

Province of Worcestershire
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By – laws of the Provincial Priory of Worcestershire

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, may convene other meetings of Provincial Priory at such time and place as he may appoint.

Provincial Officers

3. The Provincial Officers shall be as specified under Statute 50 of Great Priory.
4. The duties of the Provincial Officers shall 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.
6. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor shall receive returns from the Preceptories in the Province of Worcestershire and enter them into a book to be kept by him for that 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 every member thereof 14 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 Worcestershire and record the dates of their respective Warrants; the days and places of their meetings; and the name and place of abode 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 28 days before the meeting in question. He also shall keep minutes of the proceedings of Provincial Priory in a book to be kept for this particular purpose.

8. The Provincial Treasurer shall be elected annually in accordance with Statute 52.

9. The Provincial Almoner shall collect alms from the Knights present at each meeting of Provincial Priory and hand the proceeds of each collection to the Provincial Treasurer. These funds shall be disbursed for such charitable purposes as Provincial Priory may direct.

10. The Provincial Prior or Sub-Prior presiding over a meeting of Provincial Priory may permit any duly registered Knight, although not a member thereof, to attend Provincial Priory, but without voice or vote.

11. The Registrar of every Preceptory in the Province shall, as soon as possible after the 1st September, but before 1st October in every year, render to the Provincial Vice-Chancellor the Annual Returns and Fees required by Statute 97. He shall at the same time submit the Provincial Fees which have been proposed and approved in Provincial Priory.

12. The Provincial Prior, Sub-Prior, Provincial Treasurer, Provincial Vice-Chancellor and the respective Registrars of each Preceptory shall be the body (three to be a quorum) to deliberate and report on such matters as may be referred to them by the Provincial Prior.

13. 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 and Provincial Sub-Prior at least 14 days before each meeting.

Property

14. 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.

All references to the Statutes are from the Statutes of Great Priory, 2000.

Adopted by the Provincial Priory of Worcestershire on this day

25th October 2003 M. J. Stocker,
Provincial Vice-Chancellor

Approved by the Provincial Prior of Worcestershire on this day

25th October 2003 G. L. Perkins,