



Grand Priory KBHC

On Thursday the 11th of September, Mark Masons' Hall played host to the annual meeting of the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City. Knights from across the constitution and visitors from overseas filled the Grand Temple, meeting old acquaintances and making new ones.

In the morning an Emergency Meeting of the Prefecture of St George at London No. 1 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Rite of England and Wales was held to conduct the Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City and to commission as Knights 20 qualified Squire Novices.



The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Mark Constant of the Heart of England Prefecture. Congratulations to Sq.N. Jon Lydon, Paul Ricketts, Robert Anderson, and Peter Rolfe of Anglo-Saxon Prefecture on becoming Knights Beneficent of the Holy City.

The Prefecture was opened in the Sixth Degree of the Order by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. The ceremony was conducted in a very personal manner by the Reverend Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, and the Master of Ceremonies, V.Revd.Kt. Tim Wheeler, Grand Marshal. Afterwards the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., and his team posed for a photograph with the new Reverend Knights.





The Prefecture of St George of London was closed and the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Reverend Knights retired for refreshments while the Temple was being re-arranged for the meeting of Grand Priory.





After a short break the Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C., opened Grand Priory. After the first items of regular business had been conducted the Deputy Grand Master, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, G.C.H.C., rose to propose that the Grand Master be re-elected. This was carried with acclamation. The Grand Master was then Proclaimed by the Grand Herald.

The Grand Master thanked the Knights for re-electing him and also thanked the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master for his proposition. The Grand Master then announced that he would be re-appointing R.Revd.Kt. Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.H.C., as Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master then appointed and invested Right Reverend Knight David Jordan, Regional Grand Prefect for Anglo Saxon Prefecture and Right Reverend Knight George Edward Bonham, Regional Grand Prefect for Heart of England Prefecture to the Honour and Dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City. They were Proclaimed by the Grand Herald and Saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal.



The Grand Master appointed and invested Reverend Knight David John Roach as the Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes.

Right Reverend Knight David was Proclaimed by the Grand Herald and Saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal.

The Grand Chancellor was then called on to read the names of the recipients of appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank, and those present were invested.



The Grand Master then addressed Grand Priory. In his address he thanked everyone for attending in such good numbers despite the travel difficulties this week. He congratulated all those who have received appointments and promotions and encouraged them to continue to support their respective Lodges. The Grand Master then welcomed visitors and heads of other Companion Orders of Freemasonry before ending his address by thanking V.Revd.Kt. Dan Heath and V.Revd.Kt. Tim Wheeler and their teams for ensuring the day was such a success.



With Alms collected during the singing of the closing hymn, the Grand Master then formally closed Grand Priory. The Knights retired to refresh themselves before dining and returning to their various homes.



Thanks to Peter Wise for the festive board photos



Congratulations



At the meeting of Grand Priory held at Mark Masons' Hall on 11th September 2025, The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master was pleased to appoint to the Honour and Dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City our Regional Grand Prefect, **R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.C.H.C.**

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master was also pleased to re-appoint, promote and appoint in or to Grand Rank the following members of Suth Seaxe Lodge:

Grand Officers 2025/2026

R.Revd.Kt. Graham L Flight, K.C.H.C.
Grand Treasurer (re-appointed)

V.Revd.Kt. Timothy J Wheeler
Grand Mareschal (re-appointed)

Revd.Kt. Patrick P Crossan
Assistant Grand Mareschal (appointment)

Revd.Kt. Arnold Long
Past Grand Almoner (promotion)

Revd.Kt. C Martin Wilson
Past Deputy Grand Herald (promotion)

Revd.Kt. Ian T D Smith
Past Grand Banner Bearer (appointment)

In addition, two of our Honorary Members also received preferment:

R.Revd.Kt. Lt.Col. John C Chambers
Past Grand Visitor General (promotion)

Revd.Kt. Kelvin A Gane
Past Grand Almoner (promotion)

On behalf of our Worshipful Deputy Master and members, warmest congratulations are extended to each of our above members.



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At the meeting of Great Priory The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master was pleased to announce that due consideration was being given to the Consecration in the New Year of a Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew to meet in Surrey.

It is proposed that the name will be Suthrige (pronounced Sooth-rigga) Lodge of SMSA and the venue will be Nutfield. The name Surrey is derived from Sūþrige (or Suthrige), meaning "southern region" in Anglo Saxon.

Further details will follow in due course.

Lodges in the Prefecture

Thamesis No 3



The next meeting of Thamesis Lodge is at Beaconsfield on Monday the 26th of January 2026.

Suth Seaxe No 9



The next meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge is at Peacehaven on Thursday the 16th of October 2025 (Installation).

Urbs Sancta No 14



The next meeting of Urbs Sancta Lodge is at Mark Masons Hall on Thursday the 27th of November 2025.



Cantwara invicta No 15

The next meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge is at Wrotham on Friday the 7th of November 2025.



Verulamium No 22

The next meeting of Verulamium Lodge is at St Albans on Monday the 1st of December 2025.

The Grand Priory meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in September at Mark Masons Hall

The Anglo Saxon Prefecture meeting is held on the 1st Thursday in November at Mark Masons Hall

The Anglo Saxon Prefecture web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/introduction-knights-beneficent-of-the-holy-city>

