



the Surrey mitre



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A message from our Grand Superintendent

Dear Knight Priests

As we return from the summer break I do hope you had a relaxing time with your families and loved ones.

As we enter the new season you will see flyers in display stands at our centres raising awareness about our delightful order. Our District recorder will email you all soft copy of the flyer which please print off and share with your fellow knights at your Preceptories.

Save the date **Tuesday 27th January 2026**. The order of Holy Wisdom will be conferred, at Surrey Tabernacle, on a goodly number of candidates. If you wish to participate, please let R Em Kt Chris Craddock know. We will also be holding our District meeting under the banner of Surrey Tabernacle at the same meeting. Full details will be emailed to everyone.

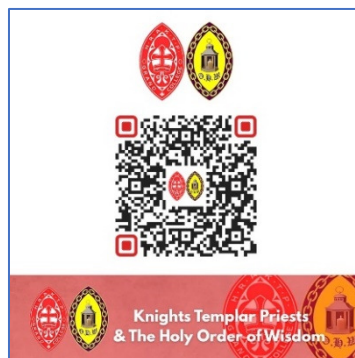


I look forward to seeing you all at a forthcoming meeting. Do please support each other's Tabernacles, your presence enhances the meeting and adds to the enjoyment of each other's company.

In Peace, Love and Unity.

Right Eminent Knight Priest Peter Vasser
Grand Superintendent, District 15

District web site:



<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-k-t-p-o-h-w-home>

A busy afternoon for Surrey Tabernacle

The installation meeting of the Surrey Tabernacle was held on Wednesday the 2nd of July 2025 at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

The Tabernacle was opened by the acting High Priest, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Cradock, who welcomed all Knight Priests to the Tabernacle.



A ballot was taken for a candidate, William Edward Clayton. The ballot proved in his favour and Knight William Clayton of St Michael at Bisley Preceptory No 693 was admitted as a Knight Priest in an excellent manner by the High Priest and the Officers of the Tabernacle.



The next item on the agenda was to install Ill.Kt.Pt. Eddie Ertan as High Priest. This was done in a most sincere manner by R.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Cradock. The High Priest then appointed his Officers and invested those present:



There being nothing further for the good of the Order, or the Surrey Tabernacle, the Tabernacle was closed, and we retired to the bar for refreshments before enjoying a most convivial meal together.

Love the BBQ

Well, all lions/lionesses did remarkably well! Well done to both Rugby and Football. I have to say that those of us lionhearts who were at the BBQ of all BBQ's in July also did very well. We drank well, we chatted well and the we ate well, and those steaks were delicious!



Our mini rolled into Chiddingfold at the appointed time and we were immediately welcomed at Chez Jack and lovely lady wife Jenny. This engaging couple always make you feel welcome and their garden is so lovely. It is even more relaxing to be amongst friends and there were some thirty plus folk there. The weather was fine, and the drinks soon flowed. After we had set the world to rights, conversation flowed in its many different forms in a very relaxed atmosphere on a beautiful day, in a lovely setting.



The time arrived for us to partake of Jack's steaks. Mine host had set up the cook your own BBQ apparatus and the steaks were on view to the discerning gathering. Do you want a fillet of great quality, a succulent sirloin steak or rib eye? It was all there and to compliment it we had a choice of venison or pork sausages, or both if you could take it all in. We were invited into kitchen to supplement our plates with a terrific array of extras. I am a tomato and potatoes person but there was more for the discerning palates of normal folk. The choice was magnificent.





Did I mention the drinks? All tastes were catered for. We had a sparkling wine, white wine, red wine, non-alcoholic beers etc. etc. etc., and the conversation was good too. However, that is not all of it! My dear friend Allan had difficulty in finishing his main course but did find a little room for dessert. Yes, there was a fine selection of several cake type offerings, all topped off with cream or ice cream. I had seconds.



I was keeping an eye on the clock, not too seriously. I had used the record button. Women's football was about to create history. The afternoon went on and it was impossible to leave such a convivial atmosphere with all that good company, lovely food and hospitality. The final would probably go to extra time and keep us guessing.

We had the raffle to enjoy. This was another good item on our agenda and raised several hundred pounds in jolly good company. The prizes were distributed by Jack's very sweet grandchildren, one of whom was an Aldershot FC player, the next famous lioness? Who knows?

Dear Jack and Jenny, thank you for an absolutely wonderful afternoon in your lovely house and garden. I am so looking forward to your next event.

Thanks to Michael Fenech

Gyldeforde Tabenacle

Our Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Peter Vosser, visited Gyldeforda Tabernacle in July.

The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.Em.Kt.Pt. Grant Marshall, who welcomed all Knight Priests to the Tabernacle, especially our Grand Superintendent.

A ballot was taken for a candidate, Ian Pettett. The ballot proved in his favour and Knight Ian Pettett was admitted as a Knight Priest in an excellent manner by the High Priest and the Officers of the Tabernacle.



There to see Ian's ceremony was Kt.Pt. Bill Clayton who was admitted into Surrey Tabernacle on the 2nd of July and came along to Gyldeforda to support a fellow Provincial Prior's Bodyguard member being admitted



It was a well-attended meeting and an excellent ceremony with a lot of Knight Priests having learnt the relevant pieces. Grand Point was conducted and all retired for an excellent 2 course meal of salmon and pannacotta.

Thanks to Peter Vosser and Steve Surridge

Around the Orders



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., the Recorder of Holy Trinity Tabernacle, was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master by the Regional Grand Prefect, at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven.



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 our Grand Superintendent, Peter Vosser, which he did in a very informative manner.



Also present were our Past Grand Superintendent, Revd.Kt. Jack Love, K.B.H.C., the Junior Warden, seen here with Revd.Kt. Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., the Grand Superintendent and High Prelate of District 40, Sussex.

The Provincial Priory of Surrey Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving was held at St Mary's Church, Thorpe. The Companion Orders were well represented, with the Christian Orders wearing their regalia.





Members of the Companion Orders at the Provincial Priory of Surrey Church Service



The Order of Holy Wisdom

27 January 2026

Save the date



A Congregation of the Order of Holy Wisdom will be held on Tuesday the 27th of January 2026 at Surrey Tabernacle at Surbiton Masonic Hall under the auspices of Surrey District 15. If you wish to participate, please let R Em Kt Chris Craddock know on chris.cradock@gmail.com. We will also be holding our District Meeting at Surrey Tabernacle on the same day. Full details will be emailed to everyone.

The Order of Holy Wisdom has been part of the Order of The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests from very early times. However old rituals showed that it required very lavish clothing, equipment and premises to carry out the Degree. Indeed, so complex and expensive were the requirements that it is hardly surprising that the Degree fell into disuse. The ritual was sympathetically rewritten so as to contain all of the essentials, but capable of being worked in a much more practical manner. The Order of Holy Wisdom was reintroduced on the 14th of June 2014 as an associated order, quite separate and different from our appendant degrees.

All Knight Templar Priests who joined on or before 14th of June 2014 are automatically members of The Order of Holy Wisdom. Those joining after that date must be admitted as OHW members. The Degree is a necessary qualification for the office of High Priest of a Tabernacle. The ceremony is usually worked at District level. The Grand Superintendent is also a High Prelate of The Order of Holy Wisdom, and the frequency and location of the Degrees are under his direction. Members of the Order of Holy Wisdom wear a Cordelier to signify their membership. The majority of members wear white Cordeliers.