

**Grand Council of the Order  
of Royal and Select Masters**

**Wyvern District**



**Cheltenham Council No. 216**

**By-laws**

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## By-laws of the Cheltenham Council of Royal & Select Masters. No 216

1. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETINGS.** The Council shall meet at the Masonic Hall, The Avenue, Cirencester on the Third Thursday in March, (Installation), First Monday in June and the Second Friday in September.
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION.** The Thrice Illustrious Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Sentinel by show of hands, at the Regular Meeting in September. The Thrice Illustrious Master shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in March, and will appoint and invest his Officers.
3. **CANDIDATES.** The Election of Candidates to be Chosen, Honoured, Received and Acknowledged and those for joining and re-joining shall be by ballot. One black ball shall exclude.
4. **FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.** The entrance fee for new members and for those joining and re-joining shall be such sum as determined by the Council from time to time. The Annual subscription payable in advance on the 1st January, shall be such sum as may be determined by the Council from time to time. The Recorder's services shall be determined by payment.
5. **THE TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall receive all fees, dues, etc. and shall deposit them in the name of the Council in a Bank approved by the Council. He shall pay all accounts, and shall, at the Regular Meeting in March, present an Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Account, made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December.
6. **AUDITORS.** Two Auditors shall be elected by the Council on a show of hands at the September Meeting.
7. **ARREARS.** A member whose subscription is in arrear for more than Nine Months may be excluded from the Council, by resolution of the Council, carried by no less than two thirds of Members present.
8. **RECORDER.** The Recorder shall keep Minutes of the proceedings of the Council, and secretary of any committee meeting. He shall issue summonses for all Council meetings at least fourteen days prior to the meeting to each and every member of the Council.
9. **COMMITTEE.** The Council Committee shall consist of the Master, Officer of the Council, all subscribing founders and Past Masters, and five shall form a quorum.
10. **RESIGNATION.** A member wishing to resign from the Council shall give notice in writing to the Recorder and on payment of all dues shall be entitled to a clearance certificate.
11. **HONORARY MEMBERS.** A Companion who has given distinguished service to the Council may be elected an Honorary Member.
12. **LODGE EFFECTS.** The Jewels and furniture of the Council are the property of the Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work for the time being, in trust for the members. An inventory shall be maintained and the value be-reviewed by the Auditors periodically. The Warrant of Constitution is the property of the Grand Master and the Thrice Illustrious Master shall be responsible for its safe keeping and ensure that it is produced at each and every Regular Meeting of the Council.
13. **ALTERATION TO THE BY-LAWS.** Notice of Motion of any alteration of, or addition to these by-laws must be given at one meeting. They shall appear on the Summons for the next meeting and if approved shall be submitted for the approval of the District Grand Master and the General Board.
14. **DISTRIBUTION.** Each and every member and incoming Candidate shall be given a copy of these By-laws.

Adopted in Open Council on 20th. October 1998

Amended in Open Council on 7th. June 2004.

Amended in Open Council on 9th. September 2005.

Amended in Open Council on 5th. June 2006.

T.I.M. *J.F. Daniels* .....

RECORDER *J. Jones* .....

5th. June 2006

Central District Grand Council

*General Year*  
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District Grand Master

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL BOARD

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*J. Bradley*

GRAND SECRETARY