

Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City
of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales



MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND PRIORY

held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL
at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 11 September 2025

PRESENT

Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master
Dr VIVIAN THOMAS, *JP*, G.C.H.C.

Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master
R.Revd.Kt. PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, *OSTJ*, G.C.H.C.

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE HOLY CITY
R.Revd.Kt. R. A. H. Morrow

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE HOLY CITY
R.Revd.Kt. M. Southworth

REGIONAL GRAND PREFECTS
R.Revd.Kt. G. E. Bonham – Heart of England
R.Revd.Kt. D. Jordan – Anglo-Saxon

GRAND OFFICERS 2024/2025

R.Revd.Kt. G. Hutchinson	Grand Visitor General
V.Revd.Kt. Revd S. A. Hawkins	Grand Prelate
R.Revd.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.H.C.	President of the Grand Master's Council
V.Revd.Kt. D. J. Thompson	Grand Herald
R.Revd.Kt. G. F. Redman, K.C.H.C.	Grand Registrar
R.Revd.Kt. G. L. Flight, K.C.H.C.	Grand Treasurer
V.Revd.Kt. D. M. Heath	Grand Chancellor
V.Revd.Kt. F. C. Spencer	Grand Almoner
V.Revd.Kt. T. J. Wheeler	Grand Mareschal
Revd.Kt. Wg Cdr. B. W. Price, <i>OBE</i>	Grand Historian
Revd.Kt. P. Hawken, <i>MBE</i>	Deputy Grand Prelate
Revd.Kt. W. Dyer	Deputy Grand Herald
Revd.Kt. K. A. Gane	Deputy Grand Mareschal
Revd.Kt. P. L. Bullock	Grand Banner Bearer
Revd.Kt. D. J. Roach, P.G.Swd.B.	as Grand Sword Bearer
Revd.Kt. D. Mersh	Assistant Grand Chancellor
Revd.Kt. F. R. Thomas	Assistant Grand Mareschal
Revd.Kt. H. J. Randell	Captain of Guard of Honour
Revd.Kt. I. Clark	Deputy Captain of Guard of Honour
V.Revd.Kt. Lt Col. J. C. Chambers, P.G.Her.	Grand Organist
Revd.Kt. M. R. Beardall, P.G.I.Sent.	as Grand Inner Sentinel
Revd.Kt. P. Busby	Grand Outer Sentinel

PAST GRAND VISITOR GENERAL

R.Revd.Kt. J. C. Roberts

DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GREAT PRIORIES

From the Independant Grand Priory of Switzerland:

M.Revd.Kt. R. Principe, Past Grand Prior & National Grand Master

Revd.Kt. A. Raimondo

From the Great Priory of Belgium:

M.Revd. & Em.Kt. F. M. F. Lacante, Assistant Great Prior of Malta, Great Prior C.B.C.S.

R.Revd.Kt. D. A. Hope, Assistant Grand Prior

R.Revd.Kt. K. R. Stevens, Prefect of Ypres

Revd.Kt. J. H. Wickes

Revd.Kt. A. Lancashire

From the Rectified Grand Priory of France:

Revd.Kt. P. Canivet, Visitor General

From the Grand Priory of Spain:

M.Revd.Kt. Julio Ignacio Magán Gomez, Grand Prior

HEADS OF ORDERS

R.Revd.Kt. P. R. Clement, *OSTJ*, G.C.H.C. – Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master of the
Knights Templar

R.Revd.Kt. G. L. Flight, K.C.H.C., G.Treas. – Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine

R.Revd.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.H.C., Pres.G.M.C. – Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters

V.Revd.Kt. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.Alm. – Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor

Revd.Kt. Dr P. Mycock, C.B.C.S. – First Grand Master Mason of The Operatives

A number of Reverend Knights, Squire Novices and Brethren were also in attendance.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, attended by Grand Officers, entered, ascended the Throne and opened Grand Priory.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master paid tribute to R.Revd.Kt. David John Walters, P.Reg.G.Pref. (Heart of England); R.Revd.Kt. Thomas Richard Goodwin Heap, G.V.Gen; V.Revd.Kt. Michael William Guest, P.G.Alm.; Revd.Kt. Norman Cartmell Joughin, P.Dep.Capt.Gd.Hon.; and Revd.Kt. Roger Thomas Alfred Gray, P.G.I.Sent.

