



# the Surrey knight



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## The new Surrey Companion Orders Web Site

We are pleased to announce that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September a new web site for all the Companion Orders in Surrey was launched. This has been the result of a considerable amount of hard work and burning of the midnight oil by Tim Ford, supported by others with a specific responsibility for each Order.

It is modelled on the MMH website with some enhancements and personalisation. The main web page is [www.surreycompanionorders.com](http://www.surreycompanionorders.com) from which all Surrey Companion Orders, including the Provincial Priory of Surrey web pages, can be accessed. You can also access our pages directly by using <https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar>



Please look at the new website which has a lot of information about our Order in general, the Provincial Officers, details of Preceptories in the Province, issues of the Surrey Knight, our Provincial newsletter, and other information.



### The Executive of the Provincial Priory of Surrey



Provincial Prior  
R.E.Kt. Patrick P. Crossan, G.C.T



Provincial Sub-Prior  
E.Kt. Dr. Miguel A. J. Godfrey,  
P.G.A-de-C.



Provincial Vice Chancellor  
E.Kt. David Thompson,  
P.G.SLB.(B)



Provincial Marshal  
E.Kt. Angus J. Rhodes,  
PG Capt Gds

If you have any items of interest, news, or upcoming events, please submit full details to Chris Eley [cw.eley@talktalk.net](mailto:cw.eley@talktalk.net) who is our website content manager.





# The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta



The Provincial Priory of Malta meeting was held on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at the Surbiton Masonic Hall under the Banner of the Emmaus Preceptory No. 446.

The afternoon started with a meeting of Emmaus Preceptory. The Eminent Preceptor, V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, **P.Gt.Reg.**, opened the Preceptory and welcomed the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, and the Provincial team. Also present was Knight Richard Wileman, Inspector General of the Rose Croix District of Surrey, who took his Malta Degree at the following Malta meeting,



St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group  
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The Provincial Sub Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, was declared as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year and, after all business had been concluded, we received a most interesting and informative talk from E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark, **Dep.Gt.Swd.B.**, K.St.J., Trustee of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, on the current challenges facing the group.

E.Kt. Jamie also shared some of his personal experiences and took questions afterwards. He was thanked by the Provincial Prior of Surrey on behalf of the knights assembled for his most interesting and informative talk. The Provincial Prior of Surrey then had much pleasure in presenting E.Kt. Jamie with a donation towards the Eye Hospital. The Preceptory was closed, and the Temple prepared for the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Malta.



The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, and Provincial Officers entered the Temple and took their places at the Pentagonal and Octagonal Tables.

V.E.Kt. Chris Eley and E.Kt. Mark Winchester were brought out of retirement to act as Provincial Mareschal and Deputy Mareschal for the meeting. It was good for Chris and Mark to be able to work together again.

The Provincial Prior invited the Provincial Sub-Prior to open a Chapter of Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta in full form.

Assisting us at the Pentagonal Table were V.E.Kt. Stephen Warwick, Gt.Capt. General, Past Sub Prior of Malta, and E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark. Our thanks to both knights



The Degree of Knight of St Paul was conducted by V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock, assisted by E.Kt. Len Moreton as Prelate. Knight Richard Wileman was then admitted as a member of the Order by the Sub Prior and his Officers. The Challenge was performed by Richard's friend, V.E.Kt. Chris Eley.

The Historical Address and the explanation of the Banners were given in a superb manner by E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey. The Candidate was then congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Prior. Following the ceremony, the Provincial Malta Officers of the year 2024 – 2025 were appointed and invested by the Provincial Prior.



The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Malta was closed and the R.E. Provincial Prior and the Officers of the Year retired in procession under the direction of the Provincial Mareschal, V.E.Kt. Chris Eley. Afterwards the Brother Knights and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



# A Visit to Sunny Sussex by the Sea

In September, the Provincial Priory of Sussex held their Annual Meeting at the Sussex Masonic Centre in Brighton.



Before the meeting we had coffee and sausage rolls, which gave us a chance to catch up with old friends, including many Right Eminent Knights who had travelled to Brighton to support the Province of Sussex; and many Heads of other Orders in Sussex.

The R.E. Knights and Distinguished Guests entered in procession under an Arch of Steel. 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 all the guests from other Provinces, as well as the Heads of



Sussex Orders, who were the Malta Delegation. He also personally welcomed 12 newly installed Knights to their first meeting of Provincial Priory, thanking them for their support.



After the regular business of Provincial Priory had been concluded, the Provincial Prior re-appointed E.Kt. Tan Rusby, **P.Gt.Her.**, as Provincial Sub Prior, thanking him for all his support. He then appointed and invested his Provincial Officers, thanking his 2023 Officers for all their support over the past year.



In his address, the Provincial Prior thanked everyone for the way he and his Sub Prior had been received on their visits round the Province.

He congratulated those he had appointed and invested today and thanked everyone for their support at this Annual Meeting.

He then announced that the Province will be making a donation towards the Sussex Craft 2028 Craft Festival and that R.W.Bro. Chris Moore, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, will be joining us for lunch.

After the collection of Alms, Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the RE Provincial Prior retired in procession. After refreshments in the bar, we were called in to lunch. The Brother Knights of the Province of Sussex and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together.



The Toast to the Provincial Prior was given by the Provincial Sub Prior, E.Kt. Tan Rusby. In his reply, the Provincial Prior thanked E.Kt. Tan and all the Knights of the Province of Sussex for their support over the past year and wished everyone a successful and enjoyable year ahead.



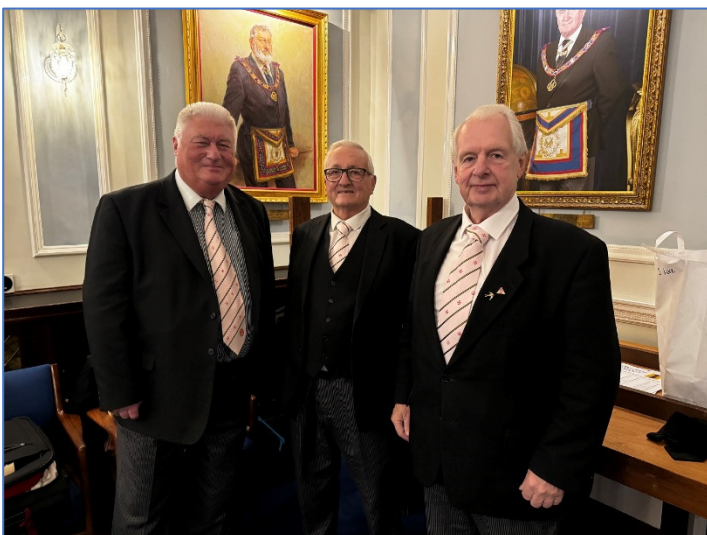
# Grand Priory of K.B.H.C.



On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12 qualified Squire Novices. The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Charles Aspinell, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.



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. Congratulations to Jack Love on becoming a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City.



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 Chancellor then 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 paid tribute to his predecessor, M. Em. & Revd. Kt. Michael Edward Herbert who died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. He said that it was a tribute to the man to see so many attending his funeral. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

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.



