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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF KENT

On Saturday the 4th of July, the Provincial Priory of Kent held their Annual Meeting at Oakley House, Bromley. There were several Brother Knights from the Province of Surrey, including our Provincial Prior.



Before the meeting we met up for coffee and sausage rolls in the grounds of Oakley House, which gave us a chance to catch up with old friends, including many Right Eminent Knights who had travelled to Bromley to support the Province of Kent.



Present at the meeting was the Past Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Kessick John Jones, G.C.T., and the Great Prior of Malta, V.E.Kt. Dr Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncrieff.

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 Provincial Prior welcomed all the guests from other Provinces, as well as the Heads of Companions Orders in Kent.

The Muster Roll of Preceptories was called, and the Preceptory Banners were paraded. After the regular business of Provincial Great Priory had been completed the Provincial Prior had much pleasure in reappointing V.E.Kt. Dennis Deam, **P.G.Reg.**, as Provincial Sub Prior. The Provincial Officers of the year were then Appointed and Invested.





During the meeting E.Kt David Barden, Provincial Warden of Regalia, presented the Provincial Prior with a cheque for £1.504 from the proceeds of regalia sales over the year. This was gratefully received by the Provincial Prior.



The Provincial Prior then received his Bodyguard following which he addressed Provincial Priory. In his address he said that Companionship is the greatest thing in this order. In times like these our principles become even more important. Our role is to support one another and strengthen our communities. Like all orders in Masonry, we have our Challenges with reduction in membership. We therefore have a responsibility to assist Craft and Chapter.



Every member matters. and simple acts of kindness are so important. Never forget those who need our support. He gave thanks to those who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of today's meeting and congratulated all the Provincial officers he invested today. In closing, the Provincial Prior thanked everyone for coming along to support the meeting.



After the collection of Alms, Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the RE Provincial Prior retired in procession, greeting everyone on the way out.



It is good to see the rapport between these good friends.



After refreshments in the bar, and the gardens, we were called in to lunch. The Brother Knights of the Province of Kent and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together.



The Toast to the Provincial Prior was given by R.E.Kt. Kessick John Jones, with his usual wit. In his reply, the Provincial Prior thanked R.E.Kt. Kessick and all the Knights of the Province of Kent for their support over the past year and wished everyone a successful and enjoyable year ahead.





A NEW PROVINCIAL PRIOR FOR MIDDLESEX

On Monday the 6th of July, the Grand Master, M.E. & S.Kt. Paul R. Clement, *OSt*, G.C.T., Installing Officer, conducted the Installation of E.Kt. Terence Michael O'Neill, P.G.Her., as Provincial Prior for the Province of Middlesex.

The meeting was held at the Harrow District Masonic Centre, in Kenton. While we were having tea and coffee, and taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends, the Great Marshal and the Brother Knights of the Province were busy rehearsing.



By 10.45 we were all in the Temple. The Installing officer and his Assisting officers entered in Possession under an Arch of Steel, ascended his throne, appointed his officers and opened a Chapter of Provincial Priory. The Installing officer was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.

The Banners of the Preceptories were paraded, and the Roll of Preceptories was called. The Installing officer addressed the Knights on the purpose of the meeting, and the Great Marshal informed the Installing Officer that the Provincial Prior Nominate, E.Kt. Terence Michael O'Neill, **P.G.Her.**, was in attendance and requested to be Installed. The Great Marshal formed an escort, and the Provincial Prior nominate was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel.



The Installing Officer demanded to see the Patent of Appointment and directed that it be read. He addressed the Provincial Prior Nominate, and the Great Prelate offered a prayer. The Provincial Prior Nominate knelt and recited his Obligation. The Great Prelate raised the Provincial Prior Nominate and conducted him to the East where he knelt and paid homage to the M.E. & S. Grand Master, following which he was invested and installed.

The Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction, and the Banner of the Province was placed in the East. The Right Eminent Provincial Prior was proclaimed from the West by the Great Herald and saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.

The Deputy Great Marshal informed the Right Eminent Provincial Prior that the Provincial Sub Prior Nominate, V. E.Kt. Kenneth Thomas D'Sousa, **P.G.Reg.**, was in attendance and requested to be Installed. The Deputy Great Marshal formed an escort, and the Provincial Sub Prior nominate was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel.



V.E.Kt. Kenneth Thomas D'Sousa, **P.G.Reg.**, was obligated, invested, installed, and proclaimed as the Sub Prior of the Provincial Priory of Middlesex by the Deputy Great Marshal.

