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The Dedication of the Stephan Langton Preceptory Bible



At the Christmas meeting of Stephan Langton Preceptory at the Nutfield Masonic Centre our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt Patrick P Crossan and his team Dedicated their new Preceptory Bible.



The Preceptory was opened by the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Dale Brunt, who welcomed all the members and visitors. The Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, entered through an Arch of Steel, was received by the Eminent Preceptor and accepted the Batton. The Muster Role was called and the minutes approved, following which the Provincial Sub-Prior invited the Eminent Preceptor to resume his seat.



Knight Ray Beadle was welcomed as a joining member and E.Kt Dale Brunt was declared Eminent Preceptor for a further year. After the Officers of the Preceptory had been appointed and invested the Provincial Prior was invited to present KT Certificates to Knights Robert Short and Alan Hurcombe, which he did in his own special style.

The next item on the agenda was Dedicate the new Preceptory Bible. This was done in a very sincere manner by our Provincial Prior, following which a narration was given by V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock, the Provincial Prelate.



Alms were taken whilst singing the Templar Hymn.

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





E.Kt Dale Brunt was declared Eminent Prior for a further year. He then appointed and invested his officers and, after transacting any other business, closed the Priory.





The Brother Knights of Stephen Langton Preceptory and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.

In the usual tradition of the Christmas meeting of Stephen Langton Preceptory, carols were sung, led by our Provincial Prior.



St Savior's Preceptory

At the installation meeting of Saint Saviour's Preceptory No 338 on Friday the 9th of December the Bro. Knights received our Provincial Prior, Right Eminent Knight Patrick P Crossan, and installed Knight Simon Triptree as their new Eminent Preceptor.



The Preceptory was opened by the Eminent Preceptor who received the Provincial Prior and the Officers of the year.

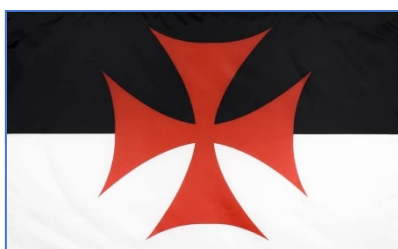
The Provincial Prior accepted the baton saying how pleased he was to be visiting Saint Saviour's Preceptory again, called the Muster Roll, signed the minutes and handed the baton back to the Eminent Preceptor as he had some work to do.

Knight Simon Triptree was installed as Eminent Preceptor in a very sincere manner and appointed

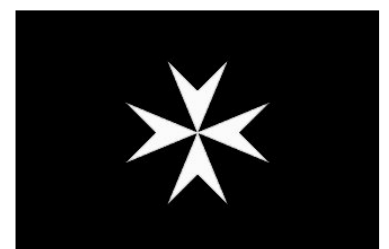
his Officers. After the regular business of the Preceptory had been concluded the Eminent Preceptor closed the Preceptory and the Temple was rearranged for the Malta meeting that followed.



The Saint Saviour's Priory of Malta meeting was opened, and Kt. Simon Triptree was installed as Eminent Prior for the ensuing year.



The Eminent Prior closed the Priory in short form, and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



Praesidium Legati Preceptory

The regular Muster of the Preceptory was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Thursday the 27th of February.

The Preceptory was opened by the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Graham McGlashan, who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick Crossan.



After the Muster Roll had been called and the regular business of the Preceptory was completed the Preceptory was then closed.

Present at the meeting were several present and past members of the Executive from several Orders in Surrey. The Temple was then re-arranged for the Malta meeting that followed.





The Priory was opened by the Eminent Prior, E.Kt. Graham McGlashan, who was saluted with the sign of the Order.



After the regular business of the Priory had been completed a ballot was taken for Knights Jim Agnew and Sampson Onoriode Oseha of Sacryham Preceptory to be installed as Knights of Malta.



This proved in their favour and the Degree of St Paul was conferred on Knights Jim and Sampson.

Knights Jim and Sampson entered the Priory and were installed as Knights of Malta in a very sincere manner. They were congratulated by our Provincial Prior.



The Priory was then closed and the Brother Knights of Praesidium Legati Preceptory and their guests dined together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving



The Biennial Church Service will be held on Sunday the 19th of October at the lovely old church of St Mary's in Thorpe.



