

Knights Templar

Province of Monmouth & South Wales

July 2017 Newsletter



Our Order has a new Supreme Grand Master (He's quite well known in the Province of Monmouth & South Wales!)

On the 17th of May, RE Kt Paul Raymond Clement was installed as The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas.

The installation was conducted by the retiring Grand Master, Timothy John Lewis GCT, who had served in the role since 2011.

Over 900 Knights attended the Chapter of Great Priory, which was held under the banner of The Preceptory of St. George No. 6 in the Grand Temple of Freemasons' Hall. Of these 900 Knights over 50 were from Monmouthshire and South Wales.

Also present were a large number of visiting dignitaries from other Great Priorities together



with Provincial Priors and Knights of our own constitution from overseas, all of whom were

personally welcomed by the new Grand Master. It was a great pleasure to see more than a dozen other exemplary members of this province appointed and promoted to Great Rank:

In active offices, they included:

VE Kt the Revd Malcolm CG Lane as **Great Prelate**

RE Kt Ryan Williams as **Great Vice Chancellor**

E Kt Harry Randell as **Deputy Great Marshal**

E Kt Philip Harries as **Great Captain of Guards**

E Kt Naunton Liles as **Great Organist**

And to past rank:

E Kt Colin Fielder as **Past Great Registrar**

(*who is now a Very Eminent Kt*)

E Kt David Court as **Past Great Standard Bearer (Beauceant)**

E Kt Dr Robert Fountain as **Past Great Standard Bearer (Vexillum Belli)**

E Kt Stephen Hookey as **Past Great Herald**

E Kt Alun Howell Thomas as **Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer**

E Kt John Everett as **Past Great Aide de Camp**

E Kt Ian Sewell as **Past Great Aide de Camp**

E Kt Clinton Cook as **Past Great Warden of Regalia.**

Installations: May - June

Fforest

The Fforest Preceptory No 582 which meets at Williams Terrace, Treharris proudly installed Knight Vivian Jones as their Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year. After a short break, he also became the Eminent Prior as well. The usual high standard of food and refreshments were available at the refectory table and a good time was had by all. Congratulations E Kt Viv, we look forward to seeing you on the circuit this year representing the Fforest Preceptory around the Province.

Owain Glyndwr

On the 3rd of June, Right Eminent Knight, Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, Provincial Prior and currently in the chair of the Brecknock Preceptory as Founding Preceptor, was installed as the Eminent Preceptor of the Owain Glyndwr Preceptory (Past Preceptors) by E Kt Phillip Harries.

After an excellent Installation ceremony, the Provincial Prior invited members of the Varangian Preceptory (Provincial Priors Bodyguard Preceptory from the Province of Worcestershire) to give a presentation which they have named "The Grand Objective".



The superb demonstration consisted of precise drill movements by the members of the Bodyguard, interspersed with explanations of the Knights Templar & the elements around the Sepulchre.

The next meeting of the Owain Glyndwr Preceptory (on Saturday 1st December) will be most unusual in that it will be held under Dispensation - not at Swansea but - at The Coach House Restaurant (a wedding venue) in Neath. There will be a very short meeting followed by a Family Carol Service and then a heart Carvery meal in the restaurant. There might even be some musical entertainment. Please put it in your diary and bring along family and friends. Booking forms will appear on the provincial website soon.

Cefn Ydfa

Almost two weeks later and Knight Clive Brett Tranter was likewise installed into the chair of the Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No 579. He was then installed as Eminent Prior and a large attendance of visitors remained to the festive board to enjoy

the celebrations. The installation ceremonies and the festive board were both well marshalled by E. Kt Carl Davies, the long standing Preceptory Marshal and this year enjoying his first appointment as Provincial Marshal - Well done Carl - its good to see it done properly!

E Kt David Court, the Provincial Sub-Prior has stepped down as Preceptory Registrar after fifteen years. E Kt David will be a very tough act to follow, but E Kt Aneurin Hughes has risen to the challenge and boldly stepped into those legendary shoes. I am sure that our Provincial Sub-Prior will be there to guide him for as long as is needed. Well done Aneurin and thank you David.

Morganwg

As always a very warm welcome awaited all the visitors to Morganwg Preceptory as the last installation before the summer break. As always a superb Installation and refectory table were very ably organised by E. Kt Vaughan Watkin.

The Preceptor Elect, Kt Ralph Powell was installed as Eminent Preceptor and Eminent Prior by the installing Preceptor, E. Kt Wayne Cowley. The usual high standard of cuisine was evident at the refectory table and an enjoyable time was had by all. E. Kt Ralph, we congratulate you too on gaining the chair of such a fine preceptory. You are now the proud custodian of an exceptional Preceptory jewel and we look forward to seeing you maintain the high profile of Morganwg Preceptory for the next year.



