

# 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



## By-Laws of the Provincial Priory of Lincolnshire

### Meetings

1. This Provincial Priory shall hold its annual meeting at such time and place as may be appointed by the Provincial Prior, or, in his absence, by the Sub-Prior; the appointment and election of Provincial Officers shall take place at this meeting.
2. The Provincial Prior, or in his absence the Provincial Sub-Prior, may convene other meetings of Provincial Priory at such time and place as he may appoint.

### Provincial Officers

3. The Provincial Officers shall be appointed in accordance with the allocation outlined in the Statutes of the Order, together with such number of Guards as the Provincial Prior may consider to be necessary.
4. The duties of the Provincial Officers shall (except as altered in these by-laws) be in conformity with those prescribed for the Officers of Great Priory.
5. Each Knight on his appointment to office in Provincial Priory shall pay to the funds of Provincial Priory such Fees of Honour as are prescribed by Provincial Priory from time to time. The Annual Provincial dues shall be determined annually at the annual Provincial Meeting
6. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor shall receive returns from the Preceptories in the Province of Lincolnshire and enter them into a book to be kept by him for this purpose. He shall, without delay, hand to the Provincial Treasurer all monies paid to him on account of Provincial Priory.
7. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor shall summon all meetings of Provincial Priory, giving to every member thereof twenty-one days' notice of each meeting.

He shall register in a book to be kept for that purpose the names and numbers of all Preceptories in the Province of Lincolnshire and record the dates of their respective Warrants; the days and places of their meetings; and the name, place of abode and occupation of all members of these Preceptories; together with the dates of their respective Installations as Knights Templar and the names and numbers of their Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters.

He shall receive all notices of motion to be brought before Provincial Priory and enter them on the business paper for the ensuing meeting, provided he shall have received them not later than twenty eight days before the meeting in question. He also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of Provincial Priory to be kept for this particular purpose.


8. The Provincial Treasurer shall be elected annually in accordance with Statutes of the Order. Nominations for the office of Provincial Treasurer shall be sent to the Vice-Chancellor 6 weeks before Provincial Priory. Should there be more than one nomination, a ballot will take place and the Provincial Prior or the presiding officer shall have the casting vote if necessary.
9. The Provincial Treasurer will prepare a Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> August annually and this shall be examined by two examiners elected at the previous annual meeting. The Annual Statement of Accounts shall be presented at the next Annual Meeting

10. The Provincial Almoner shall collect alms from the Knights present at each meeting of Provincial Priory when not held in the Cathedral and hand the proceeds of each collection to the Provincial Treasurer. These funds shall be disbursed for such charitable purposes as the Provincial Management Team may direct. When the meeting is held in the Cathedral, alms collected at the service will be donated to the Cathedral.
11. The Provincial Prior or Sub-Prior presiding over a meeting of Provincial Priory may permit any duly Registered Knights, although not a member thereof of Provincial Priory, to attend Provincial Priory, but without voice or vote.
12. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall, as soon as possible after the 1st September, but before the 1st October in every year, render to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor the Annual Returns and Fees required by the Statutes of the Order on the form or forms supplied. He shall at the same time submit the Provincial Fees which have been proposed and approved annually at Provincial Priory.
13. The name of every candidate for Installation or Joining shall be submitted by the Preceptory concerned to the Vice-Chancellor on the forms provided for the purpose, in sufficient time for the Provincial Prior's decision to be received by the Preceptory Registrar before the summons, on which the name of the applicant is to appear, is printed. The Statutes of Great Priory must be strictly observed.
14. The qualification for installation into the Order of the Temple will be as provided for by the Statutes of the Order.
15. The Registrar of each Preceptory in the Province shall send a copy of the summons for every meeting of his Preceptory to the Provincial Prior, Provincial Sub-Prior, Constables, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Marshal at least 14 days before each meeting.
16. The Provincial Prior, Sub-Prior, Prelate, Provincial Treasurer, Provincial Vice-Chancellor and Marshal shall be the Provincial Management Team (three to be a quorum) to deliberate and report on such matters as may be referred to them by the Provincial Prior..

**Property**

17. The furniture and all other property of Provincial Priory shall be vested in and be in the care of the Provincial Treasurer for the time being.

Adopted by the Provincial Priory of Lincolnshire on this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016



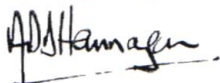
Provincial Vice-Chancellor

Approved by the Provincial Prior of Lincolnshire on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016



Provincial Prior

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE MOST  
EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER  
LONDON



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..... GREAT VICE-CHANCELLOR