

## Minutes of Provincial Priory Meeting- Monday 28th November 2022

The Knights assembled in the Chapter House at 3.00pm

There were 171 Knights present in all with 164 booked in to dine.

There were three processions into the Temple. The first (for Knight Commanders of the Temple) should have been led by R.E. Kt. Ryan Andrew Williams – Great Vice-Chancellor, but due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to attend at the last minute. The procession was therefore;

R.E. Kt Paul Martyn Darley BEM, K.C.T.
R.E. Kt Raymond Ernest Cochrane, K.C.T.
R.E. Kt Timothy John Wheeler, Great Marshal, K.C.T.
R.E. Kt Roger Stuart Edgar K.C.T.
R.E. Kt Anthony John Helliar K.C.T.

Under the direction of the Provincial Marshal (E.Kt. Bob Chevin), the other visiting R.E. Kts. Were received;

R.E. Kt	Roger E. Dixon	Warwickshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt.	David Jordan	Kent	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	John Roberts	Middlesex	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Dr. Paul Richard Calderwood <i>JP</i>	Monmouth & South Wales	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Peter Burrows	Gloucester & Herefordshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Alastair D. White	Hertfordshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Cdr. Charles J. Aspinell <i>RD, JP</i>	Hampshire & I.O.W.	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Allan Rosengren	City & County of Bristol	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	David William Phillips	Staffordshire & Shropshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Colin Birkbeck	East Anglia	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Paul Jeffrey Davis	Somerset	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	David James Crossley	Nottinghamshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Hearl R. Lenton	West Yorkshire	Provincial Prior
R.E. Kt	Timothy Grant Dillon	North & East Yorkshire	Provincial Prior

The R.E. Provincial Prior, Graham McGowan-Smyth entered the Chapter accompanied by the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Dean White, attended by the Provincial Banner Bearer (E.Kt. David Windsor) acting Sword Bearer (E.Kt. Russell Janes), acting 1<sup>st</sup> Constable (E.Kt. Roy Walford), Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable (E.Kt. John Foster), Provincial Prelate (R.E.Kt. Paul Franklin), Provincial Chancellor (E.Kt. Guy Barlow), Provincial Almoner (E.Kt. Paul Jenkins), and the Provincial Standard Bearer Beauceant (E.Kt. David Capel).

The Provincial Priory was opened in due form by the R.E. Provincial Prior. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor (E.Kt. Bob Diplock) reported that all the Provincial Officers were present, with the exception of those from whom he had received the appropriate apologies.

The R.E. Provincial Prior was saluted and replied.

All then stood in silent memory of our beloved Queen who died on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

The muster of Preceptories was called with the Preceptory Banners being paraded. Preceptory Members stood when their Preceptory was called, and all Preceptories were properly represented.

The meeting commenced with the R.E. Provincial Prior welcoming our guests, first thanking the Malta Delegation for attending. Apart from the Guests listed above, there were 14 Sub-Priors, and 10 Vice-Chancellors and 17 other guests. All of whom are listed.

Under the direction of the Provincial Marshal, all distinguished visitors were saluted with seven. R.E. Kt. Paul Martyn Darley BEM, K.C.T. responded on behalf of the visitors.

There followed a Requiem, conducted by the Provincial Prelate, in respect of the following Knights who had been called to Higher Service

E.Kt. John Phillip (Jack) Buswell P.Prov.St.B.(V.B.)	Wellesley Preceptory No.204	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
E.Kt. David John Eeles P.Prov.Reg.	Aylesbury Preceptory No.389 and Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No.637	1st November 2021
V.E.Kt. Arthur Tulip P.Gt.Reg.	Cressing Preceptory No.264 and Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No.637	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
V.E.Kt. Christopher Ernest Carter P.Gt.Reg.	St, Hugh Preceptory No.314, Terra Sancta Preceptory no.487 and Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No.637	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
E.Kt. Michael Albert Irons P.Prov.St.B.(B.)	Robert de Turnham Preceptory No.499	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
E.Kt. David James Minchin P.Prov.2nd.Con.	Terra Sancta Preceptory No.487	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
E.Kt. Willfred John Marlow P.Prov.Reg.	Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No.637	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
E.Kt. Geoffrey Bakewell P.Prov.St.B.(V.B.)	Aylesbury Preceptory No.389 and Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No.637	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

The Minutes of the Provincial Meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021, having been published and circulated to all Members, were confirmed as a correct record and put for confirmation.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that his Report had been published in the Order papers, and that he had much pleasure in offering it for confirmation. On a proposition made by the Acting Provincial 1<sup>st</sup> Constable and seconded by the Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable, the Vice-Chancellors Report was approved.

