

The Masonic and Military Order of
the Red Cross of Constantine
and
The Orders of the Holy Sepulchre
and of St John the Evangelist



Calling Off & Calling On
Thames Division

Rite of Calling Off at Divisional Conclave

Intendant-General

Venerable Divisional Eusebius, assist me to call off this Divisional Conclave.

The Intendant-General gavels, once.

Divisional Eusebius

Worthy Knights, we hereby call off this Divisional Conclave.

The Divisional Eusebius gavels, once.

The Divisional Marshal places the Roman swords alongside the Bible on the central pedestal, and closes the Bible.

The Divisional High Prelate closes the small Bible on the main altar.

Rite of Calling On at Divisional Conclave

Intendant-General

Venerable Divisional Eusebius, assist me to call on this Divisional Conclave.

The Intendant-General gavels, once.

Divisional Eusebius

Worthy Knights, we hereby call on this Divisional Conclave.

The Divisional Eusebius gavels, once.

The Divisional Marshal opens the Bible on the central pedestal, and places the Roman swords upon it.

The Divisional High Prelate opens the small Bible on the main altar.

Rite of Calling Off at a private Conclave

Most Puissant Sovereign

Eminent Viceroy, assist me to call off this Conclave.

The Sovereign gavels, once.

Viceroy

Worthy Knights, we hereby call off this Conclave.

The Viceroy gavels, once.

*The Marshal places the Roman swords alongside the Bible
on the central pedestal, and closes the Bible.*

The High Prelate closes the small Bible on the main altar.

Rite of Calling On at a private Conclave

Most Puissant Sovereign

Eminent Viceroy, assist me to call on this Conclave.

The Sovereign gavels, once.

Viceroy

Worthy Knights, we hereby call on this Conclave.

The Viceroy gavels, once.

*The Marshal opens the Bible on the central pedestal,
and places the Roman swords upon it.*

The High Prelate opens the small Bible on the main altar.

When to use these rituals

Calling on and calling off a Conclave

The Divisional Conclave may be called off for two principle causes.

The first is an occasion when the volume of work on the agenda necessitates a break in proceedings for the comfort of those present.

The second, which will more commonly occur, is when a person who is not a member of the Order is to be admitted to the meeting of Divisional Conclave during proceedings. Examples of this might include the admission of a lecturer to deliver an address to Divisional Conclave, or the admission of a representative of a charity to receive a charitable presentation, or the admission of a Provincial Grand Master or other senior Mason for ceremonial reasons, when that person is not a member of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

There are occasions when it may prove useful to call off a private Conclave.

Firstly, this may occur because of an excessive workload; for example, a Conclave which intends to install a Knight of the Red Cross on the same evening as carrying out the Enthronement ceremonies for its new Viceroy and Sovereign may choose to call off for a comfort break between these two parts of the evening's work.

Secondly, there may (exceptionally) be occasions (as described above) when a person who is not a member of the Order is to be admitted to the Conclave. This will be an unusual occurrence, and advice should be sought through the Divisional Recorder.

Thirdly, if the Conclave is to have an open discussion about a matter of business, particularly if the discussion is likely to be extended or controversial (for example, discussion of a proposal to change the location or meeting dates of the Conclave) then it may be appropriate to call off before the discussion is held. It is usually profitable for any potentially controversial matter to be discussed in committee before being discussed in the Conclave.

