

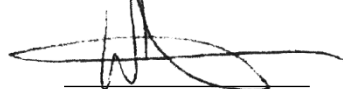
25. Amendment Of By-Laws

- a. No addition to, or amendment of, any part of these By-Laws, or of future adopted By-Laws, shall be made unless notice thereof has been transmitted in writing to the Vice-Chancellor at least six (6) weeks before the annual meeting of Provincial Priory. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor shall submit the proposed amendments to the Provincial Council for endorsement and thereafter a Notice of the amendments shall be inserted in the business for consideration at the next Provincial Priory meeting.
- b. Any amendment to these By-Laws shall not be effective and no such alteration shall be considered approved until affirmed by a majority vote of members present and approved by the Provincial Prior and Grand Master.

26. Distribution of By-Laws

- a. These By-Laws shall be sent to the Eminent Preceptor and the Registrar of each Preceptory within the Province of Monmouth and South Wales.
- b. A copy of these By-Laws shall be handed to an Eminent Preceptor on the occasion of his Installation, to a Knight on his admission into the Order and a Joining Knight if joining from a Province other than the Province of Monmouth and South Wales.

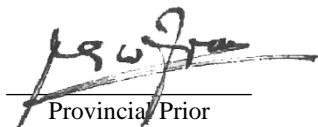
By-Laws revised and approved in Provincial Priory



Vice Chancellor

23/5/12

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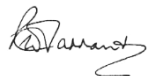
Provincial Prior

23/05/2012

Date

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE MOST
EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER

LONDON



16 MAY 2013
GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas



Provincial Priory of Monmouth and South Wales

By-Laws

1. Style

This "Collective Body" shall be styled "The Provincial Priory of Monmouth and South Wales".

2. Members of Provincial Priory

- a. The Provincial Priory shall be composed of the Provincial Prior and all Officers and Past Officers of the Provincial Priory of Monmouth and South Wales.
- b. The Preceptor, Past Preceptors and Constables of every Private Preceptory in the Province of Monmouth and South Wales.
- c. The Preceptors and Past Preceptors under the Great Priory of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas, all of whom must be subscribing members of a Preceptory within the Province.

3. Disqualification of Members

Any Officer, Past Officer, or Member of Provincial Priory ceasing to be a subscribing member of a Preceptory in the Province shall no longer be a Member of this Provincial Priory or take rank in the Province.

4. Meetings of Provincial Priory

- a. The Provincial Priory shall meet annually on a date and at a time and place to be determined by the Provincial Prior and in his absence by the Provincial Sub-Prior.
- b. The Provincial Priory may also be summoned at any other time and place at the discretion of the Provincial Prior.

5. Notice of meetings of Provincial Priory

- a. Notice of every meeting of Provincial Priory (and Provincial Council where applicable) shall be issued by the Vice-Chancellor at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting; the said notice shall state the place, date and hour at which the meeting is to be held and a summary of the business to be transacted and of propositions to be made at any such meeting.
- b. Notices shall be sent to each Provincial Officer, Present and Past and to the Eminent Preceptor and Constables of each Preceptory within the Province.
- c. In cases of emergency when fourteen (14) days previous notice cannot be given, notice shall be sent as soon as circumstances will permit.

6. Attendance at Provincial Priory

- a. Provincial Priory Officers shall, during their term of office, punctually attend their duty in Provincial Priory, unless prevented by reasonable cause shown to the satisfaction of the Provincial Prior.
- b. Knights of the Order who are not members of the Provincial Priory may be present at these meetings by permission of the Provincial Prior, providing they are subscribing members of a Preceptory under the Great Priory of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas or any other recognised Constitution; but they shall not be allowed to vote on any resolution nor to address Provincial Priory, without the Provincial Prior's permission.

7. Motions and Resolutions

All motions and resolutions which shall be adopted at the annual meetings of the Provincial Priory with the approval of the Provincial Prior and (where so required) after approval by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, shall require no confirmation being at all times subject to Statute 18.

8. Record of Proceedings

The Provincial Vice-Chancellor shall keep a record of the proceedings of Provincial Priory along with the names of the Officers of Provincial Priory and the Names and Numbers of such Preceptories as shall be then and there represented, in a book to be kept for that purpose.