Annual Church Service 2017

The annual Church service of the Province was held at Porthcawl on Sunday 23rd April and drew an exceptionally large attendance of members and their families.

Presided over by the Great Prelate, VE Kt the Rev'd Malcolm CG Lane, with sections of scripture read by both the Provincial Prior and the Provincial Sub-Prior, the Preceptory banners were re-dedicated in a colourful service at All Saints Church, Porthcawl.

Dressed in full regalia and recessing through an arch of steel, those attending and their families paraded to the nearby church hall for tea and refreshments afterwards.

It was a very happy and delightful occasion.



The annual meeting

The annual meeting of the province was well supported at Bridgend on 24th May - with a large number of Knights from Monmouth and South Wales present together with distinguished guests from 20 other provinces - some of whom travelled from as far away as Lancashire, Durham, Lincolnshire, Kent and Cornwall.

It was a particular pleasure to see the Immediate Past Provincial Prior present, RE Kt Gordon France, together with his predecessor, RE Kt Graham Gubb KCT.

The meeting was presided over by the Provincial Prior, RE Kt Dr Paul Calderwood, who was pleased to note that the province ended the year with more members than a year ago.

A full list of those whom he appointed or promoted to provincial office on this occasion is featured alongside this article headed by E Kt David Court as Provincial Sub-Prior and E Kt Stephen Hookey, the Craft Provincial Grand Master of West Wales, as Provincial Chancellor.

Our very hard-working and dedicated Provincial Marshal, E Kt Terry Jones achieved his ambition of retiring at this meeting (twelve months later than he intended) and he was singled out for special praise and thanks by the Provincial Prior. His successor as Provincial

Marshal is E Kt Carl Davies who for so long had served as his loyal right hand man and carries our very best wishes.

At the meeting it was announced that a set of shields are being produced for display at future meetings. Each will bear the coat of arms of a Welsh Crusader Knight. Six miniatures of these shields are also being produced and one will be raffled each year at the annual meeting to pay for the cost of the full sized versions. This year the winner of the first miniature to be raffled was the Provincial Prelate, VE Kt the Reverend Malcolm CG Lane.

Provincial Appointments

Sub-Prior	E Kt David F. Court PGtStdB(B)
Prelate	VE Kt Malcolm C.G. Lane JP GtPrel
Chancellor	E Kt Stephen D. Hookey PGtHer
1st Constable	E Kt Harry J. Randell DepGtMar
2nd Constable	E Kt Alun Williams
Treasurer	Kt Richard J. Phillips
Registrar	E Kt Anthony J. Strachan
Vice Chancellor	E Kt Alun H. Thomas PDepGtSwdB
Marshal	E Kt Carl D. Davies
Dep Marshal	E Kt. Roger P. Thompson GMBG
Almoner	E Kt. Christopher J. Samuel
Herald	E Kt. Kenneth G. Morris
Herald	E Kt. R. Michael Strangward
Herald	E Kt Christopher M. L. Davies
Std Bearer (B)	E Kt. Karl S. Say
Std Bearer (VB)	E Kt Peter R. Walton
Banner Bearer	E Kt Simon J. Francis



E Kt Carl Davies leading the provincial team out of the annual meeting for the last time as Deputy Marshal

Sword Bearer	E Kt Peter J. James
Aide de Camp	E Kt Graham C. G. Thomas
Aide de Camp	E Kt John Watson
Aide de Camp	E Kt Myfyr A. Evans
Warden of Reg.	Kt Alan A. Hulbert
Chamberlain	Kt R. Anthony Marno
Capt of Guards	E Kt Dr. Stephen P. Howlett
Organist	Kt Terrence L. Price PPSwdB
Guard	E Kt Kenneth M. Bonham

First appointment to past rank:

PProvA-de-C	E Kt Keith McCormack
PProvCaptofGds	E Kt Raymond Jones
PProvChamb	E Kt Stewart Richards

Past rank promotions

PProv1stCon	E Kt Peter Gilbert
PProv2ndCon	E Kt Dr. Philip Harries GtCaptGds
PProv2nd Con	E Kt Godfrey Price
PProvSwdB	Kt Terrence Price ProvOrg



The activity of the Hospitallers in having established a hospital in Jerusalem in the 12th century is reflected today in the generous support given by the United Orders to the St John Eye Hospital Group based in Jerusalem.

The modern hospital was in fact established in 1882 by the Venerable Order of St John with which the United Orders have long enjoyed a friendly relationship.

