

COMMANDERIE DE GRANDE BRETAGNE
DE LA CONFRERIE DES CHEVALIERS DU SACAVIN D'ANJOU

C O N S T I T U T I O N

1. The British branch of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Sacavin d'Anjou shall be known as the Commanderie de Grande Bretagne de la Confrérie des Chevaliers du Sacavin d'Anjou (hereinafter referred to as "the British Commanderie").
2. The object of the British Commanderie is to promote the appreciation and knowledge of the wines and culture of Anjou.
3. The British Commanderie is a non-profit making body and its constitution is authorised by the Grand Council of the Order in France (hereinafter referred to as the Grand Council).
4. Members of the British Commanderie may be recruited from the United Kingdom, and officers may be appointed from France.
5. The Commandeur (President) shall be appointed by the Grand Council and he shall appoint the original officers of the British Commanderie for an initial period of three years. Thereafter officers shall be elected at each annual general meeting by the members of the British Commanderie and are eligible for re-election.
6. The officers of the British Commanderie shall be as follows:

Commandeur	(President)
Sénéchal	(Vice-President)
Délegué-General	(Deputy)
Ecuyer	(Assistant Deputy)
Chancelier	(Secretary)
Trésorier	(Treasurer)
Chef de Protocole	(Master of Ceremonies)
Chef des Beaux-Arts	(Master of Entertainment)
Chef de Cuisine	(Master of Catering)
Chef de Historiographe	(Recorder)

and such other titles as may be decided upon from time to time and approved by the Grand Council.

7. The British Commanderie shall be managed by a Committee of Management consisting of the officers. The Committee of Management has power to co-opt up to three other members.
8. Persons who are in sympathy with the aims and objects of the British Commanderie may be invited to join upon written application to be proposed and seconded by members of the British Commanderie. Acceptance of each application shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management and subject to the approval of the Grand Council.

9. Candidates shall be inducted at special chapters to be held in accordance with ceremonial ritual laid down by and with the consent of the Grand Council any of whose members may attend such chapters as of right.
10. Upon induction every new member shall be presented with a necklet ribbon with Sacavin and a certificate. The name of each new member shall be enrolled in the membership book.
11. Such entrance fees as the Committee of Management may determine shall be payable by a candidate upon induction into the British Commanderie.
12. The Committee of Management shall be empowered to levy annual subscriptions at whatever rate shall be deemed appropriate.
13. After the expiration of three years from the inauguration of the Commanderie, a General Meeting shall be held once in every year and at such annual general meeting officers and members of the Committee shall be elected in accordance with article 5. A general and financial report shall be presented. Notice of not less than three weeks shall be given of such meeting.
14. Other general meetings including ceremonies of induction may be held from time to time as the Committee of Management may decide with appropriate authorisation of the Grand Council.
15. The Chancellor (Secretary) shall keep a register of members of the British Commanderie and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Committee of Management and of general meetings.
16. The Trésorier (Treasurer) shall keep the accounts of the British Commanderie and shall make up the annual statement of accounts to the 31st day of December in each year.
17. Two members of the British Commanderie shall be appointed auditors and they shall audit the annual statement of accounts.
18. The funds of the British Commanderie shall be kept by the Treasurer who shall be empowered to open and operate a bank account in its name.
19. Every member shall communicate from time to time to the Secretary his address and any notices required to be sent or given to members shall be deemed to have been duly sent or given if sent to such address.