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A Christmas message from our Grand Superintendent

Dear Knight Priests

Another busy year draws to a close and as we prepare to celebrate the true Christian meaning of Christmas with our families and friends let us reflect and rejoice upon the positive differences we have made, and all contributed in 2025. Let us all commit to strengthening our resolve to support our Christian duties and ethos to do more so each and every day in the forthcoming year.

We have been blessed with a steady stream of new Knight Priests into our Tabernacles throughout the year and the district is in good heart.

Our District Meeting is on the 27 January 2026. This will be combined with the regular Surrey Tabernacle meeting and the admission of celebrants into the Order of Holy Wisdom. This will be an enjoyable morning followed by a lunch filled with the spirit of the Priestly unity we all enjoy.

Please attend and support your fellow Knight Priests on this next step within the Order.

I am honoured to be your District Grand Superintendent and must record my heartfelt thanks for the support from my District Executive, Tabernacle Recorders, Treasurers, Pillars and indeed all Knight Priests who are committed to this lovely order and make every meeting a delight to attend.

To all Knight Priests, your families and loved ones, my very best wishes for a blessed and Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Let us all inwardly receive and outwardly share Love, Joy, and Peace.



Yours in Priestly service and with very best wishes.

Right Eminent Knight Priest Peter Vossier
Grand Superintendent, District 15



Knights Templar Priests
& The Holy Order of Wisdom

A Candidate for Pride of Surrey Tabernacle

In November a plea went out from our District Recorder, Andy Fox, saying that the Pride of Surrey Tabernacle meeting at Sutton had a Candidate in December and they would really appreciate support from District 15 Knight Priests in both attendance and assisting with the ceremony. Nine Knight Priests came along to support the Tabernacle, which ensured that all the Pillars were occupied and that the Candidate, Richard Wileman, the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft and Past Inspector General in the Rose Croix, had a memorable ceremony.

I was due to attend a meeting of Rutlish Lodge at Sutton that day, where I am an Honorary Member, as they had a candidate for initiation. In the end I managed to attend both meetings by popping in to the Craft meeting after the Tabernacle was closed. It was a very special day at Sutton with 46 years' experience separating these two candidates



The Tabernacle was opened by the acting High Priest, V.III.Kt.Pt. Pat Crossan, KHW, PGVII-P, who welcomed all Knight Priests to the Tabernacle, especially the visitors, thanking them on behalf of the Tabernacle for their support.



A ballot was taken for a joining member III.Kt.Pt. Mark Donovan, PGIP, a member of the Surrey Tabernacle No. 27. This proved in his favour and III.Kt.Pt. Mark was warmly welcomed into the Tabernacle.





A ballot was then taken for a candidate, Knight Richard John Wileman. The ballot proved in his favour and Knight Richard was admitted as a Knight Priest in an excellent manner by the High Priest, the Officers of the Tabernacle, and their visitors.



V.Em. Kt. Pt. Simon Triptree was declared as High Priest and V.Em.Kt.Pt. Wally Maynard as Treasurer.

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





The Annual Meeting of Surrey District 15 and the Order of Holy Wisdom 27 January 2026 Save the date



The Annual District Meeting of Surrey District 15 will take place at Surbiton Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BN, on Tuesday the 27th of January 2026. Proceedings will commence at 10.15 am PROMPT with the regular meeting of Surrey Tabernacle No 27 followed by the Annual District meeting, and then a Congregation of the Priesthood of the Order of Holy Wisdom at approximately 11.15.

All Knight Priests are cordially invited to attend. Dress: Short Black Coat or Dark Lounge Suit with full Knight Templar Priest Regalia.

If you wish to participate, please let R.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Craddock know on chris.craddock@gmail.com.



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 to contain all 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.