

Thames Division

*Established 1985 for the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Surrey.
Re-constituted 1990 for the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire.*

1. The Annual Meeting of Divisional Conclave shall be held on such a date, and at such a time and place, as the Intendant-General shall direct. At this meeting the election of the Divisional Treasurer and the appointment of Divisional Officers and Examiners shall take place, and other necessary business shall be transacted.
2. Emergency Meetings of Divisional Conclave may be called by the Intendant-General, or in his absence by the Deputy Intendant-General, at such place and time as either shall direct.
3. Copies of the notice convening each meeting of Divisional Conclave shall be sent to the Recorder of each Conclave within the Division for distribution, to be received by every member of each Conclave not less than fourteen days before the day appointed for the meeting. Except by leave of the Intendant-General or his Deputy, no motion or other matter shall be considered at a meeting of Divisional Conclave unless written notice shall have been received by the Divisional Recorder not less than four weeks prior to the day appointed for the meeting.
4. The Members of Divisional Conclave shall be such of the following who are subscribing members of a Conclave within the Division:- Present and Past Grand Officers; Present and Past Divisional Officers; Present and Past Sovereigns; Viceroy, Generals and High Prelates for the time being.
5. Every Knight (with the exception of the Sentinel) shall, on his appointment to Divisional Office or to Past Rank in the Division, pay a Fee of Honour of not more than 40% of the Fee of Honour for a similar appointment in Grand Imperial Conclave. On promotion to a Higher Office or Higher Past Rank a Fee of Honour is payable, being the difference between that payable for the former Office or Rank and that due for the Higher.
6. Each Conclave in the Division shall pay to the General Fund of the Division annual dues, for each member, for any period during the year covered by the relevant Annual Return. The amount of such dues, which shall not exceed 40% of the rate of annual dues payable to Grand Imperial Conclave, shall be authorised from time to time by Divisional Conclave and shall be sent to the Divisional Recorder with a copy of the Annual Return.
7. All monies belonging to the Division shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of Thames Division RCC. Cheques drawn on the account shall be signed by the Treasurer or the Intendant-General. The Accounts of the Division shall be made up to the last day of August in each year. They shall be audited and presented to the meeting of Divisional Conclave next following.
8. The following shall form the Divisional Executive:- The Intendant-General, the Deputy Intendant-General, the Divisional Eusebius, the Divisional Registrar, the Divisional Treasurer, the Divisional Recorder and the Divisional Marshal.
9. The Standing Committee of Divisional Conclave shall consist of all members of the Divisional Executive and all current Sovereigns of Conclaves within the Division.
10. When sending the Enthronement and Installation Return to the Grand Recorder, the Recorder of each Conclave in the Division shall at the same time forward a copy to the Divisional Recorder. When sending to the Grand Recorder the Return relating to the Installation of new Knights and to Joining Members, the Recorder of each Conclave shall send a copy of the Return to the Divisional Recorder together with the fees payable to Divisional Conclave as authorised in the Statutes.
11. Notification of the decease of Grand Officers shall be sent direct to the Grand Recorder and a copy sent to the Divisional Recorder.
12. The Recorder of each Conclave in the Division shall, not less than seven days before any meeting of his Conclave, send a copy of the summons for such meeting to the Intendant-General, the Deputy Intendant-General, the Divisional Eusebius and the Divisional Recorder.
13. No alteration or addition to any of these By-Laws shall be considered carried unless affirmed by a majority of those present and entitled to vote at a meeting of Divisional Conclave, and shall not be effective until approved by the Intendant-General and the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign.

Approved by the Right Illustrious Intendant-General, Thames Division.

The Rev'd T. J. N. L'Estrange., Intendant-General. 6th April 2013.

Approved on behalf of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign.

(Insert name and date of approval).

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



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