The Brethren were called to order while the Grand Prelate offered a blessing to departed merit.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Chapter of Grand Priory held on Thursday, 12 September 2024, having been printed and circulated with the summons for this meeting, were received, approved and confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The Report of the Grand Master's Council for the twelve months ended 30 June 2025, having been printed in the Summons for this meeting, was taken as read and approved. (The report was printed as **Appendix A** in the Summons for this meeting.)

5. ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MOST EMINENT & REVEREND GRAND MASTER

The Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master proposed re-election of M.Em. & Revd.Kt. Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., as Grand Master. The President of the Grand Master's Council

seconded the proposition and it was carried without objection. The Grand Herald then proclaimed the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that Dr VIVIAN THOMAS, Group Captain (retired) of His Majesty's Royal Air Force; A Justice in His Majesty's Commission of the Peace; Bachelor of Medicine of the University of Wales; Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Wales; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Knight Commander of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Junior General of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Councillor in and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Junior Deacon in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Seventh Pillar, Knight of Holy Wisdom, in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City, etc., etc., etc., etc., has this day been elected and installed Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal. The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master returned thanks.

6. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND PRIOR & DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master announced that he had reappointed R.Revd.Kt. Paul Raymond Clement as Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Right Reverend Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master was proclaimed by the Deputy Grand Herald as follows

Be it known that PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, an Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of South Wales in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Master for South Wales in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, Honoris Causa, in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Knight Commander of Constantine of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past District Grand Prefect for Severn in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic

Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Supreme Ruler in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Deputy Grand Summus in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Knight Commander of the Priestly Orders of the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland; Adept of Christian Rosencreutz, Ninth Grade, Magus Honoris Causa, in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City, etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed Right Reverend Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Mareschal and returned thanks.

7. ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER

On the proposition of the President of the Grand Master's Council, seconded by the Grand Chancellor and carried unanimously by the Reverend Knights and Brethren present, R.Revd. Kt. Graham Leslie Flight, K.C.H.C., was elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

8. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE HOLY CITY

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master announced that he had been pleased to appoint R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, Regional Grand Prefect for Anglo-Saxon, and R.Revd. Kt. George Edward Bonham, Regional Grand Prefect for Heart of England, to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City. They were obligated and invested accordingly, and proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that DAVID JORDAN, Past Junior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Kent in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Knight Commander of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Herald in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past District Grand Conductor of the Council in the District of Kent in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Guard in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Provincial Grand Registrar of the Province of Kent in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Past Grand Seventh Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent in the Royal Order of Scotland; Regional Grand Prefect for Anglo-Saxon; and that GEORGE EDWARD BONHAM, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past

Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, *Honoris Causa*, in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Second Great Constable in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Counsellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Registrar in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Visitor in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; A member of the Seventh Degree, *Honoris Causa*, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire in the Royal Order of Scotland; Regional Grand Prefect for Heart of England, etc., etc.; have this day been appointed and invested Knights Commander of the Holy City in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The new Knights Commander of the Holy City were saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal and R.Revd.Kt. Jordan returned thanks.

9. APPOINTMENT, OBLIGATION, INVESTITURE AND PROCLAMATION OF THE REGIONAL GRAND PREFECT FOR BRIGANTES

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master announced that he had appointed Revd. Kt. David John Roach, P.G.Swd.B., as Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes, in succession to R.Revd.Kt. Michael Southworth.