The Great Marshal Invited the Right Eminent Provincial Prior to appoint and invest the Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, following which the Right Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the M.E. & S. Grand Master, thanking him and his team for making this a very special day in the history of the Provincial Priory of Middlesex.

The M.E. & S. Grand Master said how much he enjoyed the day and the opportunity to install R.E.Kt. Terence O'Neill as Provincial Prior.

After the collection of alms, the Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers retired under an Arch of Steel.



The regular business of Provincial Priory was completed and, after a brief address due to time constraints, Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the Provincial Prior, the Provincial Sub Prior, Provincial Officers of the year, and honoured guest retired in procession under an Arch of Steel.



After some group photographs and refreshments in the bar, we retired to the dining room where were treated to a splendid lunch with the Knights of the Provincial Priory of Middlesex and their guests.





It was another enjoyable day with the Brother Knights of the Provincial Priory of Middlesex and their guests.



Provincial Priory of Surrey web site:



<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar>

Farewell to Harry Beal

It was with great sadness we learnt of the passing of E.Kt. Henry Water William Beal on Sunday the 5th of July at the age of 99.

Harry Beal was born on the 25th of June 1927 and was an electrical engineer by profession. Harry was initiated into Woodside Lodge in December 1967 and was a member of two other Craft Lodges and four Royal Arch Chapters. He was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 2002 and was presented with a 50 year certificate of service in 2017. He was exalted into Hinchley Wood Chapter in June 1972, was its M.E.Z. in 1982 as well as in Comet Chapter three times. Harry received a certificate of 50 years' service to the Holy Royal Arch in 2022.

He was also a member of several Mark and Royal Ark Mariner lodges having been Advanced into HA Mann Lodge in May 1972 and Elevated into H A Mann Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in September the same year

Harry was installed into Kingston Preceptory on the 16th of September 1980 and joined Emmaus Preceptory in September 2011. E.Kt. Harry, who received the rank of **P.Gt.W. of R.** in 2002, was the oldest member of the Provincial Priory of Surrey, attending every Annual Meeting until ill health stopped him attending.



Provincial Priory of Surrey Summer Fete and BBQ on Sunday the 19th of July

We're fortunate to have a generous brother knight offering the large field adjacent to his house free of charge. So, we're hiring a couple of Portaloos, firing up a couple of barbecues for burgers and sausages, running in a sound system, providing a barrel of lager, soft drinks and Pimms, and organising entertainment for the children e.g. face painting.

The aim is a relaxed, joyous celebration of another successful Masonic year with family and friends: **and this is all FREE.** What could be better?

Brother Knights have an open invitation to join us, and if they know any friends of the Provincial Priory in the area, they'll be very welcome too. **Come and see Pat getting pelted with wet sponges in the stocks!!!**

Event registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1990465866990?aff=oddtcreator>

Please share the link on your WhatsApp groups and wider networks.

Let's encourage as many Brother Knights and families as possible to join this relaxed, fun celebration.





Two more Candidates for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



The June 2026 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 was held at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven. E.Kts. John Ellenger and Robert Brown from the Province of Sussex, took their Fourth Degree Ceremony.



As well as many Surrey and Sussex Knights there were also several Brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland, S.E. Counties, and Knights Templar Priests.



The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Chris Eley, K.B.H.C., the Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knight Colin Dann, K.B.H.C., the Provincial Prior of Sussex in the Knights Templars, and Revd Knight Jack Love, the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, S.E. Counties.

The Master of Ceremonies was Squire Novice David Thompson, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Revd Knight Ray Tyne, K.B.H.C. Also present was Revd Knight Tim Wheeler, the Grand Marshal.



At the end of the Ceremony Brothers John and Robert were congratulated by Revd Knight Chris Eley, the Worshipful Deputy Master, who wished them both many happy years in this wonderful Order.

Revd Knight Colin Dann was declared Worshipful Deputy Master for the ensuing year, and Revd Knight Paul Hollebone as Treasurer.

The Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Chris Eley, K.B.H.C., was invited to present Grand Priory Certificates.

A 4th Degree Certificate to Kt. Michael Hearn; a 5th Degree Certificate to Sq.N. Jeremy Griffin, and a 6th Degree Certificate to Revd.Kt. Peter Rolfe, K.B.H.C.



The Secretary reported that the Lodge has received applications for admission from another two candidates.



After the Lodge was closed, we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable lunch together at the East Brighton Masonic Centre. On the dining table was the helmet originally donated by Alan Froom to the Lodge.

