



## Welcome from our Regional Grand Prefect

Dear Brethren,

I am pleased to welcome you to the first edition of the Anglo Saxon sword. A quarterly magazine to not only report on what is happening in the Anglo Saxon Prefecture, but also for you to send in articles and photos of what you are doing in your Lodges.

I am extremely grateful to Revd Kt. Chris Eley who has taken on the role of editor. Many of you may already have seen the great work he does in compiling and distributing similar newsletters for the other Orders in Surrey, Sussex and the South East Counties.

This first issue looks back at what has been happening in the Prefecture, and elsewhere, from 2021 to 2023. Future issues will look at events from 2024. It is hoped to issue this newsletter every few months, reporting on key events in our calendar.

I trust you will find this quarterly magazine not only a platform to keep you up to date with what is happening in the Prefecture, but also another important tool in communicating to our members.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

*R Revd Kt, David Jordan, K.B.H.C.  
Regional Grand Prefect*



## The Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (KBHC)



The Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (KBHC) is the anglicised name of a very old and very "elite" masonic body known worldwide as "CBCS", short for "Chevaliers Bienfaisant de La Cite Sainte".

There are several "obediences" in this Order, which do not officially recognise each other, but in England particularly, regular membership of CBCS was traditionally restricted to literally just a handful of the most senior Knights Templar!

However, many English masons, quite legitimately, took the step of crossing the Channel to Belgium, where membership was more easily obtainable.

Recently, in only 2007, the Grand Priory of Belgium sanctioned England to work the Degrees of the Order, forming part of the Rectified Scottish Rite, more openly, but still in a quite restricted, "Invitation Only" manner.

The Grand Priory of England is governed by the Grand Master, who is supported by a Grand Prior, a Grand Chancery and a retinue of Grand Officers who are his advisers and assist in the administration of Grand Priory, a meeting of which is convened at least once in every year.

# A Busy Day at Mark Masons Hall

The thirteenth meeting of the Anglo Saxon Prefecture 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 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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 twelve 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 Acting Deputy Mareschal, Squire Novice Chris Eley.

Afterwards the members of Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters No 9 posed for a photograph with our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan; and our Provincial Prior, Revd.Kt. Pat Crossan, who acted as Prior for the meeting. Congratulations to Tim Ford and Eric Trodd on taking their Squire Novice Degree.

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



**In the afternoon a meeting was held to create and commission as Knights thirteen Squire Novices who have all merited this distinction.**

The Ceremony was conducted in an impressive and very personal manner by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Michael Edward Herbert, G.C.H.C., and his team.



After the Ceremony the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master had much pleasure in conferring the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City on R.Revd.Kt. Kessick John Jones and congratulating him on his appointment.



Afterwards the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Michael Edward Herbert, G.C.H.C., R.Revd.Kt. Kessick Jones, K.C.H.C., R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, Regional Grand Prefect, Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane, Prefecture Mareschal, Revd.Kt. Pat Crossan, our Provincial Prior; and the newly created Knight, Revd.Kt. Chris Eley, posed for a photograph.

It was a long day, but a truly memorable and enjoyable one.





# Another Candidate for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the June 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 our Brother Knight Wally Maynard took his Fourth Degree Ceremony.



The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Ray Tyne, the Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knights Ian Smith and Pat Crossan, 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 Wally join the Order. It was a very special and enjoyable day for us all.



At our last meeting our Provincial Prelate, Len Moreton, took his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. He was presented with his Certificate by Revd Knight Noel Grout.



At the end of the Ceremony Wally was congratulated by Revd Knights Arnold Long and Chris Eley

# A new Grand Master for the K.B.H.C.



Arriving at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, 8 September 2022, no one could have foreseen what a momentous day this would become.



Before news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had been announced, Knights of the Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City had gathered in the Grand Temple, not only to enjoy the Installation of the new Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, *JP*, but also to say a fond farewell to the outgoing Grand Master, Michael Edward Herbert, Presiding Officer, who was retiring after 11 years at the helm of this small and select Christian Order of Freemasonry.



M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert opened the meeting and took care of the first items of administrative business before investing with the Honour and Dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City, Robert Anthony Henry Morrow, Grand Herald; and Knight Commander of the Holy City, Graham Leslie Flight, Grand Treasurer.

M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert then delivered a valedictory address, giving some historical insight into the origins of the Order and the English Constitution, before paying tribute to those he has enjoyed working closely with over the past 11 years.