It is impossible to say exactly when St. Mary's Church was built, although portions of the building are of venerable antiquity which leads one to believe it is a Medieval Church.

In 1963 a Roman cinerary urn, dated to 120 - 150 A.D. was discovered buried in the Churchyard, establishing that this site has been of religious significance for nearly 1900 years.

We always receive a very warm welcome from the Vicar and his team, and the coffee and home-made cakes go down well after the service.

We hope that many Knights of the Province will attend to make this a very special day in our calendar.



Temple Court Preceptory

Temple Court Preceptory No 162 held its 386th meeting at Guildford Masonic Centre, on Tuesday the 4th of February.



It was a very well attended affair, with a total of 21 Knights at the meeting, to see E.Kt. David Dasey installed as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year. Also in attendance was our Provincial Prior, RE.Kt. Pat Crossan; V.E.Kt Stephen Churchill, Prov. Sub Prior for Northants, Hunts and Beds; E.Kt Lester Wellington, Provincial Marshall for Hertfordshire.

There were many other distinguished Knights, who had answered the call to attend and travelled from far and wide, of which the Preceptory are very grateful for.

Once the meeting was concluded, the Knights engaged in a very enjoyable festive board.

Thanks to James Sarson



Whyte Stone Preceptory

I joined KT about 2020 and, in a similar manner to that of a Mark Man, progressed very steadily through the offices and was in the Chair for a year till October of last year. E.Kt. Kevin Brennan who was the Registrar, then took over and I became the Registrar. This time I was Registrar for the first time at a full meeting.



We are such a small lodge and only number some twelve in number with eight being present at this meeting. We were able to call on the offices of a group of members called the Bodyguard who swelled the numbers in attendance to nineteen. We were honoured with the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Pat Crossan and his Sub Prior, E.Kt. Miguel Godfrey. Over the past years, I have been able to meet his Sub Prior on several occasions, in other Orders and have struck up a good, working relationship with him. We had to put out the request for number support through the Sub Prior and with the help of the Provincial Prior, we managed to cover all officers' roles.



The vocabulary is different; the regalia is different and then there is the wielding of the sword!! The books were out and many a knight sat down and carefully went over what he was going to provide in the ceremony. This was some night.

Our Marshall, E.Kt. John French was unable to attend and so E.Kt. Barrie Selway,

our Treasurer, stepped in. We also asked a visitor, Peter Rolfe, to act as a Constable. We had a candidate so it was very important to put on a good display and welcome him into our Preceptory, in the correct manner, with due dignity and an impressive ceremony that would mean something to him. It was very pleasing to have members covering most important posts.

It is a fairly long journey from Novice to a Knight of the Temple. We only just finished on time with our Marshall being ably supported by his Deputy, E.Kt. Miguel Godfrey. Our Eminent Preceptor carried off his role in a very successful manner, receiving the odd prompt from the ever watchful Provincial Prior.

The novice, Matthew Mariott was present, and obviously a man of quality. He mentioned, en passant, his great interest in the history of the Templar Knights and his taking part in the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela which I had visited a couple of years previously.

So, into the ceremony. It is a very impressive sight to see so many members in full ceremonial garb. All took their roles very, very seriously but in a relaxed manner. The candidate gave his undertakings and completed his figurative years involved in the instruction of a new Knight. He was eventually given his regalia and became a Knight in the Preceptory of Whyte Stone 447.

Our compliments to our catering team too. We had not dined, as a Preceptory, at the Farnham Masonic Hall in some three to four years and by the time we had gathered sufficient men to dine, our caterers had made alternative arrangements. They very kindly re-arranged their diary and provided us with a superb roast beef dinner, apple strudel, cheese and coffee to round off our evening in good style. This was a very, very satisfying event which would not have been accomplished without the support of our fellow Knight Templars.



Thanks to Michael Fenech

Around the Province

On Saturday the 15th of March our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, visited the St John at Stoneleigh Preceptory No 378 at Surbiton to see the Installation of E.Kt. Kurt Schenk as Eminent Preceptor.



Thanks to Jon Laws

And on Tuesday the 29th of April our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt, Patrick P Crossan, visited the St Catherine's Preceptory No 607 at Godalming to see the Installation of E.Kt. Paul Crockett as Eminent Preceptor by E.Kt. Michael Mello.



Thanks to Hugh Saville