



the Surrey knight



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The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta



The Surrey Provincial Priory of Malta meeting was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall under the Banner of the Emmaus Preceptory No. 446.

The afternoon started with a short meeting of Emmaus Preceptory. The Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Mark Winchester, Commander of the Grand Master's Bodyguard, opened the Preceptory and welcomed the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan and the Provincial team.

Also present were Knights Andrew Banks and Martyn Marsh who took their Malta Degree at the following Malta meeting, seen here with the Provincial Prior, Provincial Sub Prior, Provincial Vice-Chancellor, and the Eminent Preceptor.



The Provincial Sub Prior, V.E.Knight Peter Brown, was then declared as Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year and, after all business had been concluded, the Preceptory was closed and the Temple prepared for the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Malta.

The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, the Provincial Sub-Prior, V.E.Kt. Peter Brown, and Provincial Officers entered the Temple and took their places at the Pentagonal and Octagonal Tables. The Provincial Prior invited the Provincial Sub-Prior to open a Chapter of Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta in full form.



Knights Andrew Banks and Martyn Marsh were then admitted members of the Order by the V.E. Sub Prior and his Officers.

The Degree of Knight of St Paul was conducted by V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock, assisted by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley as Prelate.

The Historical Address and the explanation of the Banners were given by V.E.Kt. Peter Brown. The Candidates were then congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Prior. Following the ceremony, the Provincial Malta Officers of the year 2023 – 2024 were appointed and invested by the Provincial Prior.



The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Malta was closed and the R.E. Provincial Prior and the Officers of the Year retired in procession under the direction of the Provincial Mareschal, E.Kt. Tim Ford.

Afterwards the Brother Knights and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

A special day for Sussex Knights



In September 2023, the Provincial Priory of Sussex celebrated their Sesquicentennial (150 years) Anniversary at their Annual Meeting held at the Sussex Masonic Centre in Brighton.



The Provincial Priory of Sussex was established on 7th March 1873, following the consecration of the second Preceptory in Sussex, De Warenne Preceptory No 126. Five weeks earlier, the first Preceptory had been consecrated in Eastbourne and that Preceptory's distinction as the first in the county was proclaimed in its chosen name, Sussex Preceptory No 125, and it has the further distinction of a separate name in the Order of Malta, The Southdown Priory.

The day started with the 150th Anniversary of the De Warenne Preceptory No. 126, consecrated in 1873, which took its name from William De Warenne. There to celebrate this special day was the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, **GCT**, seen here with the Provincial Prior of Sussex, R.E.Kt. Colin Dann.



We received a warm knightly welcome from the Sussex Knights. Before the meeting we met up for coffee and croissants, which gave us a chance to catch up with old friends, including many Right Eminent Knights who had travelled to Brighton to support the Province of Sussex on their special day.....



.... and many Heads of other Orders in Sussex.

The day started with a meeting of the De Warenne Preceptory No 126. The preceptory was opened by the Eminent Preceptor, R.E.Kt. Toby Pratt, K.C.T., the Past Provincial Prior of Sussex, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this special meeting of the Preceptory.



The Brother Knights were called to order to receive the Right Eminent Provincial Prior of Sussex.



The Grand Marshal, R.E.Kt. Tim Wheeler, was admitted and briefed the Knights present on the ceremonial and wished the Knights of the De Warenne Preceptory a most enjoyable day.



The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, GCT, entered in procession accompanied by a delegation of Officers of Great Priory and was offered the baton. As it was the hottest day of the year our Grand Master gave permission for the Brother Knights to remove their hats and gloves.



The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master addressed the Knights and directed that the Sesquicentenary Warrant be read. E.Kt. Dries van der Burgh gave a brief history of the Preceptory. The Great Prelate gave an Oration, and a prayer was offered.



The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master had much pleasure in presenting the Sesquicentenary Warrant to the Eminent Preceptor of the De Warenne Preceptory.



The Grand Master retired from the Preceptory. After the Preceptory was closed the Knights of the De Warenne Preceptory gathered for a group photograph with the Grand Master and the Provincial Prior of Sussex.

He then had much pleasure in presenting a Quinquagenary Certificate to E,Kt. Bert Farlow.

Following which he made a field appointment to E,Kt. Bert of Past Great Registrar, meaning that Bert was now Very Eminent Knight. This was received with acclaim by the Knights assembled.



Then followed the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Sussex. The R.E. Knights and Distinguished Guests entered in procession under an Arch of Steel.

The Provincial Prior then entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Bearer.

Provincial Priory was opened in due form and the Provincial Prior was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Marshal.





The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master entered in procession and was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Great Marshal.



During the meeting the Preceptory Banners were paraded into Provincial Priory by the Preceptory Banner Bearers.

