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The Installation meeting of Whyte Stone Preceptory



On Monday the 16th of October Whyte Stone Preceptory Ni 447 were honoured to receive the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year, to their installation meeting.

What is the matter with me? Why am I putting myself through these strange ceremonies? I am not a ritualist, more of a worker bee. The answer is quite simple! They are fascinating and I am part Maltese, so why not?

I was concerned for a few days beforehand. I did wonder if I could deal with it correctly. I need not have worried. I did not think

of the good men who would be around me and would help me, encourage me and then congratulate me. Becoming an Eminent Preceptor in Knights Templar and an Eminent Prior in the Malta degree was one/two of my bucket list Masonic things to do. That and joining The Allied Masonic Degrees. But that is another story.

So off I went to my lovely town of Farnham on a hissing down with rain, autumn evening. A proper season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. I had remembered the code to the door and, as soon as I entered our newly refurbished centre, Sarah and her lovely smile helped me relaxed. There were several fellows there and shortly afterwards the leader of the Province arrived. There were things to do and we all pitched in to set up a slightly more complicated layout for what would happen shortly.

The Provincial Photographer was there, V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, who came out of retirement to be the Provincial Marshal on the day, together with E.Kt. Graham McGlashen, who acted as Deputy Provincial Marshal; and as Eminent Preceptor and Eminent Prior.



E.Kt. Graham had only learned his fate within the last week or so. He told me not to worry and that he would guide me through everything and all I had to do was relax and enjoy.

I was beginning to wonder if it would all go well but my concern was allayed by the positive attitude of all around me, including the uncle of one of my past pupils. This man was an expert in setting up the temple and his confidence seeped into my vision of the next hour or so. The positive and humorous approach of all was very welcoming.

The witching hour approached, and I donned my garb making sure that sword was in the correct part of my uniform. Eminent Knight Graham opened the meeting, business was engaged, the leader walked in and I was soon standing in front of everyone doing what I was encouraged to do. Thanks to those who gave me the wink as to what to do or not to do. I wore my gloves grace à a very senior kind nudge and sat down when the man said so. All went so well.



And then for the Malta degree. The ceremony was so quick, so efficient and yet so meaningful. Well, that was something of a relief but very satisfying.



After I had appointed and invested my Officers the Provincial Prior was invited to present a Great Priory Certificate to Knight James Payne. This he did in his own very special way.



Now for the Festive Board. I even gave a toast or three and thanked the visitors for attending. They certainly increased the atmosphere.

Thank you to all who were present and to those who led the ceremony. It will long remain in my thoughts as yet another valuable, enjoyable and fab thing to do.

It was so much fun!

Article by Michael Fenech



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, 2nd November 2023.



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. After the Muster Roll of Lodges and of Prefecture Officers had been called the main item on the agenda was to promote ten Fourth Degree members to Squire Novice. One of the Candidates was Bro. Len Moreton, our Provincial Prelate.



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, Revd.Kt. Chris Eley.

Afterwards the new Squire Novices posed for a photograph with our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan.



The next item on the agenda was to appoint and invest Prefecture Officers for 2023-24. In investing Revd.Kt. Peter Wise as Chancellor, the Regional Grand Prefect said how grateful he was to Revd.Kt. Peter Dack for his many years of loyal service as Chancellor of the Prefecture.



The Prefecture Officers got together for a group photo with our Regional Grand Prefect.



The Regional Grand Prefect had pleasure in presenting five KBHC Certificates to Reverend Knights promoted at the September meeting of the Prefecture St George at London No.1.



In his address the Regional Grand Prefect thanked R.Revd.Kt. Kessick Jones, President of the Grand Master's Council, Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters, for attending and supporting the Prefecture by acting as Dean.

After the remaining business was completed, the Prefecture was closed, and we retired to the dining room for a most enjoyable meal together.





