

The Royal Exalted Order of Knights Templar,
Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine,
Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales,
and the Colonial Dependencies of the British Crown.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
Encampment of St. Armand,
STATIONED AT WORCESTER.

UNDER THE CHARTER OF
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM STUART,
MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER,

DATED 27TH NOVEMBER, 1861.

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I.

The Officers of the Encampment shall consist of an Eminent Commander, a Prelate, two Captains commanding columns, a Registrar, a Treasurer and Almoner, an Expert, two Standard Bearers, a Captain of the Lines, and two Heralds, with one or two serving Companions as Equerries of the Outposts, and such other Officers as the Eminent Commander may deem it necessary, for the interests of the Encampment, to appoint.

II.

The Eminent Commander and Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot, at the convention

in September, by a majority of the Knights of this Encampment then present, and such election shall be submitted for confirmation at the next regular convention.

III.

The ordinary or regular Encampments shall be held in the months of April, September, and December, the precise period being fixed by the Eminent Commander, who shall direct summonses to be issued at least seven days previously. It is desirable that the Eminent Commander shall fix the ordinary Encampments for the current year at the convention in April.

IV.

The annual festival shall be celebrated by a banquet at the convention in December, provided that it shall not take place upon any day appointed by the Church as a fast. On this day the Eminent Commander shall be installed, and shall appoint his Officers, and the Treasurer shall enter upon his duties. The banqueting fee shall be determined by vote of the Encampment in September.

V.

The Eminent Commander may convene an Encampment of Emergency, as often as, in his judgment, the good of the Order shall require it, of which seven days' notice shall be required. If it be held for the express purpose of installing any candidate, he shall pay, in addition to the usual fees, the sum of one guinea.

VI.

Every Member shall annually, in the month of December, pay into the hands of the Treasurer a subscription of such amount as shall be determined at the meeting in September. If any Member be in arrear for nine months, he shall be reminded of his default by letter from the Registrar, and if no satisfactory answer be returned within three months, his name shall be liable to erasure.

VII.

Any Member of this Encampment who shall be absent from the kingdom for a period of more than twelve months, and who has given notice to the Registrar, shall not be required to pay

his subscription during the time of his actual absence.

VIII.

If any Member desire to withdraw his name from the Encampment, he shall give notice of the same, in writing, to the Registrar. It shall be considered a point of honour not to quit the Encampment until all dues are fully paid, and the resignation shall not, as a rule, be accepted, nor the annual subscription cease, until this is complied with.

IX.

Every Candidate for admission into this Encampment shall be proposed, and seconded, and duly balloted for. The Christian and surnames of the candidate, his residence, description, and the name and place of meeting of his Royal Arch Chapter, as required by the statutes of the Order, shall be inserted in the summons, together with the names of the proposer and seconder. On the ballot, the votes must be unanimous for his admission. If elected, the sum of one guinea shall be deposited by his proposer, in part payment of the installation fee; but this sum shall be forfeited, and the election

shall be void, if he do not attend for installation within six months after the ballot has taken place, provided he is in the kingdom. Leave of absence for another six months may, however, be accorded to the candidate, if the reasons assigned for the delay be satisfactory to the Eminent Commander.

X.

Every candidate for admission into this Encampment must be a person entitled to bear arms, and must deliver a draft of his armorial bearings to the Eminent Commander or First Herald, previous to the ballot being taken, for the satisfaction of the Encampment. After his installation (or election, if a joining Member), the said arms shall be duly emblazoned in the muster roll of the Encampment.

XI.

Every candidate, upon being installed a Knight Templar in this Encampment, shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of four guineas, as fees of honour for installation, which shall include the registration fee and certificate of the Grand Conclave; he shall at the same time pay

the current year's subscription, or such a proportion of it, not being less than one-half, as the Eminent Commander may direct.

XII.

If any Knight is desirous of joining this Encampment, he shall be proposed and seconded, and his name inserted in the summons in the manner required by the Statutes of the Order. If elected on the ballot, he shall be admitted a Member on paying into the hands of the Treasurer an admission fee as follows:— If he has been installed in, or has been a subscribing Member of this Encampment, one guinea; if otherwise, two guineas; together with the current year's subscription, or a proportion thereof, as in Law XI.

XIII.

A Council of Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, may, subject to the authority of the Grand Master, be held at any convention of the Encampment, with due notice. The fee of honour shall be half a guinea.

XIV.

Each Knight attending the conventions of the Encampment, shall be habited in the costume appointed to be worn by the Grand Conclave. He shall also be provided with Banner and Arms, and all the Insignia of his rank.

XV.

That the Treasurer shall not be authorised, without the vote of the Encampment, to pay any money out of the funds, except such dues and fees as are imperative under the Statutes of the Order; provided also that the Eminent Commander may order the Treasurer to pay at any time a sum not exceeding five pounds.

XVI.

No visitor shall be admitted to the banquet unless introduced by a Member, with the consent of the Eminent Commander; and such Member must pay a banquet fee of one guinea for such visitor, unless it be remitted by the Eminent Commander.

made to the Encampment, and which may be considered worthy of being entered therein.

XXII.

No alteration or addition shall be made in or to these By-laws, except by vote of the Encampment, notice of the proposed alteration having been previously given, and inserted in the summons.

CONFIRMED IN OPEN ENCAMPMENT THIS
17TH DAY OF APRIL, 1862,

RICHL. WOOF,
EMINENT COMMANDER.

Approved this 25th day of July, 1862,

J. C. Vernon,

Grand Commander of the
Priory of Worcester.

Confirmed this 30th day of July, 1862,

W. Stuart, †

Grand Master of the Templars.