

The  
Worcestershire  
Preceptory  
No. 549

By-Laws

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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE PRECEPTORY NO: 549 BY-LAWS

- 1. MEETINGS** The Regular Meetings of the Preceptory shall be held on the First Friday in June and September (Installation) at the Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, Worcester.
- 2. ELECTION of PRECEPTOR, TREASURER, AUDITORS and GUARD** The Preceptor and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Auditors and Guard by a show of hands at the Regular Meeting in June. The Installation of the Preceptor and Investiture of Officers shall take place at the Meeting in September.
- 3. SUBSCRIPTIONS and FEES** The amount of the Annual Subscription, payable in advance on 1st September and the fees for joining or re-joining shall be determined from time to time by resolution in an open Preceptory after notice on the summons for any meeting.
- 4. DINING FEE** The dining fee shall be such amount as the Preceptory shall from time to time determine.
- 5. HONORARY MEMBERS** Knights of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the Order may be elected Honorary Members after due Notice on the Summons.
- 6. ACCOUNTS** The Treasurer's and Almoner's Accounts shall be made up to the end of August in each year, audited by two members appointed for that purpose and audited copies circulated to the members and presented at the June meeting. All money shall be paid into an account in the name of the Preceptory in the Bank approved by this Preceptory.
- 7. COMMITTEE** The Preceptory Committee shall consist of the Preceptor, the Officers of the Preceptory, and all subscribing Past Preceptors of the Worcestershire Preceptory No. 549, the Right Eminent Provincial Prior and the Provincial Sub-Prior.
- 8. MALTA DEGREE** A Priory of Malta shall be held annually in September for the Installation of the Prior and may otherwise be held at the pleasure of the Prior after due notice.
- 9. PROPERTY** The property of the Preceptory shall be vested in the Preceptory Committee, which shall be responsible for its safe custody and shall submit an inventory annually to the Preceptor on his Installation.
- 10. BY-LAWS** A copy of the By-Laws shall be presented to each member on joining the Preceptory.
- 11. ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS** No alteration shall be made in the By-Laws except in accordance with No: 88 of the Statutes of Great Priory. Notice of any proposed alteration shall be submitted to the Preceptory Committee in writing before inclusion in the summons for consideration at the next meeting.
- 12. MEMBERSHIP** Candidates for membership must be an Installed Preceptor 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. Every Preceptor or Past Preceptor for admission into this Preceptory shall be proposed and seconded in open Meeting, or by letter to the Preceptor or Registrar as detailed in Statute No: 110. These details, together with the names of his proposer and seconder shall be printed on the summons for the meeting when the ballot is to be taken. On taking the ballot the vote must be unanimously in favour for his admission in accordance with Statute No: 107.

By-Laws approved in open meeting on 24th May 1988

R. E. Whitlock, Preceptor. D. Lewin, Registrar

G. E. Rackstraw, Provincial Prior on 25th May 1988

Approved on behalf of the M.E. & Supreme Grand Master  
Peter Glyn Williams, Gt. Vice Chancellor. 15th July 1988