The Grand Mareschal conducted the Regional Grand Prefect nominate to the pedestal, whereby the Grand Master addressed him, asking whether he was able and willing to accept the appointment and undertake the duties and responsibilities of a Regional Grand Prefect. Revd.Kt. Jones answered in the affirmative. The Grand Chancellor was instructed to read the Patent of Appointment and Revd.Kt. Roach then knelt for the benefit of prayer given by the Grand Prelate. The Grand Master then proceeded to obligate and invest the Regional Grand Prefect nominate and handed to him the Baton, Patent of Appointment and a copy of the Statutes of Grand Priory. The Grand Herald proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that DAVID JOHN ROACH, Past Provincial Grand Registrar in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire North and East Ridings in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Yorkshire North and East Ridings in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Provincial First Constable of the Provincial Priory of North and East Yorkshire in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Knight Commander of Constantine in the Grand

Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Conductor of the Council in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; A member of the Seventh Degree, *Honoris Causa*, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Past Grand Sixth Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Grand Sword Bearer, etc., etc., has this day been appointed, obligated, invested and installed Right Reverend Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The new Regional Grand Prefect was saluted under the direction of the Grand Mareschal. R.Revd.Kt. Roach returned thanks.

10. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Chancellor announced that the following Knights had been appointed to Grand Rank by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, who invested those present:

GRAND OFFICERS 2025/2026

Grand Visitor General	Graeme Hutchinson
Grand Prelate	Revd Steven Andrew Hawkins
President of the Grand Master's Council	Kessick John Jones, K.C.H.C.
Grand Herald	David James Thompson
Grand Registrar	Graham Frederick Redman, K.C.H.C.
Grand Treasurer	Graham Leslie Flight, K.C.H.C.
Grand Chancellor.....	Daniel Mark Heath
Grand Almoner.....	Wayne Dyer
Grand Mareschal	Timothy John Wheeler
Grand Historian.....	Wg Cdr Brian Ward Price, <i>OBE</i>
Deputy Grand Prelate	Peter Hawken, <i>MBE</i>
Deputy Grand Herald.....	Dr John Walter Hawkins
Deputy Grand Chancellor	Alan Robert Brumwell, <i>JP</i>
Deputy Grand Mareschal.....	Paul Anthony Norman
Grand Banner Bearer	Vesian Fripp Easthope
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Ronald Barham, <i>MS&J</i>
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Derek Mersh
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Lt Col. Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones, <i>TD</i>
Assistant Grand Mareschal.....	Patrick Peter Crossan
Captain of Guard of Honour	Harry John Randell
Deputy Captain of Guard of Honour	Ian Clark
Grand Organist	Andrew Timothy Morris, <i>JP</i>
Grand Inner Sentinel	Arthur Steven Varley
Grand Outer Sentinel.....	Paul Busby

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Visitor General
Lt Col. John Craven Chambers
Graham Spencer Gubb
Trevor Charles Gulliver

Daniel Mark Heath
Christopher Gavin Maiden
Roger Charles Wortley

Past Grand Registrar
David Frederick Ashbolt

Past Grand Almoner
Kelvin Alan Gane
Anthony Thomas Lapsley

Arnold Long

Past Deputy Grand Herald
Charles Martin Wilson

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Grand Almoner
John Herbert Prizeman

Past Grand Banner Bearer
Anthony Richard Clark
Edwin Frederick John Purkis

Ian Trevor Dudley Smith

Past Grand Sword Bearer
Trevor Marley Sharpe

Past Deputy Captain of the Guard of Honour
Dr Alan Beckerton
David James Crossley

Ian Anthony Forster Dupont
Roger James Harrison

Past Grand Inner Sentinel
Michael Denis Beaty
Richard Francis Micklefield

Christopher Williams

11. APPOINTMENT OF TWO KNIGHTS TO SERVE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The Grand Chancellor announced that the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master had appointed the following Brethren to serve on the Grand Master's Council:

R.Revd.Kt. D. Jordan, K.C.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Anglo-Saxon

R.Revd.Kt. E. G. Bonham, K.C.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Heart of England

12. ELECTION OF TWO KNIGHTS TO SERVE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The Grand Chancellor announced that the following Reverend Knights had been nominated for election to the Grand Master's Council:

R.Revd.Kt. A. T. Jones, K.B.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Avalon

R.Revd.Kt. D. J. Roach, K.B.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes

There being no other nominations the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master declared the two Knights duly elected.