This hospital is the principal charity supported by the United Orders and it provides free treatment to men, women and children of all religions - in an area where eye problems are a major issue and where the rate of blindness is ten times higher than in the West.

The group runs hospitals at Jerusalem, Hebron and Gaza as well as a clinic and an outreach programme - all with a staff of more than 230 people and in 2015 it treated 128,000 patients.



And finally.....

Thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter for the Province of Monmouth and South Wales!

The Province stretches from the Sir William Marshall preceptory meeting at Chepstow in the east to St David's preceptory meeting at Narberth in the West and Menevia preceptory meeting in Aberaeron in the North West. Halfway between Menevia in Aberaeron and Sir William Marshall in Chepstow, is the most recent preceptory to be consecrated in our province, Brecknock Castle meeting in Brecon.

All of our preceptories welcome their visitors warmly. Menevia is probably the most remote preceptory in the Province, holding its meetings in the beautiful seaside town of Aberaeron. It is a day out for most visitors who arrive extra early so that they can enjoy a cup of tea and a cream cake whilst taking in the tranquil view of the harbour with all its fishing boats. It may be remote, but members of the Menevia Preceptory are frequent visitors to other preceptories all over South Wales.

When reading this newsletter on your computer,

you will notice that there are names and URLs which are printed in blue. These are hyperlinks which have been put there to make your life easier.

When contacting the Registrars of preceptories you wish to visit or to go onto the provincial website. If you hover your mouse over these links, your mouse will change from an arrow to a pointer and if you then right click on that link, you will either be taken to an email form for that registrar or to the Provincial website: www.kt-msw.org

The provincial website contains a lot of information and news, it also contains the summonses for the forthcoming meetings of all the Preceptories in our province. At the moment we are entering our summer break, so there won't be any summonses to download, but early in August there will be a summons issued for Holy Palestine Preceptory who will be installing their new Eminent Preceptor on the 4th of September in Swansea. Keep your eyes open also for the summons for the Sir William Marshall preceptory who will be installing Kt Nigel Roberts on Tuesday the 5th of September.

Finally, please feel free to circulate this to your friends who may have an interest in our wonderful order.

Preceptory Meetings

GWENT PRECEPTORY No. 115
Meeting at Newport, NP20 2AG
2nd Friday in Feb & May (Inst), & 4th Friday in Nov
Registrar: E Kt [Ken Morris](#) - 01495 290856

MORGANWG PRECEPTORY No. 200
Meeting at Penarth, CF64 3LR
4th Wednesday in Jun (Inst) and 4th Friday in Oct.
Registrar: E Kt [Vaughan Watkin](#) - 02920 618992

GIRALDUS CAMBRENSIS PRECEPTORY 319
Meeting at Llanelli, SA15 3LF
2nd Wednesday in July and 1st Friday in Nov (Inst)
Registrar: E Kt [Dilwyn Littlejohn](#) - 01554 774808

MENEVIA PRECEPTORY No. 427
Meeting at Aberaeron, SA46 0JG
1st Wednesday in May (Inst), Oct & Feb
Registrar: E Kt [Christopher Samuel](#) - 01970 625873

HOLY PALESTINE PRECEPTORY No. 502
Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF
1st Monday in Sep (Inst) and 3rd Monday in Feb
[Click here for July 2017 electronic Summonses](#)
Registrar: E Kt [Jim Needs](#) - 01792 414189

OWAIN GLYNDWR PRECEPTORY OF INSTALLED PRECEPTORS No. 547
Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF
1st Saturday in June and December
Registrar: E Kt [Tim Clarke](#) - 01792 520054

SANT MADOC PRECEPTORY No. 556
Meeting at Porthcawl, CF36 5DF
1st Tuesday in Feb (Inst), Jun and Oct
Registrar: E Kt [Derek Hemfrey](#) - 01656 788277

SAINT DAVID'S PRECEPTORY No. 568
Meeting at Narberth, SA67 7DR
2nd Monday in Jan (KT Inst), 1st Monday in March (Malta Inst), 1st Monday in July & 3rd Monday in Oct
Registrar: E Kt [John Everett](#) - 01646 636435

CASTELL NEDD PRECEPTORY No. 577
Meeting at Neath, SA11 1DN
Monday before 4th Tuesday in Jan (Inst), and 1st Tuesday in July.
[Click Here for July 2017 electronic summonses](#)
Registrar: E Kt [Michael Strangward](#) - 07836 206836

CEFN YDFA PRECEPTORY No. 579
Meeting at Bridgend, CF31 2AP
2nd Thursday in March and Nov, plus 3rd Thursday in June (Inst)
Registrar: E Kt [Aneurin T. Hughes](#) - 01443 773363

