

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAY CISTERCIAN COMMUNITIES

2025 House Report

1.	Name of lay community	Abdijgroep Koningsoord	
2.	Name of monastery to which the community is associated	Koningsoord Abbey	
3.	Contact person	Alma Muller	
4.	Date group was established	10 January 2004	
5.	Number of members	8	
6.	Monastic liaison(s)	Sr. Gertrudis	
7.	Date of recognition by the monastery	10 January 2004	
8.	Date of adhesion to International Association	31 January 2012	
9.	Charter and Statutes	Yes	
10.	Leadership Council	Yes	
11.	Formation program	Yes	
12.	Frequency of meetings (monthly, quarterly, other...)	Seven meetings a year	
13.	Duration of each meeting	Six hours	

- If your community has a Charter of Incorporation or Bylaws/Guidelines we ask that you send to us the most recent copy.
- If your community has a Council, we ask that you describe its formation, membership and election system: how many, how selected, etc.
- If you have a Formation Program we ask you to send it to us: topics, activities, etc
- If your community has a website, please include the link:
- After a period of formation, can your community members make a personal “promise of commitment” to the Cistercian way of life, i.e., to reflect particular things they are doing and will continue to do in order to be faithful to their calling? If so, please share

Your answers will be posted on the website of the association and may also be shared during the international meeting in Avila.

House Report Submission Deadline: 30 March 2025

Please send to: thmcmahon61@gmail.com

9. Statute and Bylaws are enclosed

10. Leadership Council.

Election procedure of the Leadership Council abdijgroep Koningsoord Arnhem the Netherlands

The leadership council consists of a president, a vice president and a representative of the monastic community Koningsoord Abbey. The appointment is indefinite, with a review every two years.

All members being more than half a year member of the group have the right to vote and only members who fulfilled their introduction program can be nominated. The electoral commission consists of the current president and the abbey representative.

All members eligible to vote give two names of candidates for the vacant function. The commission asks the proposed candidates if they will be available for one or for both functions. The list of candidates is announced to all members followed by a ballot for the president and then for the vice president. Should there be no consensus then the members can choose between the two candidates with the most votes.

11. Formation program abdijgroep Koningsoord Arnhem the Netherlands

The purpose of the formation program is to make participants acquainted with the history of the Cistercian Congregation and with the Rule of Saint Benedict as well as its significance through the ages until today's reality in her or his concrete life.

Over the years we have covered topics including: the Rule of Benedict; the founders and history of the Order; lectio divina and books by Thomas Merton and Esther de Waal.

Members are expected to attend all six meetings each year. Members take turns preparing the topic and, also taking turns, writing the report.

Website

Our community does not have its own website, but there is a text on the website of Koningsoord Abbey:
<https://abdijkoningsoord.org/trappistinnen/abdijgroep/>

We have no 'personal promise of commitment' or similar.

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