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Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving



It is impossible to say exactly when St. Mary's Church was built, although portions of the building are of venerable antiquity which leads one to believe it is a Medieval Church. In 1963 a Roman cinerary urn, dated to 120 -150 A.D. was discovered buried in the Churchyard, establishing that this site has been of religious significance for nearly 1900 years.

The Biennial Church Service was held in October 2022 at the lovely old church of St Mary's in Thorpe. We received a very warm welcome back to Thorpe by the Vicar, Revd. Damian Miles and his team.



The beginnings of the church seen today may have been instigated by Abbot Hugh in 1110. The present Church building, with earliest sections dated around the 10th / 11th century is part of the conservation area along with several other listed and protected buildings, possibly dating from the 17th century onwards.

Permission for the Province to use the Church had been given by the Vicar, Revd. Damian Miles, who opened the service by warmly welcoming everyone present.



Including from the Craft Province of Surrey, Em.Kt. David Olliver, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, seen here with V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, Past Provincial Marshal, brought out of retirement to head up the ceremonial.

After the first hymn the Confession and the Collect were led by Revd. Damian Miles. The Bible reading, Ephesians 6:10-18, was by our Provincial Sub Prior, Em. Knight Peter Brown.

A very thought-provoking Address was given by Revd. Damian Miles.

After singing the Templar's Hymn, For all the Saints, the Provincial Prior, Rt.Em. Knight Patrick P Crossan, read the Precepts of the Order. Revd. Damian Miles led the prayers for the State, the Church, the World, for those in need, for the departed, and for the Order. The carefully chosen hymns were not only very appropriate to the Christian Precepts of the Masonic Knights Templar Order but all very well known.

It was good to see our Grand Superintendent, District 15, of the Knights Templar Priests, Em.Kt. Jack Love with us; seen here posing with our Provincial Prior and Revd. Damian Miles after the service.



As well as many Knights of the Province and their partners,

To end a very enjoyable afternoon, the Knights of the Province of Surrey gathered outside for splendid cream tea organised by the ladies of the church.



Many thanks to Revd. Damian Miles and his team for making us feel so welcome.



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, 27 October 2022.



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 seven Fourth Degree members to Squire Novice

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. The representative Candidate was Bro. Alan Baverstock.

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



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 Senior.

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



Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew



At the October 2022 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City Revd Knight Ian Smith was installed as Worshipful Deputy Master and Brother Knights Brian Hunter and Leslie Grout took their Fourth Degree Ceremony.

Following a period of reflection on the sad passing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the installation of Revd Knight Ian Smith as the Worshipful Deputy Master ceremony was conducted by the Regional Grand Prefect, R. Revd. Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., in a most sincere manner.

The next item was to receive and admit into the Fourth Degree: Bro. Brian Albert Hunter, and Bro. Leslie Grout, The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Ian Smith. The Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knights Pat Crossan and Gordon Leaman. The Master of Ceremonies was Tim

Wheeler, the Great Marshal, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Revd Knight Chris Eley. Many other Surrey Knights were there to see Brian and Leslie join the Order. It was a very special and enjoyable day for us all.



Bro. John Fuller and Bro. Walter Maynard were then presented with their 4th degree Grand Priory Certificates by the Regional Grand Prefect, R. Revd. Kt. David Jordan.



The Lodge was closed and after photographs and refreshments we dined together at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven.





Great Priory of Malta



In November 2022, Knights of the Masonic Knights Templar Order of Malta, arrived at Freemasons' Hall for the annual Chapter of the Order of Malta. This is one of the few 'Grand' annual meetings when a ceremony, with a Candidate, is worked in full. So there was much anticipation in the air as the Knights began to assemble wearing their distinctive regalia, emblazoned with the Maltese Cross, associated with the arrival of Knights on that Island in the sixteenth century.



The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement made some introductory remarks before handing over to the Great Prior of Malta, R.E.Kt. Jonathan Whitaker, JP, K.C.M., who opened the meeting.



The Great Prior of Malta invited the Great Sub-Prior of Malta, V.E.Kt. Steven Warwick; the acting Great Prelate, E.Kt. Rev. Dr Simon Thorn; and a Deputy Great Mareschal, E.Kt. Kelvin Gane, to retire to communicate the Degree of Knight of St Paul to the Candidate, Knight Jonathan Paul Burnell of the Province of Nottinghamshire,





After the address on the history of the Order and its bearing on our ceremonies by the Great Prior of Malta, the M.E. & S. Grand Master rose to address the meeting.



This was followed by congratulations to the three new Knights Commander, and a welcome to the two Provincial Priors Installed since the Great Priory meeting in May, R.E.Kt. Colin Dan (Sussex) and R.E.Kt. Paul Davis (Somerset).



on painting the splendid new Orle which had been used at the Octagonal Table for this ceremony and would now be used by Great Priory whenever the Malta Degree was being conferred.

Lastly, the M.E. & S. Grand Master gave a brief report on his recent visit to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital where he opened the newly refurbished Children's Ward which had been funded by Great Priory. A superb landmark in our 106-year association with the Eye Hospital.

He then gave his best wishes to all Knights of the Order, their families and loved ones, for a happy and peaceful Christmas, before he handed back to the Great Prior of Malta to close the meeting and the Knights departed for refreshment.

Whilst this ritual was being delivered in the vestibule, the M.E. & S. Grand Master proceeded to invest his Officers, and those receiving Promotions and First Appointments to Great Malta Rank.

And then it was time for the Candidate to be introduced to the meeting, challenged by the Banner Guards, and proceed through the ceremony of Installation, delivered to the usual high standard by the Great Prior of Malta and his team.



He commented on the colour and spectacle of the Malta Ceremony and congratulated the Great Prior of Malta and assisting Officers on the quality of their work, and the Candidate on receiving the Degree. He also gave his own short history lesson on the Masonic side of the Order.



E.Kt. Paul Swinge of the Province of Essex was thanked and congratulated



The Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City



An Emergency Meeting of the Prefecture of St George at London No. 1 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Rite of England and Wales was held at Mark Masons Hall on Friday the 18th of November 2022.



The Prefecture was opened in the Fifth Degree of the Order by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The meeting was called to conduct the Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City and to commission as Knights 14 qualified Squire Novices.

The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Tim Wheeler, the Great Marshal in the Great Priory of the United Orders.





The ceremony was conducted in a very personal manner by the Reverend Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Mareschal, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, and the Deputy Grand Mareschal, Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane.

Afterwards the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., and his team posed for a photograph with the new Reverend Knights.

Congratulations to my friend David on becoming a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City.



It was a truly memorable and enjoyable day, made even more enjoyable when we retired from the Temple to see that Linda and her team had put up a magnificent Christmas tree in the foyer.