He saved his final remarks to give a forecast about his successor, saying we will be "led by a first-class Grand Master who will be supported by a superb team. This will ensure that the Order prospers, and happiness will shine throughout the Order.

The address was received by a standing ovation and lengthy applause.

The Installation then commenced and Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, was placed in the Chair as the new Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master. He thanked M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert for the way in which he had been Installed and his many years of service and devotion to our Order.



Few could have failed to be impressed by the dignity with which M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert then processed out of the Grand Temple, unaccompanied, but to tremendous applause. As the doors closed behind him M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Thomas commented that this way of bidding farewell to a Past Ruler is one of great poignancy and emotion.



However, as is the way, it was straight back down to business and we then moved to the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers of the Year, Promotions in, and First Appointments to, Grand Rank. In his closing address, the Grand Master paid tribute to his predecessor and set out some of his plans for the future of the Order.

The Knights then retired to the dining room to enjoy the after proceedings, before the terrible news of the passing of Her Majesty broke later that afternoon.

# 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, the 27<sup>th</sup> of 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.



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



# A Special Candidate for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the meeting were four Provincial Priors from the Provinces of Surrey, Kent, Middlesex, and Sussex.

At the June 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 the Provincial Vice Chancellor of Surrey, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, took his Fourth Degree Ceremony, along with E.Kt. Jeremy Griffin from the Province of Sussex.



Many other Surrey Knights were there to see Miguel join the Order.



At the end of the Ceremony Miguel and Jeremy were congratulated by R.Revd Knight David Jordan, the Regional Grand Perfect, and Revd.Kt. Ian Smith the Worshipful Deputy Master.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Ian Smith, K.B.H.C, 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.

The Regional Grand Prefect was invited to present a Grand Priory Certificate to Brother Leslie Grout.



The Provincial Prior of Surrey, Revd Kt. Pat Crossan, was declared Worshipful Deputy Master for the ensuing year.

It was a very special and enjoyable day for us all.



# Grand Priory of K.B.H.C.



On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



# 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 the Provincial Prior of Surrey, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.





# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# The new Surrey Companion Orders Web Site

We are pleased to announce that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September a new web site for all the Companion Orders in Surrey was launched. This has been the result of a considerable amount of hard work and burning of the midnight oil by Tim Ford, supported by others with a specific responsibility for each Order.

It is modelled on the MMH website with some enhancements and personalisation. The main web page is [www.surreycompanionorders.com](http://www.surreycompanionorders.com) from which all Surrey Companion Orders, including the K.B.H.C. web pages, can be accessed. You can also access the pages directly by using <https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/introduction-knights-beneficent-of-the-holy-city>



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## Knights Beneficent of the Holy City

The First Grand Master of the Grand Priory of England was the Most Eminent & Reverend Knight Leslie Felgate Dring, GCHC, who was also ME&S Grand Master of Knights Templar of England & Wales etc., until his retirement in early 2011.

The current Grand Master is:  
**M.Em. & Revd.Kt. Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C**



Anglo Saxon Prefecture regulates the Order in the Templar Provinces of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, London, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex & Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire.

The Regional Grand Prefect is:  
**Right Reverend Knight David Jordan, KBHC**

The Dragon emblem has been associated with England for over a thousand years. The English Dragon was first referenced by Nennius who talked of a Dragon representing the Saxons in 'Historia Britonum'. Both Henry of Huntingdon and Matthew of Westminster talked of a Golden Dragon being raised at the Battle of Burford in 752AD. The ancient dominant Kingdom of Wessex used a Golden Dragon as its emblem. King Harold II raised the Dragon standard at Hastings in 1066. Geoffrey of Monmouth talked of a White Dragon representing the Saxons in 'Historia Regum Britanniae'. Richard the Lionheart raised the 'terrible standard of the Dragon...' in the crusades of 1191. Henry III issued a mandate 'to cause a Dragon to be made in a fashion of a standard....' in 1216. Edward III raised 'his unconquerable standard of the Dragon Gules' at the battle of Crecy in 1346. Henry V raised the Dragon standard at Agincourt in 1415. The Dragon was with us for hundreds of years and still remains an ancient emblem of England.

Please look at the new website which has a lot of information about the Companions Orders

If you have any items of interest, news, or upcoming events, please submit full details to Chris Eley [cw.eley@talktalk.net](mailto:cw.eley@talktalk.net) who is our website content manager.