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Great Priory of Malta

On Monday the 10th of November 2025 Brother Knights gathered at Freemasons' Hall, London for the Annual Chapter of the Great Priory of Malta. The meeting was presided over by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, KStJ, G.C.M.







After initial items, it was to appoint to the honour and dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, R.E.Kt. Jonathan Charles Whitaker, DL, JP, Knight Commander and Great Prior of Malta.



The next item of business was to announce the appointment of V.E.Kt. Dr Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncreiff, P.Gt.Lt.Gen., as Great Prior of Malta.....



..... followed by the re-appointment of V.E.Kt. Alan Thomas Howls as Great Sub-Prior of Malta.





The meeting was then handed over to the Great Prior of Malta to begin the Installation of 3 Knights as Knights of Malta. This is unique among our Orders, being the only Annual Investiture Meeting during which a full Masonic Degree Ceremony is worked on true Candidates.

While the Candidates retired to the Guard room to receive the Degree of Knight of St Paul, The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was delighted to confer appointment to, or promotion in, Great Rank on 143 Brother Knights and invest those present.



When the Candidates were re-admitted the ceremony proceeded with the degree being conferred by the Officers of Great Priory.



It has become an annual event to look forward to for many of our Brother Knights and we thank everyone who attended for their wonderful support for this meeting and our Order.

Our congratulations to those Brother Knights of the Provincial Priory of Surrey who received promotion or appointments in Great Rank.



Great Priory was closed and we retired for refreshments before sitting down together in the Grand Hall in the Grand Connaught Rooms.



The Great Priory of Malta is contained within The Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas. Prospective Candidates must be a Knight Templar and possession of the Malta degree is a requirement to become Eminent Preceptor of a Knights Templar Preceptory.

The Order of Knights of the Hospital of St. John at Jerusalem was founded in the early twelfth century, originally to care to poor or distressed pilgrims to the Holy Land. Following the reconquest of the Holy Land by Islamic forces, the Order was subsequently based in Rhodes and Malta.

The Masonic Malta degree appeared as an Appendant Order to the Masonic Knights Templar at an early stage. The main ceremony, which is preceded by the short 'passing degree' of Knight of St. Paul, or Mediterranean Pass, recounts the long history of the Order during its journey from Palestine to Malta.

A Candidate for Croydon Preceptory



On Monday the 24th of November the Preceptory of Croydon No. 196) welcomed a new Brother Knight into the Preceptory.

Bro James Wong was installed as a Knight in an excellent ceremony by E.Kt. Mark Carter. The Charge was delivered by E.Kt. Ian Harper and the Symbols of the Order were explained by E.Kt. Andrew Milton.

Also in attendance was our Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt Patrick Peter Crossan, accompanied by two members of the bodyguard.



The Provincial Prior gave a most interesting and comprehensive explanation of the Great Priory Certificate to Kt. Mike Harvey.

After the Muster, 12 knights enjoyed a convivial Festive Board at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

Thanks to Brian Hunter and Mike Harvey

Provincial Priory of Surrey web site:

[https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/
welcome-knights-templar](https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar)





A new Master and two Candidates for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the October 2025 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City Revd.Kt. Chris Eley, K.B.H.C. was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master by our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C. The meeting was held at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven. It was so well attended there was little space left in the car park.



After coffee and a get together in the bar we went upstairs to the Temple. The Brethren were called to order by the Escorting Officer, V.Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane, K.B.H.C., to receive the Regional Grand Prefect accompanied by Grand Officers.

Suth-sæxe, from the Old English, Suth-Seaxe, meaning land or people of the South Saxons, was one of the seven traditional kingdoms of the Heptarchy of Anglo-Saxon England. The Kingdom of the South Saxons, today referred to as the Kingdom of Sussex from Middle English. On the south coast of England, it was originally a sixth-century Saxon colony and later an independent kingdom. The kingdom remains one of the least known of the Anglo-Saxon polities, with no surviving king-list, several local rulers and less centralisation than other Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. The South Saxons were ruled by the kings of Sussex until the country was annexed by Wessex, probably in 827, in the aftermath of the Battle of Ellendun. In 860 Sussex was ruled by the kings of Wessex, and by 927 all remaining Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were ruled by them as part of the new kingdom of England.



