

BYE-LAWS

OF THE

Richard de Vernon Encampment

OF THE

Royal Exalted Religious and Military Order

OF

Masonic Knights Templar,

HELD AT

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THE Members of the Richard de Vernon Encampment of the religious and military Order of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales, hereby resolve and declare, that, in all things not specially provided for in the Ancient Statutes, revised by the Grand Conclave, for the government of the Order, they will be guided and governed by the following Bye-Laws.

2^d Monday
Feb.
Same
Oct.

I
There shall be three regular meetings of this Encampment in each year, to be holden on a Wednesday in the months of ~~June~~, ~~October~~, and February. The Eminent Commander, for the time being, to have the power of altering the day and hour of the regular meetings of the Encampment, due notice to be given to each Sir Knight seven clear days, at least, previously.

II.

Oct
That, at the third regular meeting of the Encampment, to be holden in ~~February~~, (unless otherwise fixed by the Eminent Commander), the

Sir Knights present shall proceed to nominate and ballot for the respective Officers for the ensuing year; and that the Officers so nominated and elected, shall be duly Installed into their respective offices on the first regular meeting of the Encampment, to be held in ~~June~~ next ensuing (unless otherwise especially convened by the Eminent Commander).

III.

The Past Eminent Commanders, so long as they continue Members of this Encampment, the Captains commanding columns, the Registrar, Treasurer, and four other Sir Knights to be selected by the Eminent Commander, shall form a council to aid the Eminent Commander in the government of the Encampment, and when summoned to meet three shall form a quorum.

IV.

Two books shall be provided, to be named respectively the attendance register, and the minute book; in the former the Equerry shall cause every Sir Knight to enter his name, and office, or past office, if any, before he can be admitted to the Encampment; in the latter the Registrar shall enter correct minutes of the proceedings of the Encampment.

V.

All monies due to the Encampment shall be paid to the Treasurer, and his receipt shall be the only legal acknowledgment for such payment.

VI.

That the Treasurer shall not be authorised to pay any money out of the funds of this Encampment, unless the same shall be entered on the minutes of one meeting, confirmed at the next meeting, and signed by the Eminent Commander. Provided also, that the Eminent Commander for the time being, may order the Treasurer to pay any sum or sums of money which shall not altogether exceed the amount of five pounds; and that the order of the Eminent Commander shall be a sufficient discharge to the Treasurer for such payment.

VII.

Fees. Every newly-installed Sir Knight shall pay for his installation, a fee of four guineas, which shall include the cost of registration and Grand Conclave Certificate. Every Sir Knight, received as a joining member, shall pay a fee of one guinea and a half in addition to his annual subscription, and for his registration in the books of Grand Conclave the further fee of seven shillings and sixpence. Every Companion who is installed in, or every Sir Knight who joins this Encampment, and who is not at the time of his installation or joining, a subscribing member of a Royal Arch Chapter, shall pay an additional fee of one guinea.

VIII.

That the Annual Subscription of each Member of this Encampment shall be fixed by the Sir Knights present at the first regular meeting for

the year, which sum shall not exceed Thirty Shillings in any year, and which shall become due and be payable at the first regular meeting in each year.

IX.

No Sir Knight shall be registered in the Muster Roll until all his fees due to this Encampment are paid.

X.

Any Sir Knight who shall have his Subscription, due in advance, unpaid until the next meeting in October, shall be reminded, in writing, by the Registrar of his inadvertence, and, should he suffer the arrears to remain unpaid until the meeting in February, he shall be disqualified from holding any office in the Encampment, and suspended from the exercise of his privileges as a Member of the Encampment, until they are paid, and should he suffer them to remain unliquidated until the meeting in June, he may be, by a vote of the majority of the members present at such meeting, expelled from the Encampment, and notice thereof shall be forthwith forwarded to the Grand Conclave by the Registrar.

XI.

Any Candidate for Installation must be proposed and seconded by Sir Knights, Members of the Encampment, and the Candidate's name, profession, or business, and address, and the number of the Royal Arch Chapter of which he is a Member or in which he was exalted, together with the

names of his proposer and seconder, must all be inserted in the summons convening the meeting at which he is to be proposed for election, and his Royal Arch Certificate, together with his Private Chapter Certificate, must be produced to the Eminent Commander on or before the day of Election.

XII.

Any Candidate, to become a Joining Member, must be proposed and seconded by Sir Knights, Members of the Encampment, and the Candidate's name, profession, or business, and address, together with the names of his proposer and seconder, must be inserted in the summons convening the meeting at which he is to be proposed for election.

XIII.

Every election of a Candidate shall be by Ballot, one black ball to exclude. Any Candidate may be installed at the meeting at which he is elected, but if he fail to present himself at that meeting, or at one of the two regular meetings next ensuing, after due notice from the Registrar, his election shall be void, unless otherwise determined by the Eminent Commander.

XIV.

Any Sir Knight desirous of resigning as a Member of this Encampment, must give notice in writing to the Registrar of such his intention; but his resignation shall not be accepted until all his dues are paid, and he shall be liable to this Encampment for his Annual Subscription, until this requirement is fully complied with.

XV.

Any Sir Knight, a Member of this Encampment, who shall be absent from the Kingdom for a period of more than twelve months, if he gives notice thereof in writing to the Registrar, shall not be called upon for his Subscription during the time of his actual absence.

XVI.

No visiting Sir Knight shall be admitted to any banquet of the Encampment, unless introduced by a Member with the consent of the Eminent Commander. Visiting Fee (which may be remitted by the Eminent Commander), £2. 3s.

XVII.

A meeting of the Council to be summoned by order of the Eminent Commander, shall be held annually before the regular meeting in June, to audit the accounts, examine the condition of the Regalia, and report thereon, in writing, to the next meeting of the Encampment. Such Council to be appointed at the first regular meeting of the Encampment for each year.

XVIII.

Every donation to the Encampment shall be entered on the minutes, together with the name of the donor, that such tokens of esteem may be recorded, and a due remembrance of the donor be preserved.

XIX.

The warrant, regalia, books, cash, and all and every other property of, or belonging to the En-

campment, shall be, and hereby are, vested in, and deemed to be the property of the Eminent Commander, and the two Captains commanding columns for the time being, until their successors are duly installed, in trust for the use and benefit of the Members.

XX.

No alteration, or addition, shall be made to these Bye-Laws except by motion duly proposed and seconded in a regular meeting of the Encampment, of which motion notice shall have been given in the summonses convening the meeting.

XXI.

That these Bye-Laws shall be engrossed, and signed by every Member of the Encampment, at the first regular convocation which he attends.

XXII.

These Bye-Laws shall be printed, and a copy of them given to each Sir Knight, and every present and future Member of the Encampment, and that these Bye-Laws shall be read by the Registrar in open Encampment, on the first regular meeting in each year.

Examined and Approved,

‡ H. C. VERNON, Prov. G. Commander.