

## PRECEPTORIES IN THE PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF SURREY

### Temple Court Preceptory No. 162

South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Hitherbury Close, Guildford, GU2 4DR  
1st Tuesday February (I), 2nd Tuesday, May and 1st Tuesday, November

### Preceptory of Croydon No. 196

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX  
2nd Monday, March (I) and June and 4th Monday, November

### Kyngstun Preceptory No. 225

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN  
3rd Tuesday, March (I), September and December

### Chertsey Preceptory No. 304

Masonic Hall, Masonic Hall Road, Chertsey, KT16 9DH  
3rd Tuesday, March (I), September and December

### St Saviours Preceptory No. 338

Masonic Hall, 9 Grove Road, Sutton, SM1 1BB  
4th Friday, March, 1st Friday May and December (I)

### Gascoigne Preceptory No. 360

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX  
1st Monday, February (I), April and October

### Preceptory of St George at Stoneleigh No. 364

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX  
1st Monday, February (I), April and October

### Preceptory of St John at Stoneleigh No. 378

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX  
Morning of 3rd Saturday, March (I) and 4th Saturday, October

### Sacryham Preceptory No. 425

Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, CR0 2UX  
Morning of 3rd Saturday, March (I) and 4th Saturday October

### Emmaus Preceptory No. 446 (Past Preceptors)

Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN  
4th Monday, April (I) and 3rd Friday, September

### Whyte Stone Preceptory No. 447

Masonic Hall, 42 Castle Street, Farnham, GU9 7JB  
4th Tuesday, February and May and 3rd Monday, October (I)

### Stephen Langton Preceptory No. 478

Redhill & Reigate Masonic Centre, Nutfield Lodge, Nutfield Road, Redhill, RH1 4ED  
4th Wednesday, February and April and 3rd Wednesday, December (I)

### Agincourt Preceptory No. 517

Agincourt Hall, London Road, Camberley, GU15 3JA  
43rd Tuesday, February and April and 4th Tuesday, November (I)

### Praesidium Legati Preceptory No. 570 (P.P.B.G.)

Masonic Hall, 42 Castle Street, Farnham, GU9 7JB  
Morning of 2nd Saturday, March, 4th Sat June and October (I)

### Nutfield Preceptory No. 598

Redhill & Reigate Masonic Centre, Nutfield Lodge, Nutfield Road, Redhill, RH1 4ED  
4th Tuesday, Feb and May and 3rd Monday, October (I)

### St Catherine's Preceptory No. 607

Masonic Hall, Ockford Road, Godalming, GU7 1RQ  
4th Wednesday, January, April (I) and October

### St Michael at Bisley No. 693

Bisley Camp  
1st Friday, April, 1st Friday, June and 3rd Friday, October (I)

## THE MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

According to legend, the Knights Templar was founded in 1118 AD to protect pilgrims heading for Jerusalem and the Christian Holy places, where the small band of warrior monks established a headquarters. In the year 1118 AD King Baldwin II granted the Templars quarters on the Temple Mount and many men of noble birth joined the ranks of the Templar Order. Those who were unable to join often gifted the Templars with land and other valuables.

Modern Masonic association with these medieval defenders of the Christian Holy places is linked by the ceremony of Installation in which the Candidate takes the part of a Pilgrim who, by symbolically embarking on a Crusade, is elevated to Knighthood.

The earliest reference to modern Masonic Knight Templar activity in England can be found in the minutes of the Chapter of Friendship (Royal Arch) in Portsmouth, dated 1778, where it was worked as an Appendant Degree. In 1791 a Grand Conclave was formed comprising seven 'Encampments' with Thomas Dunckerley as Grand Master. By 1873 'Grand Conclave' was now known as 'Great Priory', and 'Encampments' were now known as 'Preceptories'.

The ceremony is very realistic and the regalia spectacular, based upon that worn by the Medieval Knights. Prospective Candidates must be a Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason, professing the Christian faith.



## INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE?

Visit

The Mark Masons Hall website:

[www.markmasonshall.org/orders/knights-templar](http://www.markmasonshall.org/orders/knights-templar)

Details on how to join are available from the Provincial Website:



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A Message from the Provincial Prior...



Brethren,

I trust that you will find this leaflet about the Provincial Priory of Surrey and of the Masonic Orders of Knights of the Temple and of Malta useful.

Membership of this unique Order is open to Brethren that are a Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason and Christian.

R.E.Kt. Patrick Peter Crossan, K.C.T.

## Knights Templar & Knights of Malta

The full title of this Order is – The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and Provinces Overseas. The Order is governed by Great Priory located at Mark Masons' Hall in London.

The earliest reference to this Masonic Order occurred at around 1777, but it was not until 1845 that the ritual was standardised and the Order steadily expanded. Today there are over 700 Preceptories on the roll of The Great Priory of England and Wales and Provinces Overseas.

Whilst there is no claim to any historical connection to the mediaeval Military Orders of this name, the ritual is based around its history and exploits and the "Rule" of the Order given to them by the Pope.

## Knights Templar

Meetings of this Order are held in a Preceptory and presided over by a Preceptor. The regalia is most impressive, and is based on the livery of our mediaeval counterparts: it comprises a mantle, tunic, cap, sash, cross, star, belt and sword.

This degree commemorates a band of knights who were granted refuge within the sacred precincts of King Solomon's Temple by Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem in 1118.

A candidate for installation is admitted in the character and garb of a pilgrim and is required, symbolically, to undergo a period of pilgrimage and warfare culminating in taking the vows of a Crusader.

Having conducted himself courageously, he is then instructed how penance and meditation will prepare him for Christian knighthood. Finally, he is received, clothed, armed and proclaimed a Knight of the Temple.

## Knights of St Paul

This is the short introductory, or passing, degree which precedes the ceremony of becoming a Knight of Malta, and is held in a Chapter of the Knights of St Paul. In this degree we learn of the travels of St Paul and how he arrived on the island of Malta.

## Knights of Malta

Meetings of this Order are held in a Priory and presided over by a Prior. The Priory is normally only opened either to receive new knights of the Order, or at the installation of the new Prior. This degree of Christian Knighthood recounts the history of the Knights of Malta and their long struggle against the unenlightened. It traces their progress from the time they left Jerusalem until they reached their final home on the island of Malta.

The attention of candidates is drawn to the presence of five officers who assume the role of the personal staff of the Grand Master, while the other officers represent the heads of the eight Langues or Tongues, into which the ancient Order was divided.

An explanation of the traditional history is given as the final part of the ceremony. The ritual has esoteric meaning and invites the candidate to reflect on the meaning of mystical resurrection.

