

**Bye - Laws
of the
Richard de Vernon Preceptory No: 52.**

1. **Meetings.**
The Regular Meetings of the Preceptory shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Dudley on the second Thursday in February, the second Thursday in May and the first Thursday in October. A Special Meeting may be convened at any time by Command of the Eminent Preceptor, due notice having been given.
2. **Election of the Preceptor, Treasurer and Guard.**
The Preceptor and the Treasurer shall be elected Annually by Ballot and the Guard by a show of hands at the Regular Meeting in October. The Preceptor shall be duly Installed and the Investiture of Officers shall take place at the Regular Meeting in February following.
3. **Subscriptions and Fees.**
The Annual Subscription, payable in advance on the 1st of February and Fees for Installation, Joining and Re - Joining, shall be such sums as may be determined from time to time, in Open Preceptory, after due Notice on the Summons. Any Member whose subscription shall be in arrears for a period in excess of one year shall be liable, after being given written notice, to be excluded from Membership.
4. **Dining Fees.**
The Dining Fee shall be such a sum as the Preceptory may from time to time decide.
5. **Candidates.**
In accordance with the Statutes of Great Priory, every Candidate for Installation as a Knight in the Preceptory, shall be a Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason. Every Candidate for Installation or Joining shall be duly Proposed and Seconded for election.
6. **Honorary Members.**
Knights of distinction who have rendered outstanding service to the Order, may be elected as Honorary Members of the Preceptory, after due Notice on the Summons.
7. **Accounts.**
A Statement of the Treasurer's and the Almoner's Accounts, made up to the 31st of January shall be presented at the May Meeting, in each year, prior to which they shall have been audited by two Members appointed for the purpose and have been circulated to all Members.
8. **Malta Degree.**
A Priory of Malta may be held at the pleasure of the Eminent Preceptor, due Notice having been given. The Fee for Installation as a Knight of Malta, shall be such a sum as is determined by the Preceptory Committee from time to time.

9. **Committee.**
The Committee of the Preceptory shall comprise of the Preceptor, subscribing Past Preceptors and Officers of the Preceptory. Four shall form a quorum, of whom at least two shall be Past Preceptors.
10. **Property.**
The Property of the Preceptory shall be vested in the Committee, which shall be responsible for its safe custody and which shall cause an Inventory to be taken and presented to the Preceptor Annually, at his Installation.
11. **Bye - Laws.**
A copy of the Bye - Laws of the Preceptor shall be presented to each Member on his Installation of Joining. No alterations of the Bye - Laws shall be made except in accordance with the Statutes of Great Britain. Notice of any proposed alterations shall be submitted in writing for approval to the Preceptory Committee prior to inclusion on the Summons for consideration, at the next Regular Meeting.

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Revised Bye - Laws approved and adopted in Open Preceptory on the 20th day of February 1985.

Signed, P. A. Heynes, Eminent Preceptor.

Approved this the 20th day of February 1985.

Signed, G. F. Packstraw, Provincial Prior.

Approved on behalf of The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, on the 1st day of March 1985.

Signed, W. J. Leake, Great Vice - Chancellor.

As amended the 8th of February 1990.

Approved by The Right Eminent Provincial Prior and on behalf of:
The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, on the 3rd of September 1990.