9. Duties of Provincial Priory Officers

- a. The Provincial Treasurer and the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, in the exercise of the duties of their respective offices, shall be governed by the laws applicable to similar offices in Great Priory.

20. Preceptory Accounts

The Treasurer of every Preceptory within the Province shall send three (3) copies of the audited "Annual Statement of Preceptory Accounts" to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor immediately following their presentation and adoption on the date so specified in the Preceptory By-Laws.

21. Preceptory Summons

The Preceptor or Registrar shall send a copy of every Preceptory Summons to the Provincial Prior, the Provincial Sub-prior and the Provincial Vice-Chancellor at least fourteen (14) days before the day named for such meeting.

22. Removal of Preceptories

No Preceptory shall be removed from one town to another without the consent, in writing, of the Provincial Prior and the sanction of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master through Great Priory.

23. Forming a New Preceptory

- a. Every petition for a new Preceptory must be made on the appropriate form and sent to the Provincial Prior, whose approval must be obtained before it is forwarded to the Supreme Grand Master.
- b. Knights desirous of forming a new Preceptory in the Province shall conform to the laws prescribed in the Statutes of the Order.

24. Operation Of By-Laws

- a. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote and the Provincial Prior or Presiding Officer a casting vote.
- b. These By-Laws shall be binding on all Preceptories in the Province, until the same be altered in a Constitutional Manner.
- c. In all matters not herein specially set forth, the Provincial Prior, the Provincial Priory and its Officers shall be governed and regulated by the same Laws and Regulations as those applicable to and by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master through the Statutes of The Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas.

18. Fees to be paid to Provincial Priory

The Annual Dues payable by every Knight on the 31st August in each year in respect of each Preceptory in the Province of which he has been a member at any time during such year shall be as from time to time determined by the Provincial Council and which shall be adopted at the annual meetings of the Provincial Priory.

19. Annual Returns

- a. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall immediately after the Installation of an Eminent Preceptor (and Eminent Prior) make a return to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor the details of which are fully specified in Statute 77.
- b. The Great Priory return will be forwarded to the Great Vice-Chancellor through the Provincial Vice-Chancellor.
- c. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall immediately after the Installation of a Knight, and following the election of a Knight as a Joining or Re-Joining Member, and in all cases including the fees payable, make a return to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, the details of which are fully specified in Statute 109 and Statute 112.
- d. The Great Priory return will be forwarded to the Great Vice-Chancellor through the Provincial Vice-Chancellor.
- e. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall at the end of the 31st August in every year make a Regular Return to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor of the Subscribing Members of the Preceptory, including all Knights who have been Installed in the Order up to the August in that year with the dates of their Installation; also of Joining or Re-Joining Knights and in the case of the former the Preceptory from which they Joined. All these details should be the same as those required in the Annual Return for Great Priory and as specified in Statute 97.
- f. Accompanying these returns should be the Annual Fees specified as payable to Great Priory in Statute 164 (which will then be forwarded to the Great Vice-Chancellor through the Provincial Vice-Chancellor).
- g. Also the Provincial Dues specified in By-Law 15 of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales.
- h. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall, in addition to the Return required by the Statutes of Great Priory above, transmit to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor as soon as possible and in any case before the last day of September in each year a list of Subscribing Members, completed up to the 31st August in that year, specifying in full the names and addresses of those Subscribing Members.

- b. No Knight shall be eligible for election to the Office of Provincial Treasurer unless he has been nominated in writing by two members of Provincial Priory.
- c. The Provincial Captain of Guards shall see that every Knight, before being permitted to enter Provincial Preceptory, has signed his name in the attendance book, giving his rank and the number of the Preceptory to which he belongs and that he is properly clothed. The Provincial Guard shall assist the Provincial Captain of Guards in the discharge of his duties.

