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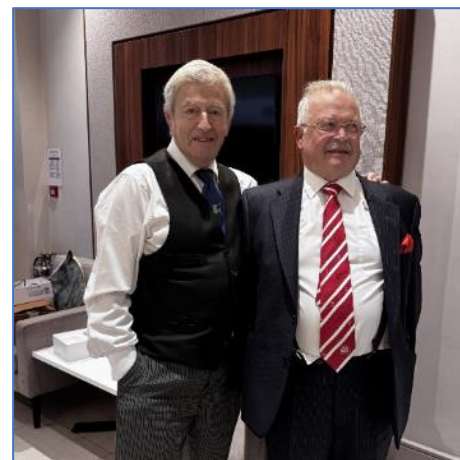
Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight



On Saturday the 5th of September, the Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight held their Annual Meeting at the Novatel Hotel in Southampton.



After tea and coffee, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends, we went into the Temple. The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Julian Mitchell and his Officers entered in Possession under an Arch of Steel, ascended his throne, and opened a Chapter of Provincial Priory.







The Provincial was saluted under the direction of the Provincial Marshal.

The Banners of the Preceptories were paraded, and the Roll of Preceptories was called.



After the regular business of Provincial Priory was concluded the Provincial Prior said that he was very happy to re-appoint E.Kt. Ron Wray, **P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B.**, as the Sub Prior of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, thanking E.Kt. Ron for all his support during his first year as Provincial Prior. He then appointed and invested the Provincial Officers for the ensuing year,

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the meeting thanking everyone for their support for the Provincial Priory of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He welcomed the distinguished guests from other Provinces, as well as the many Heads of Orders who had attended to show their support.

He congratulated those he had appointed and invested today wishing them an enjoyable year in Office. He then had much pleasure in presenting a Certificate of Service to the United Orders in the Province

of Hampshire and Isle of Wight to VE.Kt. Jeffrey Charles Southwick, **P.G.Reg.**, in recognition of his services to the Province of Southampton and Isle of Wight.

He also had much pleasure in presenting a donation to RE.Kt. Jonathan

Whitaker Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight with a donation towards his 2027 MVF Festival. This was gratefully received by RE.Kt. Jon, who reminded everyone that 'we are all in it together'.



After the collection of alms, 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, greeting their guests on their way out of the Temple..



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



After an enjoyable day in Hampshire the Surrey delegation had a sunny drive up the M3 home.

Grand Priory KBHC



On Thursday the 11th 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 18 qualified Squire Novices.



The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Philip Andrew Hamilton Bowler of the Heart of England Prefecture.

Congratulations to Sq.N. Peter Brown, Dennis Dean, Norman Playford, and Dean White of Anglo-Saxon Prefecture on becoming Knights Beneficent of the Holy City.

The Prefecture was opened in the Sixth Degree of the Order by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C., who welcomed everyone.

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; R.Revd.Kt. Kessick Jones; and the Master of Ceremonies, V.Revd.Kt. Tim Wheeler, Grand Marshal.



Afterwards the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, */P*, G.C.H.C., posed for a photograph with the new Reverend Knights.



The Prefectory of St George of London was closed, and the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Reverend Knights retired for refreshments while the Temple was being re-arranged for the meeting of Grand Priory.









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 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, *OStJ*, G.C.H.C., as Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master then appointed and invested Right Reverend Knight Graham L Flight to the Honour and Dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City. Right Reverend Knight Graham was Proclaimed by the Grand Herald and Saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal.

The Grand Master then appointed and invested Right Reverend Knight Adrian Thorogood Jones, Regional Grand Prefect for Avalon Prefecture to the Honour and Dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City. Right Reverend Knight Adrian was Proclaimed by the Grand Herald and Saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal.

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 thanked everyone for attending in such good numbers. 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.

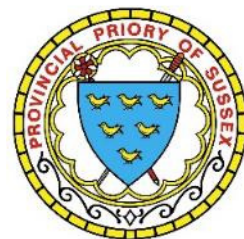
The Knights retired to refresh themselves before dining and returning to their various homes.



Provincial Priory of Sussex



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Sussex was held on Saturday the 12th of September 2026 at the Sussex Masonic Centre in Brighton. Another sunny day in Sussex by the sea.



On arrival we were warmly greeted by the Brother Knights of the Province and were treated to coffee and bacon butties.





By 10.45 we were all gathered in the Temple. The Brother Knights were called to Order by the Provincial Marshal to receive the Delegation of Knights of Malta, R.E. Knights and other Distinguished Guests. The Provincial Prior entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Beclrer. 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 the Honoured Guests from other Provinces, as well as the Heads of Sussex Orders.



He especially welcomed V.E.Kt. Eugene Earland and asked the Provincial Marshal to escort Gene to him. He said how good it was to see Gene at the meeting and had much pleasure in presenting him with a Certificate of Distinguished Merit on the occasion of his 50th year of outstanding commitment, dedicated service and steadfast support for the order of Knights Templar, and the Province of Sussex.



The roll of Preceptories in the Province was called, during which the Preceptory Banners were paraded.

The Provincial Prior thanked E.Kt. Tan Rusby, **P.Gt.Her.**, for his support as Provincial Sub-Prior over the past year and said he had much pleasure in reappointing him as Provincial Sub-Prior. E.Kt. Tan was then saluted with five and he responded accordingly.

The Provincial Prior appointed and invested his Provincial Officers, following which he thanked E.Kt. Mickey Wiles for his services as Bodyguard Commander and said he had much pleasure in appointing E.Kt. Shaun Carter as Bodyguard Commander and E.Kt. Nick Cracker as Deputy. He then inspected his Bodyguard.

He then received the new Brother Knights welcoming them to their first Annual Meeting, thanking them for attending and wishing them many happy years in the Order.



In his Address the Provincial Prior greeted all those attending with warmth and a hearty welcome and said how pleased he was to see so many Brother Knights, and guests from other Provinces and Orders attending.

He spoke about the need to look after others, both within and without our Order, as one of the Precepts of our Order.

He congratulated all those Knights he had appointed or promoted this day wishing them a happy year to enjoy their honour. Right Eminent Knight Colin ended by thanking all those who worked so hard and contributed to the success of the meeting.



Provincial Priory was closed in due form and the R.E. Provincial Prior retired in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Sub-Prior, Officers of Great Priory, guests of the Province, and the Provincial Officers of the year, greeting his Honoured Guests as they retired from the Temple.



A few drinks in the bar gave us the opportunity to catch up with some old friends.





At the lunch he welcomed the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, Neil Austin, and presented him with a £500 donation towards his 2028 MCF Festival.

Neil thanked the Brother Knights for their kind donation.



The Provincial Prior said that they were also making donations of £1,000 to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, and £500 to a local charity, Knight Support.

They are a charity, based in Brighton and Hove, devoted to helping rough sleepers and the homeless through the provision of support, advocacy, clothing, self-care items and furniture.





In his toast to the Provincial Prior, the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Tan Rusby, thanked R.E.Kt. Colin for all he has done for the Bro. Knights of the Province and presented him with a small token of their appreciation.

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