

**By-Laws  
of the  
..... Council of Royal and Select Masters, No. ....**

1. **Place and Dates of Meetings**

The Council shall meet at ..... on the  
..... in each year.

2. **Election of Officers and Installation**

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Sentinel by show of hands at the regular meeting in ..... The Master-elect shall be Installed at the regular meeting in ..... and will appoint and invest the Officers. The services of the Sentinel may be dispensed with at any time by a Resolution of the majority of the members present. He shall receive for his services such sum as shall be decided on by the Council.

3. **Candidates**

The election of candidates for Reception, Joining or Re-joining shall be by ballot and Two black balls shall exclude.

4. **Fees and Subscriptions**

The amount of the annual subscription, payable in advance on the 1st....., and of the fees to be paid to the Council by candidates for Reception, Joining or Re-joining shall be determined by resolution in open Council from time to time after notice on the summons for any meeting.

5. **Country Membership**

A member of the Council may, on his request, and by resolution of the Council, be given the status of a country member, in which case his annual subscription shall be reduced at the end of the current financial year. He may resume ordinary membership, at any time, on payment of the full subscription for the current year.

6. **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 ..... present an audited balance sheet of the Council's accounts, made up to the .....

7. **Arrears of subscription**

A member one year in arrears shall not hold office in the Council, and if more than one year in arrears, he shall be liable to exclusion.

8. **Recorder**

The Recorder shall keep minutes of proceedings of the Council and separately of any Council committee. He shall issue summonses for all Council meetings, at least fourteen days in advance to every member of the Council. His services may be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription.

9. **Council Committee and Auditors**

The Council Committee shall consist of the Master, Deputy Master, P.C.W., Treasurer, Recorder, subscribing Past Masters, and Two companions elected at the regular meeting in ..... . Two auditors shall be elected annually at the same meeting.

10. **Resignation**

A companion wishing to resign from the Council shall give notice, either in open Council or by letter to the Recorder and, on payment of all dues, shall be entitled to a certificate of clearance.

11. **Honorary Members**

A companion who has given distinguished service to the Order in general, or to the ..... Council in particular may be elected an honorary member of the Council.

12. **Council Effects**

The jewels and furniture of the Council are the property of the Master, Deputy Master and P.C.W. for the time being, in trust for the members. The Warrant of Constitution is the property of the Grand Master, and the Master shall be responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Council.

13. **Alteration of 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 the alteration or addition shall be submitted for approval according to Regulation No. 80. A copy of these By-Laws shall be presented to each new member of the Council, and to the Master on his Installation.

Adopted in open Council on the ..... (date)

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Master

.....  
Recorder

Approved by the Divisional Grand Inspector/District Grand Master

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(signed)

..... (date)

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