FFOREST PRECEPTORY No. 582
Meeting at Treharris, CF46 5HH
1st Friday in June (Inst), 4th Monday in October & 3rd Monday in February.
Registrar: E Kt [Wayne Cowley](#) - 01633 329117

TEMPLE SLEBECH PRECEPTORY OF PROVINCIAL BODYGUARDS No. 602
Meeting at Llanelli, SA15 3LF
2nd Friday in January (Inst), 2nd Thursday in June (Full Malta)
Registrar: E Kt [Barry J Stubbings](#) - 01792 390035

SIR WILLIAM MARSHALL PRECEPTORY No. 668
Meeting at 36 School hill, Chepstow, NP16 5BZ
3rd Saturday in June (Inst), **1st Tuesday in September** & 3rd Thursday in November.
Registrar: E Kt [Peter Dille](#) - 01873 831400

THE LORD SWANSEA PRECEPTORY No. 673
Meeting at Swansea, SA1 4DF
30th day of April (Inst) and 4th Tuesday in September.
Registrar: E Kt [Barry J Stubbings](#) - 01792 390035

BRECKNOCK CASTLE PRECEPTORY No. 704
Meeting at Brecon, LD3 7NT
2nd Wednesday in Nov (Inst), 4th Tuesday in March & 3rd Wednesday in June.
Registrar: E Kt [Keri Evans](#) - 01443 821137

Dates for your diary!

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL CHURCH SERVICE
Saturday 16th September 2017

Click here for [Information](#) & here for [Booking form](#)

PROVINCIAL PRIORY

Llanelli Masonic Hall

Saturday 11th November 2017

GREAT PRIORY OF MALTA

Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, LONDON

Tuesday 21st November 2017

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

After the capture of Jerusalem by the Crusaders in 1099 some French knights constituted themselves into an Order for the defence of pilgrims on their way to the Holy Sepulchre.

In 1118 King Baldwin II presented them with a house near the site of the Temple and from this was derived their name.

From these simple beginnings the Order developed. It was endowed with lands in various countries and preceptories were established thereon to administer them. The Order became wealthy and, alas, some of its members lost sight of the noble aims of their predecessors. Enemies charged them with the foulest crimes and King Philip IV of France - with the connivance of Pope Clement V, and with an eye on the riches of the French province - relentlessly persecuted the knights there.

The Templar Grand Master Jacques de Molay, and others were burnt at the stake in 1314 and the entire Order was dissolved by a Papal Bull. Round churches, characteristic of the Order's building, survive at the centre of London's legal profession, known as 'The Temple', and at Cambridge and elsewhere.

There are echoes of the Order in many villages and hamlets whose names (Temple Guiting for example) reveal a former connection, and in places where their secular buildings can still be seen.

Theories abound, including some put forward in books by modern scholars, that Craft Freemasonry has somehow come down to us from those Knights Templar - more especially in Scotland - who were able to keep together.

The books make good reading but do not seem to have overwhelmed the more established concepts of masonic history.

THE HOSPITALLERS (MALTA)

Like that of the Temple, the Order of Hospitallers was established at Jerusalem after the Crusaders' capture of the city, its purpose being to care for the sick and the poor.

It included military knights for defence as well as chaplains and serving brethren. Their black habit bore the eight-pointed white cross of the republic of Amalfi, merchants from which had helped to set up the pilgrims' hospital which gave the Order its name. St. John the Baptist was their patron.

Their later history is complicated, including moves as the centuries passed to Cyprus, Rhodes, Candia and - lastly in 1530 - to



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Malta. Here they settled and were appointed by the Holy Roman Emperor to be the temporal rulers of the island, being displaced only by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1798.

Eventually the Sovereign Order of Malta, as it had become known, made its headquarters in Rome. It is a wholly Catholic organization, enjoying very great diplomatic privileges and even issuing its own postage stamps. Through its Priors in several countries it is still concerned with hospitals and other good works.

The English 'tongue' of the Malta Order was revived in 1831 and developed into the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, which established the St. John

Ambulance Association and Brigade through which such magnificent work is done. It also runs a splendid ophthalmic hospital in Jerusalem.

The masonic Order of the Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine Rhodes and Malta can claim no descent from the Order of Malta although its form and ceremonial have undoubtedly been derived therefrom.

The above history is an extract from the excellent book written by Frederick Smyth 'A Reference Book for Freemasons' (London: QCCC, 1998) and is acknowledged with deep appreciation.

HALF PRICE REGALIA

Half price regalia is available through the provincial website.

We have a good stock of both KT and Malta regalia - all of which has been pre-owned and pre-loved and is now looking for a new home.

[For more information click here.](#)