



the Surrey knight



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The Provincial Priory of Surrey Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Surrey was held on Saturday the 13th of July 2024 at the Croydon Masonic Centre in Oakfield Road, Croydon.



The members of the Banner Preceptory, St Saviours No 338, did a sterling job of ensuring everyone could get in the car park.

The Provincial Marshal, E.Kt. Angus Rhodes, his Deputy, E.Kt. Graham McGlashan, and the team were busy rehearsing in the Temple, while the rest of us were enjoying coffee and bacon butties downstairs.





Prior to the meeting (*excuse the pun*) our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Pat Crossan, made sure he individually welcomed all our guests and Brother Knights of the Province.





By 10.45 we were all gathered in the Temple. The Brother Knights were called to Order by the Provincial Marshal, E.Kt. Angus Rhodes, to receive the Provincial Prelate, E.Kt. Len Moreton, on his last Annual Meeting as our Provincial Prelate. He was preceded by the Provincial Cross Bearer and accompanied by the Provincial Almoner, E.Kt. John Coleman.



Then followed the Delegation of Knights of Malta. RE Knights and other Distinguished Guests, then entered the Temple in procession.



We were all delighted that our Past Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Michael Banbury, KCT, was able to be with us. I had the pleasure and privilege, as his Provincial Marshal for several years, to escort him into the Temple to rapturous applause.

The Provincial Prior then entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Bearer. Provincial Priory was opened in due form and the Provincial Prior was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Marshal.



The Provincial Prior welcomed the Honoured Guests from other Provinces, as well as the Heads of Surrey Orders and their Executive.

The roll of Preceptories in the Province was called, during which the Preceptory Banners were paraded.

After the regular business of Provincial Priory had been concluded, the Provincial Prior

thanked V.E.Kt. Peter Brown for his support as Provincial Sub Prior over the years. He then announced that he was appointing E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey as the Provincial Sub Prior. An escort was formed and E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey entered Provincial Priory, was addressed by the Provincial Prior, and Obligated, Invested and Installed as Provincial Sub Prior for the Province of Surrey. He was then Proclaimed and saluted with five. E.Kt. Miguel responded accordingly.



The Provincial Prior then appointed and invested his Provincial Officers, following which he thanked E.Kts. Alan Caroll and Ken Chandler for their services as Bodyguard Commander and Registrar. He then appointed Charles Hoad as Commander, Mark Carter as Deputy Commander, and Stephen Barney as Registrar. He thanked the members of the Bodyguard for supporting him on his Official Visits.



E.Kt. David Thompson was appointed and invested as Provincial Vice-Chancellor and E.Kt. Angus Rhodes as Provincial Marshal. Joining us for lunch was R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey.

E.Kt. Steve Jones, Provincial Warden of Regalia presented the Provincial Prior with a cheque for £1,750.20 as a donation towards the Provincial Benevolent Fund from the sale of new and pre-loved regalia over the past year.

The Provincial Prior addressed Provincial Priory. In his Address he greeted all those attending with warmth and a hearty welcome and said how pleased he was to see so many Brother Knights, and guests from other Provinces and Orders attending.

He spoke about the need to look after others, both within and without our Order, as one of the Precepts of our Order. He congratulated all those Knights he had appointed or promoted this day wishing them a happy year to enjoy their honour. R.E. Knight Pat ended by thanking all those who worked so hard and contributed to the success of the meeting.

Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the R.E. Provincial Prior retired in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Sub-Prior, Officers of Great Priory, guests of the Province, and the Provincial Officers of the year, greeting his Honoured Guests as they retired from the Temple.





We then retired to the bar where we were joined by Nick Burger, the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Craft and Royal Arch Provinces of Surrey, and Ian Clark, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey, Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund.



A few drinks in the bar gave us the opportunity to catch up with some old friends. We then retired to the dining room to enjoy a lovely meal together with our guests.



Many thanks to R.E.Kt. Trevor Gulliver, KCT, for kindly playing the organ for us.

Also, a big thank you to Gary Billington of the Croydon and District Masonic Halls for putting up a rolling slide show of all our activities over the past year to keep our guests entertained while in lounge, as well as all the staff of Croydon Masonic Hall for looking after us so well.





Another Candidate for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the June 2024 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City another candidate, E.Kt. Peter Baker, P.Gt.Swd.B., from the Province of Sussex, took his Fourth Degree Ceremony.

As well as many Surrey Knights there were also several Brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland, S.E. Counties, seen here with the Provincial Grand Master, Charles Stoddard.



The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, our Provincial Prior, Revd Knight Pat Crossan, K.B.H.C., the Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knights Gordon Leaman and Chris Eley, the Master of Ceremonies was Tim Wheeler, K.B.H.C., the Great Marshal, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Knight David Thompson, V.

At the end of the Ceremony Peter was congratulated by Revd Knight Pat Crossan the Worshipful Deputy Master. The Worshipful Deputy Master then presented a Grand Priory Certificate to Brother Len Moreton.



Revd.Kt. Gordan Leaman, the Grand Superintendent of Sussex in the Knights Templar Priests, was declared Worshipful Deputy Master for the ensuing year.

It was a most enjoyable day.

Praesidium Legati Preceptory



The regular muster of the Praesidium Legati Preceptory of Knights Templar of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard No. 57 was held at Surbiton Masonic Hall on Friday the 21st of June 2023. Present was V.E.Kt. Peter Brown, the Provincial Sub Prior of Surrey, and V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, P.Gt.Reg., P.Prov.Mar., an

Honorary Member of the Preceptory.

The Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Alan Carroll, opened the Preceptory in due form and with solemn prayer. The Marshal, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godrey called the Knights to order to salute the Eminent Preceptor.



After a report on the door V.E.Kt. Peter Brown, the Provincial Sub Prior of Surrey, accompanied by two members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard, was admitted, welcomed by the Eminent Preceptor and offered the baton. V.E.Kt. Peter said how good it was to be visiting Praesidium Legati Preceptory and was looking forward to the ceremony that afternoon.



After the muster roll had been called the Very Eminent Sub Prior returned the baton to the Eminent Preceptor who completed the regular business of the Preceptory.

The Preceptory was then closed, and the Temple prepared for the Priory of Malta meeting that followed.

The Priory was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the VE Sub Prior.



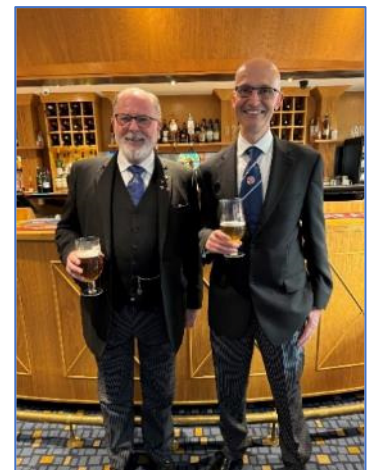
While the Temple was being opened the Mediterranean Pass was simultaneously being conferred on the on the candidate for the Malta Degree by the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Alan Carroll, together with the Mareschal and Prelate.

The Eminent Prior announced a vote for the election of Kt. Francis Menassa of St Catherine's Preceptory. This was successful, and Kt James Payne was installed as a Knight of Malta in due form by the Eminent Prior.



The Candidate was then congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Sub Prior.

The Priory was closed and we all retired for refreshments in the bar.



The Brother Knights of the Praesidium Legati Preceptory and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