The installation ceremony was conducted by the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., in a most sincere manner. The Wardens were invested and the Officers of his year were appointed and invested by the Worshipful Deputy Master.

The Worshipful Deputy Master then had much pleasure in presenting the Lodge's Perpetual Masters Breast Jewel to Revd.Kt. Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., thanking him for his hard work as Worshipful Deputy Master over the past year. The Jewel was originally presented to the Lodge by Revd.Kt. Bryan Spearman, K.B.H.C., for presentation to the Immediate Past Worshipful Deputy Master following the Installation of his successor.



The next item was to receive and admit two candidates into the Fourth Degree. E.Kt. Michael Julian Hearne and E.Kt. Michael John (Mickey) Wiles.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd.Kt. Chris Eley, K.B.H.C.

The Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd. Knights Colin Dann, K.B.H.C., and Jack Love, K.B.H.C.

The Master of Ceremonies was Sq.N. David Thompson, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Revd.Kt. Ray Tyne.

After the ceremony the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., was invited to present Grand Priory Certificates to John Hickman, David Maynard, and Peter Vosser, which he did in a very informative manner.



The Lodge was closed and after photographs and refreshments we dined together at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven.



Squire Novices at Mark Masons Hall



A meeting of the Anglo Saxon Prefecture in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday the 6th of November 2025. The Prefectory was honoured by the presence of our Grand Master, M.E. & Rev. Knight Vivian Thomas, GCHC.



During the meeting ten Fourth Degree members were promoted to Squire Novice. The representative candidate was Dr Miguel Godfrey of Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters.



The Right Reverend Regional Grand Prefect, distinguished visitors and Officers of the Prefecture entered in processional order. The Prefecture was opened in the Fifth Degree of the Order by the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., who welcomed all the Distinguished Guests.

The Right Reverend Regional Grand Prefect was saluted with seven under the direction of the Mareschal, Revd Knight Kelvin Gane, KBHC. The Right Reverend Regional Grand Prefect responded by thanking everyone for attending in such numbers. The Right Reverend Knights were then saluted.

The Prefecture received the M.E. & Revd. Grand Master who was welcomed by the Right Reverend Regional Grand Prefect and saluted under the direction of the Great Marischal.

After the Muster Roll of Lodges and of Prefecture Officers had been called the main item on the agenda was to promote nine Fourth Degree members to Squire Novice. This was done in a very personal manner by our Regional Grand Prefect, assisted by the Mareschal, Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane, and the Deputy Mareschal (Commander), Revd.Kt. Chris Eley.



Scottish Masters were then admitted, and Prefecture business was continued. The next item on the agenda was to appoint and invest Prefecture Officers for 2025-26.



Prefecture was closed.

On reappointing Revd. Kt. Peter Wise as Chancellor, the Regional Grand Prefect said how grateful he was to Revd. Kt. Peter for all his hard work and support over the past year as Chancellor of the Prefecture and that unfortunately he could not be with us as he was in hospital. We all wish Peter a full recovery. He thanked Revd. Kt. Stuart Gray, KBHC, the Secretary Cantwara Invicta Lodge for acting as Chancellor and ensuring that meeting went so smoothly.

In his address the Regional Grand Prefect thanked everyone for attending to support the Prefecture Annual Meeting and, looking at the good attendance. He especially thanked the Grand Master and his team for attending and helping to make this a very special meeting for us all.

The Grand Master and Distinguished Reverend Knights retired from the Prefecture. Scottish Masters then retired, and the



After refreshments in the bar, we retired to the dining room for a most enjoyable meal together. Our Regional Grand Prefect presented the Grand Master with a special bottle of port, to which he responded, *"My wife and I will certainly not be sharing that with anyone but ourselves!!"*

