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

The Provincial Priory of Malta meeting was held on Friday the 19th 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, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, Provincial Sub Prior, opened the Preceptory and welcomed the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, and the Provincial team.

E Kt Peter Vosser having been recommended by the Preceptory Committee and Article 68.2 of the Liber Ordonis Temple Statutes complied with, the Eminent Preceptor declared E Kt Peter as Eminent Preceptor for the coming year, to be installed at the April 2026 meeting. Elected Treasurer was E Kt Garry Lewis and Guard, V.E. Kt Chris Eley.



After all business had been concluded, we received a talk from E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, Provincial Sub Prior, entitled 'The road to Emmaus'.

This most interesting and informative talk

was very well received and appreciated by all present.

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. 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.



The Degree of Knight of St Paul was conducted by V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock. Knight David Pyle of Agincourt Preceptory 517 was then admitted as a member of the Order by the Sub Prior and his Officers. The Challenge was performed by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley. The Candidate was then congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Prior.

Following the ceremony, the Provincial Malta Officers of the year 2025 – 2026 were appointed and invested by the Provincial Prior.

The Provincial Prior had much pleasure in presenting Certificates of Recognition to Eminent Knights Hugh Savile and John Coleman in recognition of their outstanding and dedicated service to the Masonic Orders of the Knights Templar and Knights of Malta within the Provincial Priory of Surrey. He said that their unwavering enthusiasm, tireless dedication, and pursuit of excellence have enriched the Order and set a shining example to all. They are both held in the highest esteem by their Brother Knights.



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 newly appointed Provincial Mareschal, E.Kt. Graham McGlashan. Congratulation Glash.



Afterwards the Brother Knights and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Provincial Priory of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar>





Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving



The Biennial Church Service this year was held at the lovely old church of St Mary's in Thorpe. We received a very warm welcome back to Thorpe by Fr Stephen Girling and his team

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. The beginnings of the church seen

today may have been instigated by Abbot Hugh in 1110. The present Church building, with earliest sections dated around the 10th/11th century is part of the conservation area, along with several other listed and protected buildings possibly dating from the 17th century onwards.



Permission for the Province to use the Church had been given by Fr Stephen Girling who opened the service by warmly welcoming everyone present, including many Heads of other Companion Orders in Surrey.



After the first hymn, the Confession and the Collect were led by Fr Stephen Girling. The Bible readings were by our Provincial Prior, Rt.Em. Knight Patrick P Crossan, and our Provincial Sub Prior, Em. Knight Dr Miguel J Godfrey. A very thought-provoking Address was given by Fr Stephen Girling who talked about the Precepts of our Order, and the 'Precepts' found in the Bible.



Our Provincial Vice Chancellor, Em. Knight David Thompson, then read the Precepts of the Order. Fr Stephen Girling led the prayers for the State, the Church, the World, for those in need, for the departed, and for the Order.

A collection was taken during the singing the Templar's Hymn, For all the Saints. The carefully chosen hymns were not only very appropriate to the Christian Precepts of our Masonic Knights Templar Order but also very well known.



To end a very enjoyable afternoon, the Knights of the Province of Surrey gathered for splendid cream tea organised by the ladies of the church. Many thanks to Fr Stephen Girling and his team for making us feel so welcome.



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.



Visits to other Provinces

Provincial Priory of Hampshire & IOW



On Saturday the 6th of September, the Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal, Andrew Christopher Rainbow, G.C .T., conducted the Installation of V.E.Kt. Julian Mitchell, P.G.Reg., as Provincial Prior for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

The meeting was held at the Novatel Hotel in Southampton. After tea and coffee, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends, we went into the Temple. The Installing officer and his Assisting officers entered in Possession under an Arch of Steel, ascended his throne, appointed his officers and opened a Chapter of Provincial Priory. The Installing officer was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.





The Banners of the Preceptories were paraded and the Roll of Preceptories was called. The Installing officer addressed the Knights on the purpose of the meeting, and the Great Marshal informed the Installing Officer that the Provincial Prior Nominate, V.E.Kt. Julian Mitchell, **P.Gt.Reg.**, was in attendance and requested to be Installed. The Great Marshal formed an escort and the Provincial Prior nominate was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel.



The Installing Officer demanded to see the Patent of Appointment and directed that it be read. He addressed the Provincial Prior Nominate, and the Great Prelate offered a prayer. The Provincial Prior Nominate knelt and recited his Obligation. The Great Prelate raised the Provincial Prior Nominate and conducted him to the East where he knelt and paid homage to the M.E. & S. Grand Master, following which he was invested and installed. The Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction, and the Banner of the Province was placed in the East. The Right Eminent Provincial Prior was proclaimed from the West by the Great Herald and saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.