After the regular business of Provincial Priory had been concluded, the Provincial Prior re-appointed E.Kt. Tan Rusby, **P.Gt.A-de-C.**, as Provincial Sub Prior, thanking him for all his support.



He then appointed and invested his Provincial Officers. Thanking his 2022 Officers for all their support over the past year.



We then received a history of the Provincial Priory of Sussex, followed by an address by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master who was pleased to present a Sesquicentenary Warrant to the Provincial Prior of Sussex.



In his address, the Provincial Prior thanked the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master for attending the meeting and making this a day to remember for the Brother Knights of the Province of Sussex.

After the collection of Alms, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master retired from Provincial Priory. Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the RE Provincial Prior retired in procession.

The Surrey delegation then returned for a group photo.

After a few drinks in the bar.....



.... we were called in to lunch.



The Brother Knights of the Province of Sussex and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together.



The Grand Master thanked the Provincial Prior and the Knights of the Provincial Priory on behalf of his team, thanking everyone for their hospitality.

In proposing the Toast to the Grand Master, the Provincial Prior again thanked him for attending his Annual Meeting of their Sesquicentenary celebrations.



The Provincial Prior then presented the Grand Master and Great Marshal a small gift as a thank-you for their support today.



The Toast to the Provincial Prior was given by the Provincial Sub Prior, E.Kt. Tan Rusby. In his reply, the Provincial Prior thanked E.Kt. Tan and all the Knights of the Province of Sussex for their support over his first year as Provincial Prior.



To end a very special day the Provincial Prior had much pleasure in presenting R.W.Bro. Chris Moore, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, with a donation towards his 2028 Craft Festival.

We all wish the Provincial Priory of Sussex all the best for the future.

Grand Priory of K.B.H.C.



On Thursday, 14th September Mark Masons' Hall played host to the annual meeting of the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City.

Knights from across the constitution and visitors from overseas filled the Grand Temple, meeting old acquaintances and making new ones.



The meeting was presided over by the Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C., this being his first Grand Priory meeting since his Installation last September.



After the first items of regular business had been conducted, R.Revd.Kt. Dr John Lawson William Wright, *RD*, G.C.H.C., rose to propose that the Grand Master be re-elected. This was seconded by R.Revd.Kt. Kessick Jones, K.C.H.C., and carried with acclamation. The Grand Master was then Proclaimed by the Grand Herald



The Grand Master thanked the Knights for re-electing him and also thanked the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master for his proposition. He went on to speak warmly of the dedicated service to the Order by, and the personal support he had received from, the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master, who was standing down at this meeting.

Having thanked Dr John for his hard work, the Grand Master then announced that he would be appointing R.Revd.Kt. Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.H.C., as his successor. R.Revd.Kt. Clement was then obligated, invested, installed and proclaimed as Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master.

Next came the appointment of a Knight Commander of the Holy City and R.Revd.Kt. Michael Southworth, Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes, was escorted to the Grand Master to make his professions. This being done, R.Revd.Kt. Michael was invested with the Morning Star of Phosphorus and the Baton of his new Rank, and his Patent of Appointment. He was then Proclaimed by the Deputy Grand Herald.



The Grand Chancellor was then called on to read the names of the forty recipients of appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank, and those present were invested.

With the promotion of R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement to Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master, the list included the new Grand Mareschal, V.Revd.Kt. Timothy John Wheeler, a name familiar to all of us as the Great Marshal in the Knights Templar.



He congratulated all those have received appointments and promotions and encouraged them to continue to support their respective Lodges."

The Grand Master then welcomed victors and heads of other Companion Orders of Freemasonry before ending his address with the following words: "*Finally, I must thank you all for your attendance here today. May the Great Captain of our Salvation have you in His keeping, until we meet again.*"

The Grand Master then addressed Grand Priory saying that It was only a year ago that he succeeded that legend of Freemasonry, Michael Herbert, who, he was so pleased to see, was with us today.

On that same day unbeknown to us at the Festive Board when we held the Loyal Toast that our beloved Queen had died earlier. A day, therefore, that will always be with him.



With Alms collected during the singing of the closing hymn, the Grand Master then formally closed Grand Priory.



The Knights retired to refresh themselves before dining and returning to their various homes.





The Installation Meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the October 2023 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 our Provincial Prior Revd.Kt, Pat Crossan was installed as the Deputy Worshipful Master.

The installation of Revd Knight Pat Crossan 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 rehearse the 4th Degree Ceremony. The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Pat Crossan. The Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knights Gordon Leaman and Chris Eley.

The Master of Ceremonies was Tim Wheeler, the Great Marshal, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Knight David Thompson

Bro, Jeremy Griffin was then presented with his 4th degree Grand Priory Certificates by the Regional Grand Prefect, R. Revd. Kt. David Jordan.



Three Knight Beneficent of the Holy City Certificates were then presented to candidates who had recently taken their 6th Degree at the Preceptory of St George of London No. 1.



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