

A GUIDE TO A HIGH COUNCIL



High Council members from all over the world meet in Sunbury Court, England



A High Council is made up of:

- Active commissioners who are territorial commanders or who hold an international or national headquarters or territorial leadership appointment*
- Territorial commanders with the rank of colonel
- Territorial leaders with the rank of colonel

Any active officer can be nominated – there are more than

16,000

active officers around the world



The secretariat, including legal advisors, translators and recorders, helps the High Council to run smoothly

The council prepares questions – approximately...

15 ...for candidates

5 ...for their spouses

To be elected, a candidate needs the vote of...



...more than two thirds of members in one of the first three ballots

...more than 50% of members from the fourth ballot onwards



2023
HIGH COUNCIL

PROCESS

A High Council is convened and begins with prayer and worship



A President, Vice-President and Chaplain are elected



The High Council agrees Orders of Procedure



The Committee of the Whole discusses any matters relevant to the election



Council members make nominations



Nominees accept or decline



Candidates respond to a questionnaire and give speeches



Voting



The new General-elect is announced



The doors of the High Council chamber are opened, the President announces the new General-elect and the news is livestreamed around the world.

Watch the livestream at
sar.my/highcouncil