The R.E. Provincial Prior thanked the Provincial Vice-Chancellor for all his hard work behind the scenes.

The Treasurer, E.Kt Paul Savage rose and stated that he had much pleasure in submitting the accounts and his Report and that the accounts had been made available to all the Knights present with the Order Paper, and he had nothing further to offer, so presented them for confirmation.

On a proposition from the Acting First Constable (E.Kt Roy Walford) and seconded by the Second Constable (E.Kt John Foster), the accounts were approved with grateful thanks to the Treasurer and Account Examiners. A copy of the Accounts and the Treasurers Report are attached to the Minutes.

The Provincial Registrar proposed, and the Provincial Chancellor seconded the following donations to Charity (which were duly confirmed);

£1,000.00	Jerusalem Eye Hospital
£150.00	Prostate Action
£150.00	Macmillan Nursing Care

There being only one nomination received for the Office of Treasurer, the R.E. Provincial Prior declared E.Kt Paul Savage duly re-elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On a proposition from the Vice-Chancellor and seconded by the Provincial Marshal, E.Kt Paul Ricketts and E.Kt William Winter were elected as Examiners.

In accordance with By-Law IXc, the Provincial Treasurer announced that the Provincial Fees would remain at;

The Membership Fee and Installation Fee for a newly Installed Knight £7.00  
 A Knight joining from another Constitution or Re-Joining within this Province £5.50  
 The charge for a Dispensation from the Province £10.00

The R.E. Provincial Prior rose and re-appointed his Sub-Prior - E.Kt Dean Robert White.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then proceeded to invest the Officers who had been elected, appointed, re-appointed, or promoted as detailed on the list recorded in the Summons convening the Meeting and attached to the main Minutes.

The R.E. Provincial Prior announced the re-appointment of E.Kt Martin Sando as Commander of his Bodyguard, and Kt. Vito Mingolla as Deputy Commander. Members of the Bodyguard and their Commanders were received and congratulated by the R.E. Provincial Prior.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then addressed the Provincial Priory. A copy of his address is attached to these Minutes.

The Provincial Vice-Chancellor then rose, and under Any Other Business announced;

- That we had received a number of apologies from distinguished guests and Members, all of whom had been duly recorded.
- He also confirmed that as this meeting had been taken in place of the Provincial Malta Meeting due to the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, our Provincial Malta Meeting would be held on 30th March under the Banner of the Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory, and that the Provincial Meeting next year would revert to our usual timing of the third Monday in September (that being Monday 18th September 2023)
- He then reminded the Brother Knights that we would not hold a Church Service this year after our very successful Service on Sunday 12th June.
- He then pointed out that not only had the Province received a large “Provincial Swift” from the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital in recognition of our donation made in 2020 but we had also sold 50 Swift Pins to Members to make up for the loss of Alms collected over the past 18 months, raising another £1,000. Following this success, he had managed to obtain a further 25 pins to continue our fund raising.
- He reminded the Brother Knights that as this was our 150th Anniversary of the Province, Kt Vito Mingolla – Deputy Commander of the Bodyguard -
- Finally, he thanked all those Members who had assisted him in setting out the Temple and the Festive Board.

Alms were collected whilst the assembled throng sang three verses of the Templars Hymn.

Provincial Priory was closed in due form at 4.45pm after the Brother Knights had stood for the National Anthem. The R.E. Provincial Prior and his Prelate retired under an Arch of Steel, followed by the distinguished guests.

Right Eminent Knight Graham McGowan-Smyth,  
Provincial Prior – Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire