

PRECEPTORIES IN THE PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SURREY

Temple Court Preceptory No. 162

South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Hitherbury Close, Guildford, GU2 4DR
1st Tuesday February (I), 2nd Tuesday, May and 1st Tuesday, November

Preceptory of Croydon No. 196

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX
2nd Monday, March (I) and June and 4th Monday, November

Kyngstun Preceptory No. 225

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN
3rd Tuesday, March (I), September and December

Chertsey Preceptory No. 304

Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall Road, Chertsey, KT16 9DH
2nd Tuesday, February, 4th Tuesday, April; 3rd Tuesday, October (I)

St Saviours Preceptory No. 338

Masonic Hall, 9 Grove Road, Sutton, SM1 1BB
4th Friday, March, 2nd Friday May and 1st Friday December (I)

Gascoigne Preceptory No. 360

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX
1st Monday, February (I), April and October

Preceptory of St George at Stoneleigh No. 364

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN
3rd Saturday January, September (I)

Preceptory of St John at Stoneleigh No. 378

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN
Morning of 3rd Saturday, January and March (I)

Sacryham Preceptory No. 425

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX
4th Thursday January (I) 3rd Monday April and November

Emmaus Preceptory No. 446 (Past Preceptors)

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN
4th Monday, April (I) and 3rd Friday, September

Whyte Stone Preceptory No. 447

Masonic Hall, 42 Castle Street, Farnham, GU9 7JB
4th Tuesday, February and May and 3rd Monday, October (I)

Stephen Langton Preceptory No. 478

Redhill & Reigate Masonic Centre, Nutfield Lodge, Nutfield Road, Redhill, RH1 4ED
4th Wednesday, February and April and 3rd Wednesday, December (I)

Agincourt Preceptory No. 517

Agincourt Hall, London Road, Camberley, GU15 3JA
3rd Tuesday, February and April and 4th Tuesday, November (I)

Praesidium Legati Preceptory No. 570 (P.P.B.G.)

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN
4th Thursday February, 3rd Friday June and November (I)

Nutfield Preceptory No. 598

Redhill & Reigate Masonic Centre, Nutfield Lodge, Nutfield Road, Redhill, RH1 4ED
2nd Saturday March, 4th Saturday June and October (I)

St Catherine's Preceptory No. 607

Masonic Hall, Ockford Road, Godalming, GU7 1RQ
4th Wednesday, January, April (I) and October

St Michael at Bisley No. 693

16 Club Row, Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Surrey
1st Friday, April and, June and 3rd Friday, October (I)

THE MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

According to legend, the Knights Templar were established in 1118 AD to safeguard pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem and the Christian holy sites. This small band of warrior monks founded their headquarters on the Temple Mount, thanks to King Baldwin II, who granted them quarters in the same year. Noblemen from various backgrounds joined the Templar Order, while others supported it by donating land and valuables. The modern Masonic connection to these medieval guardians of Christianity is highlighted in the Installation ceremony, where candidates assume the role of a pilgrim. By symbolically embarking on a crusade, they are elevated to knighthood.

The earliest documentation of Masonic Knights Templar activity in England appears in the minutes of the Chapter of Friendship (Royal Arch) in Portsmouth, dated 1778, indicating its status as an Appendant Degree. In 1791, a Grand Conclave was formed, consisting of seven 'Encampments' under the leadership of Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master. By 1873, the Grand Conclave became known as the Great Priory, and the Encampments transitioned to what are now called Preceptories.

The ceremonies of the Knights Templar are immersive and the regalia is truly remarkable, reflecting the attire of the medieval knights. Candidates must be both Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons, professing the Christian faith.



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www.markmasonshall.org/orders/knights-templar

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Knights Templar & Knights of Malta

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A Message from the Provincial Prior...



Brethren,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. This leaflet provides insights into the Provincial Priory of Surrey and the venerable Masonic Orders of the Knights Templar and of Malta.

We believe you will find it informative and inspiring.

I warmly welcome those who are Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, and share in our Christian values to explore this unique and distinguished order.

Yours in faith,

R.E.Kt. Patrick Peter Crossan, K.C.T.

A Journey Through History and Ceremony

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta is a unique organisation governed by the Great Priory located at Mark Masons' Hall in London. The earliest mention of this Masonic Order dates back to around 1777, but it was not until 1845 that the rituals were standardised, leading to steady expansion. Currently, over 700 Preceptories are associated with the Great Priory in England, Wales, and its overseas provinces.

While the Order makes no historical claims to the medieval Military Orders of the same name, its rituals are steeped in the history and exploits of its predecessors, particularly the "Rule" granted by the Pope

Knights Templar

Meetings of the Knights Templar occur in a Preceptory, presided over by a Preceptor. The regalia is striking, reflecting the attire of their medieval counterparts: it includes a mantle, tunic, cap, sash, cross, star, belt, and sword.

This degree commemorates the valiant knights who found refuge within the sacred precincts of King Solomon's Temple in 1118, granted by Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem. Candidates, dressed as pilgrims, embark on a symbolic journey of pilgrimage and warfare, culminating in the vows of a Crusader. After demonstrating courage, candidates learn that penance and meditation will prepare them for Christian knighthood. The ceremony concludes with their elevation to the status of Knight of the Temple.

Knights of St Paul

This is the short introductory, or passing, degree which precedes the ceremony of becoming a Knight of Malta, and is held in a Chapter of the Knights of St Paul. In this degree we learn of the travels of St Paul and how he arrived on the island of Malta.

Knights of Malta

Meetings of the Knights of Malta take place in a Priory and are overseen by a Prior. The Priory generally convenes to receive new knights or during the installation of a new Prior. This degree of Christian Knighthood recounts the struggles of the Knights of Malta and traces their journey from Jerusalem to their eventual stronghold on the island.

Candidates are drawn into a world of tradition, as five officers assume the roles of the Grand Master's personal staff, with others representing the heads of the eight Langues or divisions of the ancient Order. The ceremony culminates with an explanation of the traditional history, inviting participants to reflect on the profound meanings behind mystical resurrection.