13. ADDRESS BY THE MOST EMINENT AND REVEREND GRAND MASTER

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master addressed Grand Priory as follows:

'It is my privilege, once again, to stand here to address you after what has been another busy but enjoyable year. It was, of course, interrupted by a somewhat unexpected heart attack in February, which is not supposed to happen to 'young doctors in their forties'! However, the short sojourn in the cardiac unit did enable me to recruit a very keen male nurse to join the Craft, with also a promise of interest from the Consultant as soon as he retired. Interestingly, I seem to remember my predecessor, Michael, experienced a similar episode during his tenure of office, although that didn't slow him down one jot! Oddly enough, when the Consultant was giving me my discharge information, he advised that I could do anything, even fly anywhere. Obviously, he had not met my wife!!

'But that event has not prevented what has been another most enjoyable year. Last December, I was pleased to visit the Prefecture meeting of Avalon, whilst my planned attendance at Brigantes was lost because of a silly heart. In May, I was able to attend the

Heart of England Prefecture, and it was a delight to be back at my old haunt. All being well, Anglo-Saxon and Avalon will appear on the schedule later this year. I was very grateful for the attendance of our Deputy Grand Master to represent our Order at the Grand Priory of Helvétia in Geneva. Thankfully, I was then fit enough to experience a unique opportunity at the Installation of a new Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Scotland, Most Eminent Knight Ray King, at Edinburgh, where all the Heads of Orders in attendance were asked to wear the regalia of their respective Orders, which was indeed a great spectacle. All the delegates were introduced separately and then led in by a piper. As my turn to enter approached, I did ask him if he knew *Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau*, but, sadly, he didn't!

'This morning, we were able to enjoy the Armament Ceremony for twenty new Knights Beneficent. To see so many, resplendent in their new cloaks, was most uplifting and I hope you all enjoyed the ceremony as much as we did.

'Today, of course, my congratulations go to all who have received promotions or first appointments. These are reflections not just on the work you have done, but also indicators of what shall be expected of you in the future. You are, of course, by definition of your positions, all senior Masons and I urge you never to lose sight of our origins and to encourage a constant support of our own Craft Lodges.

'My thanks today must go to the Prefects of our Prefectures, for their constant support and hard work and also for any who have stood in today. I was delighted to both see and hear Graham Redman here today, and, as ever, I express my thanks to the members of my Council for their support, along with the newest member, Graeme Hutchison, our Grand Visitor General, who has already been to many Scottish Masters Lodges across the country. My gratitude is further extended to our Grand Chancellor and the team at Mark Masons' Hall for all their work that is done on our behalf.

'I turn now to our guests here today:

From the Grand Priory of Switzerland, M.Revd.Kt. Rosario Principe, P.G.M., accompanied by Revd.Kt. Alessandro Raimondo; from the Great Priory of America, V.Revd.Kt. Robert Chan, Great Chancellor; from the Rectified Grand Priory of France, Revd.Kt. Patrick Canivet, Visitor General, and from the Grand Priory of Spain, M.Revd.Kt. Julio Gomez, Grand Prior; and from the Great Priory of Belgium and its Prefectures in Australia, M.Revd. & Em.Kt. M. F. Lacante, accompanied by six other Brethren.

'From our own Constitution, we welcome: R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, OStJ, G.C.H.C., my Deputy and Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar; V.Revd. Kt. Graham Flight, K.C.H.C., my Treasurer and Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine; R.Revd.Kt. Kessick Jones, K.C.H.C., Grand Master of the Royal and Select and President of my Council; V.Revd.Kt. Andrew Sweeney, P.G.Alm., Grand Supreme Ruler of the Secret Monitor; and Revd.Kt. Dr Paul Mycock, First Master Mason of the Operatives.

'I know that we have struggled to be here today, and I can but thank each and every one of you who have made the journey. For those who are not able to remain with us to dine, I wish you safe journeys home.'

'May the Great Captain of our salvation have you in His safe keeping, until we meet again on this, or some distant shore.'

14. ALMS

Alms were collected for the K.B.H.C. Benevolent Fund. The amount raised was £490,81.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Grand Chancellor reported that there was no other business.

16. CLOSING

Grand Priory was closed.