E.Kt. Ron Wray, **P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B.**, was then obligated, invested, installed, and proclaimed as the Sub Prior of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. The Great Marshal invited the Right Eminent Provincial Prior to appoint and invest the Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, following which the Right Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal and presented him with a donation of £4,000 to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, which was gratefully received.

The Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal said how much he enjoyed the day and the opportunity to install R.E.Kt. Julian Mitchell, especially as it was the first time he had conducted the ceremony.

After the collection of alms, the Installing Officer retired under an Arch of Steel accompanied by the officers of the installing team. The regular business of Provincial Priory was completed and, after a brief address due to time constraints, Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the Provincial

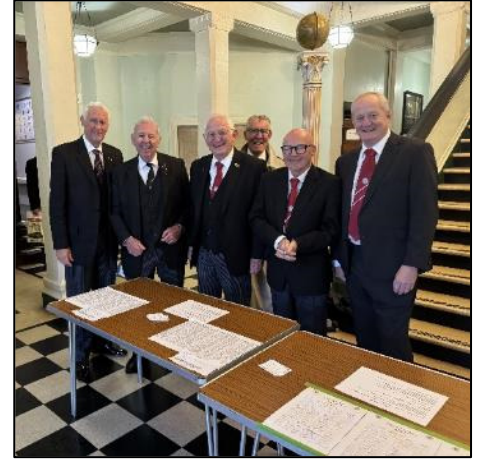
Prior, the Provincial Sub Prior, Provincial Officers of the year, and honoured guest retired in procession under an Arch of Steel.

After some refreshments in the bar, we retired to the dining room where we were treated to a splendid lunch with the Knights of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight and their guests.



Provincial Priory of Sussex

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Sussex was held on Saturday the 13th of September 2025 at the Sussex Masonic Centre in Brighton. What happened to Sunny Sussex? On arrival we were warmly greeted by the Brother Knights of the Province and while drying off from the rain, were treated to coffee and bacon butties.



By 10.45 we were all gathered in the Temple. The Brother Knights were called to Order by the Provincial Marshal to receive the Delegation of Knights of Malta, R.E. Knights and other Distinguished Guests.

The Provincial Prior entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Beclrer. 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 Sussex Orders and their Executive. The roll of Preceptories in the Province was called, during which the Preceptory Banners were raised. The Provincial Prior thanked E.Kt. Tan Rusby for his support as Provincial Sub-Prior over the past year and said he had much pleasure in reappointing him as Provincial Sub-Prior. He was then saluted with five and E.Kt. Tan responded accordingly.



The Provincial Prior then appointed and invested his Provincial Officers, following which he thanked E.Kt. Mickey Wiles for his services as Bodyguard Commander and inspected his Bodyguard.



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.

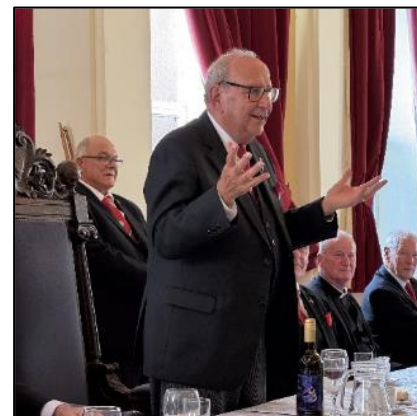
He spoke about the need to look after others, both within and without our Order, as one of the Precepts of our Order.



He congratulated all those Knights he had appointed or promoted this day wishing them a happy year to enjoy their honour.

R.E.Knight Colin 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. 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.



Provincial Priory of London

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of London was held on Monday the 29th of September 2025 at Mark Masons' Hall.

By 3.45 we were all gathered in the Temple. The Brother Knights were called to Order by the Provincial Marshal to receive the Delegation of Knights of Malta, Right Eminent Knights and other Distinguished Guests. The Provincial Prior 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 London 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. Anthony Fabian Legge, P.Gt.Reg., for his support as Provincial Sub Prior over the past year and said he had much pleasure in re-appointing him as Provincial Sub Prior, He was then saluted with five and V.E.Kt. Anthony responded accordingly.

The Provincial Prior then appointed and invested his Provincial Officers, following which he appointed his Bodyguard Commander and Deputy and received members of his Bodyguard.

In his Address he greeted all those attending and said how pleased he was to see so many Brother Knights, and guests from other Provinces and Orders in the Temple.

He congratulated all those Knights he had appointed or promoted this day wishing them a happy year to enjoy their honour. R.E. Knight David ended by thanking all those who worked so hard and contributed to the success of the meeting.



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