10. Provincial Treasurer

- a. The Provincial Treasurer shall receive all monies raised for or payable to Provincial Priory and disburse the same in such manner as the Provincial Priory; or the Provincial Prior, or in his absence Provincial Sub-Prior, shall from time to time direct.
- b. The Provincial Treasurer shall produce an audited "Statement of his Accounts" and receipt and disbursements, made up to the 31st day of March in every year, to the Provincial Council which shall meet prior to the annual meeting of the Provincial Priory, and to which the same Accounts will be presented to the Provincial Priory for formal approval and adoption.
- c. A copy thereof shall then be transmitted to every Preceptory within the Province.
- d. The Provincial Treasurer shall receive all Preceptory accounts collated by the Vice-Chancellor annually and confirm their validity to the Provincial Prior.

11. Examiners of Accounts (auditors)

The accounts of the Provincial Priory shall be audited annually by two (2) members of Provincial Priory, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of Provincial Priory.

12. Furniture

The furniture and all other property of this Provincial Priory shall be in the care of the Provincial Vice-Chancellor for the time being.

13. Regalia

The Clothing proper to his office shall be provided by each Officer presenting himself for investiture, in particular the appropriate Provincial Officer's Sash and Mantle Badge.

14. Officers of Provincial Priory and Fees of Honour

- a. The Officers of the Provincial Priory of Monmouth and South Wales, whose appointments shall be in accordance with the Statutes of Great Priory, shall have precedence within the Province in the same order as laid down for the Officers of Great Priory, with any necessary modification.
- b. Every Knight on his appointment to any of the under mentioned offices, or to any corresponding Past Rank, shall pay to the funds of Provincial Priory the fee of honour (Statute 55 applies).
- c. The fee of honour (excluding VAT) shall be due and payable on appointment and no Knight shall assume the rank and regalia of office until such fee is paid.
- d. The fee of honour (excluding VAT) payable on promotion to a higher rank shall be the difference between the fee for the former rank and that due for the higher.
- e. The fee of honour (excluding VAT) payable on first appointment to Provincial Prior's Bodyguard shall be a single- and one-off payment.

Provincial Sub-Prior	£60
Provincial Prelate (No charge if "Clerk in Holy Orders")	£50
Provincial Chancellor	£50
Provincial Constable	£50
Provincial Treasurer	£40
Provincial Registrar	£40
Provincial Vice-Chancellor	£40
Provincial Marshal	£30
Provincial Deputy Marshal	£30
Provincial Almoner	£30
Provincial Herald	£30
Provincial Standard Bearer (B)	£30
Provincial Standard Bearer (VB)	£30
Provincial Banner Bearer	£20
Provincial Sword Bearer	£20
Provincial Aide-de-Camp	£20
Provincial Warden of Regalia	£20
Provincial Chamberlain	£20
Provincial Captain of Guard	£20
Provincial Organist	£20
Provincial Guard	£20
First appointment to the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard	£10

15. The Provincial Council

- a. The Provincial Council shall consist of the Provincial Prior, the Provincial Sub-Prior, the Provincial Chancellor, the Provincial 1st Constable, the Provincial 2nd Constable, the Provincial Treasurer, the Provincial Registrar, the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, and the Provincial Marshal, together with one Knight to be appointed from each Preceptory within the Province, seven (7) to form a quorum.
- b. The Council shall meet at such times as the Provincial Prior may determine, or on a requisition signed by five of its members.
- c. At all such meetings of the Council the Provincial Prior shall preside or in his absence the Provincial Sub-Prior, in the absence of both, the meeting shall elect its own Chairman.
- d. The Council shall deliberate and report on such matters as shall be referred to it by the Provincial Prior.
- e. All applications, petitions, complaints, or representations to the Council shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, otherwise the same shall not be entertained.
- f. The Treasurer's "Annual Statement of Accounts", duly audited, shall be submitted to the Council for approval prior to submission at the annual meeting of the Provincial Priory for adoption.
- g. The Council shall present its reports to the annual meeting, or to any emergency meeting, when so directed by the Provincial Prior or by Provincial Priory.

16. Communications to the Provincial Prior

All communications from Preceptories, or other individuals, intended for submission to the Provincial Prior or to Provincial Priory shall be forwarded to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor for presentation.

17. Dispensation

- a. Every application for a dispensation shall be made in writing to the Provincial Prior, or in his absence the Provincial Sub-prior, through the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, stating clearly the object thereof.
- b. No fee is payable to Provincial Priory for the issue of such Dispensations.