



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 7th of November 2024.

Several of us arrived early to help set up and to rehearse the ceremony of promoting Brethren of the 4th Degree to Squire Novice.

We then got together for coffee in the lounge at Mark Masons' Hall.





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 Deputy Mareschal (Commander), Revd.Kt. Chris Eley.



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



Knights promoted at the September meeting of the Prefectory St George at London No.1.

The next item on the agenda was to appoint and invest Prefecture Officers for 2024-25.



In investing Revd.Kt. Peter Wise as Chancellor, the Regional Grand Prefect said how grateful he was to Revd.Kt. Peter for all his hard work over the past year as Chancellor of the Prefecture.

The Regional Grand Prefect had pleasure in presenting three KBHC Certificates to Reverend



Among the candidates receiving their Squire Novice Degree were Sq.N. Phillip Purves, the District Grand Master of the District of Ox, Bucks, and Berks in the Order of Royal and Select Master, and Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Order of the Scarlet Cord; and Sq.N. Andries Van Der Burgh, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor, and Provincial Grand Summus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, for the Province of Sussex.

In his address the Regional Grand Prefect thanked everyone for attending to support the Prefectory Annual Meeting and hoped that the later meeting time proved better for the Reverend Knights and Squire Novices.

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



Another Candidate for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the June 2024 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 another candidate, E.Kt. Peter Baker, P.Gt.Swd.B., from the Province of Sussex, took his Fourth Degree Ceremony.

As well as many Surrey Knights there were also several Brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland, S.E. Counties, seen here with the Provincial Grand Master, Charles Stoddard.



The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, our Provincial Prior, Revd Knight Pat Crossan, K.B.H.C., the Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knight Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., and Revd Knight Chris Eley, K.B.H.C.

The Master of Ceremonies was Revd Knight Tim Wheeler, K.B.H.C., the Great Marshal, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Knight David Thompson, V.



At the end of the Ceremony Peter was congratulated by Revd Knight Pat Crossan, the Worshipful Deputy Master.



The Worshipful Deputy Master then presented a Grand Priory Certificate to Brother Len Moreton.

Revd.Kt. Gordan Leaman, the Grand Superintendent of Sussex in the Knights Templar Priests, was declared Worshipful Deputy Master for the ensuing year. It was a most enjoyable day.

Grand Priory of K.B.H.C.



On Thursday the 12th of 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.



In the morning 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 to conduct the Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City and to commission as Knights 12 qualified Squire Novices. The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Charles Aspinell, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.





The Prefecture was opened in the Sixth 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 ceremony was conducted in a very personal manner by the Reverend Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, and the Master of Ceremonies, V.Revd.Kt. Tim Wheeler, Grand Marshal.



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.





After a short break the Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C., opened Grand Priory. After the first items of regular business had been conducted the Deputy Grand Master, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, G.C.H.C., rose to propose that the Grand Master be re-elected. This was 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. The Grand Master then announced that he would be re-appointing R.Revd.Kt. Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.H.C., as Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master.

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

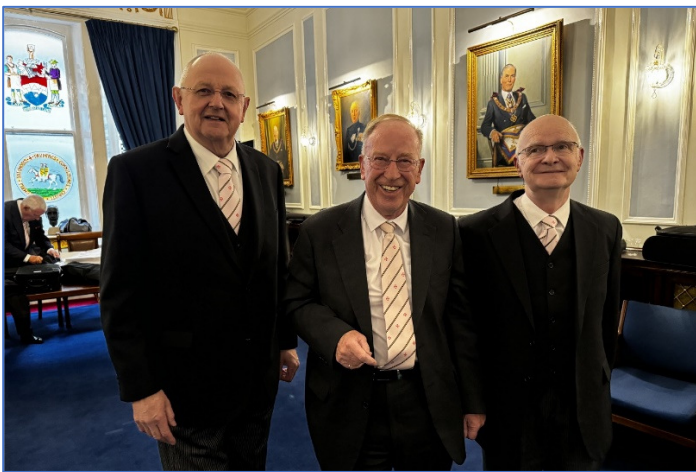


The Grand Master then addressed Grand Priory. In his address he paid tribute to his predecessor, M. Em. & Revd. Kt. Michael Edward Herbert who died on the 11th of August. He said that it was a tribute to the man to see so many attending his funeral. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

He congratulated all those who have received appointments and promotions and encouraged them to continue to support their respective Lodges. The Grand Master then welcomed visitors and heads of other Companion Orders of Freemasonry before ending his address by thanking V.Revd.Kt. Dan Heath and V.Revd.Kt. Tim Wheeler and their teams for ensuring the day was such a success.

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 home.









The Installation Meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the October 2024 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City Revd Kt. Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master.



The installation 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 two candidates into the Fourth Degree. E.Kt. David Maynard and E.Kt. Steven Davis.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C. The Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knights Chris Eley, K.B.H.C, and Colin Dann, K.B.H.C.



The Master of Ceremonies was Sq.N. David Thompson, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Tim Wheeler, the Great Marshal



After the ceremony the Regional Grand Prefect, R Revd Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., was invited to present Grand Priory Certificates, which he did in a very informative manner.

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



Lodges in the Prefecture

Thamesis No 3



The next meeting of Thamesis Lodge is at Beaconsfield is on Monday the 27th of January 2025.

Suth Seaxe No 9



The next meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge is at Nutfield on Wednesday the 18th of June 2025,

Urbs Sancta No 14



The next meeting of Urbs Sancta Lodge is at Mark Masons Hall on Friday the 27th of June 2025,

Cantwara invicta No 15



The next meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge is at Wrotham on Monday the 3rd of March 2025

Verulamium No 22



The next meeting of Verulamium Lodge is at St Albans on Friday 6th June 2025.

The Grand Priory meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in September at Mark Masons Hall

The Anglo Saxon Prefecture meeting is held on the 1st Thursday in November at Mark Masons Hall