ne shal no+man ne womman be maad ther~ brother
 ne soster wyth-oute assent of the Abbot . other ellis of
 the *priour* hwanne the abbot ys deed . // And the *prioress* ys
 Jholde hwanne eny womman shal be maad soster there for+to
 make here Cunne wyth-ynne the ferste 3er the byedyng
 hwych ys Jwoned for to be pronounced other Jsayd aloud in
 the Cherche . other in the dortour of som soster . // Al-so
 the abot wyle that the olde nombre of brothren and sostren
 be fulfeld in ase moche ase the gwodys of the hospital .
 wylleth stretch to . // Al-so the Abot heth Jordeyned
 thet euerych brother and soster thet beryth the abyth /
 other klothyng of brother other soster shal twyes a+3er
 receyuy of the wardeyn syx pans for shon thet ys to
 sygge at Allehalghen feste vj pans and a palmson eue . vj . d
 and thys paynge ne shal stretch to non other man other
 womman thet heth ther eny lyuere // Al-so the brothren
 and sostren sholleth take for hyre lyuere . of the best ale that
 ys Jmaad amang+ham . and efterward 3ef ther beth eny secu
 lers amang+ham hy sholleth habbe of thet other ale thet
 leueth // Al-so the Abot heth Jordeyned thet ther ne
 shel no lyuere be sold out of the hous of seynt laurens
 to non seculer Man ne womman for gret harm that
 myghte falle ther-efter . // Forthermor euerych prest
 thet shel seruy at seynt laurens shal do obedience
 <fol. 13v>do the Abbot and shal be ybrought yn be the wardeyn and yn hys
 presence . and al-so in the *prioress* . he shel be swore to be trewe



And so shal al-so the seruant be swore of the place . // And
al-so the *prioress* seruant and hwo-so seruyth there shal
be swore to the Conseyll of hous and al-so for+to be trewe
Al-so the prest and hwec seruant yt be that dwelleth
there . shal do due reuerence and worshepe to the *prioress*
and to alle the brothren and sostren . // al-so the wardeyn
ne shal nagth sofre that eny man other womman
thet there dwelleth to despyse the *prioress* other eny
other brother other soster and 3ef he vynt eny
swyche he shal be bysy to enquiry ther-of and amende
hyt // Al-so the Abbot heth Jordeyned thet shel be a clerk
to kepe the chapele . and alle the oolde costumes in lyueres
in bred and Ale and othere thynges thet hy were iwoned
to haue be olde tyme . the abbot wyle that the brothren
and sostren habbe hollyche 3ef the gwodys of the hospital
wylleth stretch ther-to // Al-so ther ne shal no wardeyn
of hys oghene heued make nother brother ne soster wyth
oute the Abbotys wyl and hys asent . Ne ther shel no
brother be receyued there wyth hys wyf // Al-so the
Abbot Rauf ordeynede that euerych brother and soster
thet bereth the abyth a moneth efter here deth . sholleth
habbe hyre corrodye fol . thet ys to sygge hyre lyueres
hwyche . ^[als] hy hedde ther hwyles hy were a-lyue