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A message from our District Grand Superintendent

Dear Knight Priests

As your new District Grand Superintendent for District 15 (Surrey) of The Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom, I would like to open this latest edition of the Surrey Mitre by paying tribute to my predecessor R Em Kt Pt Jack Love KCPO for his dedicated and inspiring leadership of our District over the last ten years.

The district is in good heart and our meetings are enjoyable experiences for our members. Under his stewardship we consecrated a new Tabernacle and safely steered a path through the challenges of COVID.

Jack's drive and enthusiasm for the Pillar Fund meant that with your support we were the first District to achieve a Red Collarette.

I am looking forward to working with you all and building on this very firm foundation and to enthuse and engage with new members to grow our wonderful order, to increase the feeling of satisfaction gained when we support each other within our Order, and expand our knowledge and understanding of sacred and holy work, and to convey that message to those who wish to join us on that journey.

Details of forthcoming meetings, dates for Grand Point ceremonies, and contact information for the District team can be found on our website at <https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-k-t-p-o-h-w-home>

Please enjoy the reports of activities and meetings contained within this newsletter and how they convey the sincere bonds of priestly brotherhood that we hold so dear to our hearts.

I extend my hearty congratulations to those Knight Priests who received honours, first appointments, and promotions at Grand College on the 7th of June. I would like to thank all those Knight Priests from the District who attended the especial assembly on the day before to support me at my installation as your Grand Superintendent.

I will close by sending greetings of peace, love, and unity to you all as we go about our Priestly Duties and look forward to seeing you all very soon at one of our meetings.

Right Eminent Knight Priest Peter Vasser
Grand Superintendent, District 15





Grand College



Friday the 6th of June was a special day for our new Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Peter Vosser, CHW, and the District of Surrey.

The Especial Assembly of Grand College was opened at 15:00 and the GHP entered in procession with his retinue. Peter Vosser and John White were excitedly waiting outside and in due time were announced as the Grand Superintendents and High Prelates designate for Districts 15 (Surrey) and 25 (Nottinghamshire and Derby). A procession was formed, and they were obligated and invested in a sincere and moving ceremony. After being escorted to their seats on the dais they were called to order to appoint by announcement their district officers. Our Grand Superintendent was very well supported by Surrey members. After the closure a group photograph was taken with the Surrey members and the Grand High Priest.



Another photo was taken with Peter Vosser and his two immediate predecessors, Jack Love and Ian Smith.

After a short break the assembled Surrey members then attended the installation meeting of Henry Hotham Tabernacle.

Refreshment followed with a pleasant drink in the bar. Some attended the formal lady's dinner at the hotel. Others repaired to a local hostelry and the two groups reconvened around 9 pm for a nightcap or two to close what had been a most enjoyable day.



On Saturday the Grand College meeting was held.

The photograph is of Peter Vosser and the District members who were able to attend in person to receive their first appointments, promotions and honours.



On Saturday evening we all enjoyed a meal together, which was very good and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Great company and fun. After which we all departed in peace.

Thanks to Peter Vosser



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Chertsey Tabernacle



The installation meeting of Chertsey Tabernacle was held at Agincourt Hall, Camberley, on the 24th of February 2025.

The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest who welcomed our Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Jack Love, and all the visitors.



The main item on the agenda was to install Em.Kt.Pt. Alan Pharro as High Priest of the Tabernacle. V.Em.Kt.Pt Alan was afterwards congratulated by our Grand Superintendent, and R.Em.Kt.Pt. Ian Smith, Past Assistant Grand High Priest.

After updating the Knight Priests on the progress of the Pillar Fund R.Em.Kt.Pt. Ian had the pleasure of presenting a Pillar Fund Certificate thanking the Tabernacle for their support.



Holy Trinity Tabernacle

The installation meeting of the Holy Trinity Tabernacle was held on Thursday the 1st of May 2025 at the Croydon Masonic Centre, Oakfield Road, Croydon.



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

A ballot was taken for a joining member, Kt.Pt. James Hendry Brown of Pride of Surrey Tabernacle No 184. Proposed by Kt.Pt. James Agnew and seconded by V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Eley. The ballot proved in his favour and Kt.Pt. Jim was welcomed into the Tabernacle by the High Priest.



The main item on the agenda was to install Ill.Kt.Pt. Hugh Everitt as High Priest. This was done in a most sincere manner by V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Eley. The High Priest then appointed his Officers and invested those present:



V.Ill.Kt.Pt. Patrick Crossan presented a Grand College Certificate to Kt.Pt. Jim Agnew in a most informative manner.

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





Jack Love's Farewell Dinner

On Tuesday the 13th of May many Knight Templar Priests of District 15, Surrey, attended a farewell lunch to say thank you to our Grand Superintendent for all the friendship and support we have received from R.Em.Kt.Pt, Jack Love since he was installed as our Grand Superintendent over 9 years ago.



Thanks for all those BBQs and Garden Parties Jack

Pride of Surrey Tabernacle

The installation meeting of the Saxon Tabernacle was held on Friday the 16th of May 2025 at the Masonic Hall, Sutton.



The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.Em.Kt.Pt. Dave Harrison, who welcomed everyone, especially our Grand Superintendent Designate, Peter Vosser, and the Provincial Prior of Surrey Knight Templar, Pat Crossan.



The main item on the agenda was to install Em.Kt.Pt. Simon Triptree as Hight Priest. The ceremony was conducted in a very sincere manner by V.Ill.Kt.Pt. P P Crossan, KHW, PGVII P, and the officers of the Tabernacle.





The Officers for the year were then invested and Tabernacle business was concluded.
The Tabernacle was closed, and the Knight Priests of the Pride of Surrey Tabernacle enjoyed a pizza together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



Saxon Tabernacle



The installation meeting of the Saxon Tabernacle was held on Monday the 9th of June 2025 at the Masonic Hall, Surbiton.



The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, Ill.Kt.Pt. Derek Williamson, who welcomed everyone, especially our new Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Peter Vosser, on his first visit to a Tabernacle since his installation as our Grand Superintendent three days earlier.



Ill.Kt.Pt. Eric Trodd was installed as the High Priest of the Saxon Tabernacle in a sincere manner by Ill.Kt.Pt. Derek Williams. He was congratulated by our Grand Superintendent who had much pleasure in presenting him with a Black Pillar Fund collarette on behalf of the Tabernacle, thanking the Knight Priests of the Tabernacle for their continued support of the Pillar Fund.



The Grand Superintendent was then invited to present a Grand College Certificate to Kt.Pt. Jim Brown.

The High Priest appointed and Installed his officers, and the Grand Superintendent conducted the Grand Point, with the assistance of his Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill.Kt.Pt. Steve Surrige, PGIV P.

The Tabernacle was closed, and the Knight Priests of the Saxon Tabernacle and their guests enjoyed a meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Two Candidates for North Downs Tabernacle

At the meeting of North Downs Tabernacle on Thursday the 22nd of May at Nutfield two candidates were admitted into the Order.



The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.Em.Kt.Pt. Wally Maynard who welcomed everyone to North Downs Tabernacle.

Em.Kt.Pt. Denis Leigh was declared High Priest and V.Em.Kt.Pt. Garry Lewis as Treasurer for the ensuing year.



Knights Mark Carter and Emmanuel Ofuasia of Croydon Preceptory were admitted as Knight Priests in an excellent manner by the High Priest and the Officers of the Tabernacle.



The Tabernacle was closed, and we retired to the bar and the terrace for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Hall.