Great Priory of Malta



On Tuesday, 21 November 2023, Brother Knights from across the Constitution, and the worldwide Great Priory of Malta community 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, G.C.M. A first and pleasant duty was to appoint to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the United Orders, John Herbert Prizeman who, in addition to his great support for this Order, is perhaps best known to us as Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

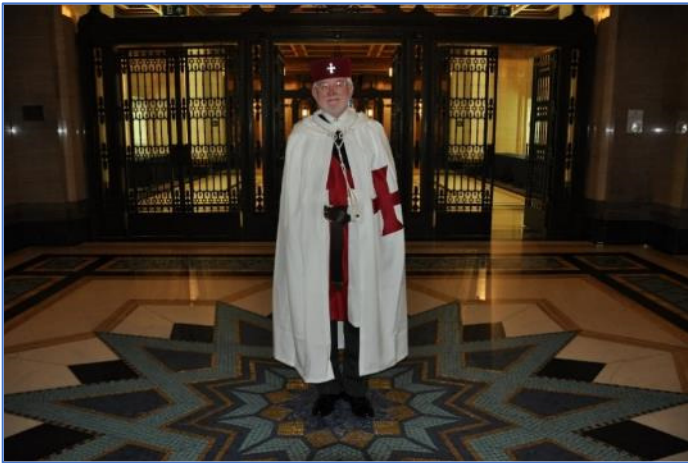




The next item of business was to announce the re-appointment of R.E.Kt. Jonathan Charles Whitaker, K.C.M., as Great Prior of Malta, followed by the appointment of V.E.Kt. Alan Thomas Howls as Great Sub-Prior of Malta.



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



While the Candidate 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 142 Brethren and invest those present.

When the Candidate was re-admitted the ceremony proceeded with the degree being conferred by the Officers of Great Priory, led superbly by the Great Prior of Malta.

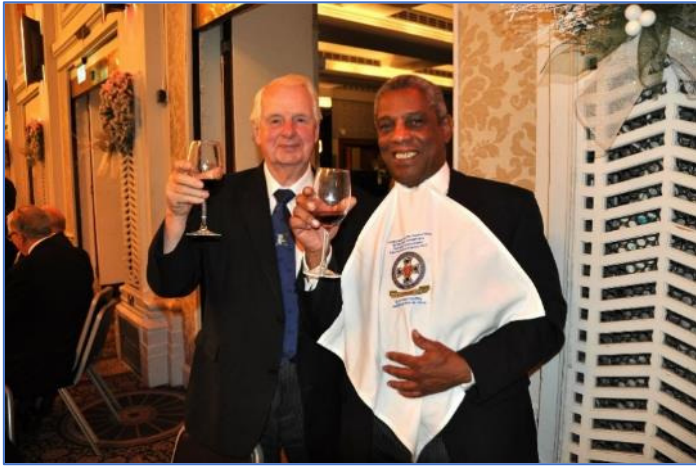


Everyone who attended the meeting were thanked for their wonderful support for both the meeting and our Order. It has become an annual event to look forward to for many Brother Knights and it is hoped to see you again next year.





After refreshments we retired to the Grand Connaught Rooms for a most convivial meal together.



The Brother Knights of the Provincial Priory of Surrey had a most enjoyable day. Congratulations to those who received appointment or promotion in Great Rank today.





The Christmas Meeting of Stephen Langton Preceptory



For several years it has been the tradition for our Provincial Prior and his team to pay a visit to Stephen Langton Preceptory for the last Surrey Knights Templar meeting of the year. As in previous years it was a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities. It was a delight to see R.E.Kt. Michael J Banbury, KCT, Past Provincial Prior at the meeting.



The Preceptory was opened by the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Rod Wood, who welcomed everyone to this special meeting. E.Kt. Michael Banbury was saluted with seven under the direction of V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, his Past Provincial Marshal who said how good it was to see R.E.Kt. Michael at this special meeting.

The Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, entered through an Arch of Steel, was greeted by the Eminent Preceptor, and offered the baton.

The Provincial Prior was saluted with 7 after which he greeted everyone. He said how good it was to be back at Nutfield for the Stephen Langton Christmas meeting,

He then thanked the Provincial Officers who had come along to support the Preceptory, took the minutes and the muster role, and handed back the baton to the Eminent Preceptor as he had work to do.

Knight Dale Brunt was installed as Eminent Preceptor by E.Kt. Rod Wood in a very sincere manner. The new Eminent Preceptor was congratulated by the Provincial Prior who wished him a most enjoyable year.



After the Officers for the year were appointed and invested, the Provincial Prior addressed the Knights on the importance of our Christian Order and what Christmas means to all of us.

The Preceptory was closed, and a Priory of Knights of Malta was opened. Knight Dale Brunt was installed as Eminent Prior by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley in a very personal manner. The new Eminent Prior was again congratulated by the Provincial Prior.



[The Knights then closed the Priory in peace and harmony and afterwards dined together in fraternal union](#) singing some well-known carols led by our Provincial Prior.



Bob Soper kindly came along to play the organ for us.

