

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



MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF GRAND PRIORY

held at Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL
at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 12 September 2024

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, G.C.H.C.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE HOLY CITY
R.Revd.Kt. M. Southworth, Reg.G.Pref. for Brigantes

REGIONAL GRAND PREFECTS
R.Revd.Kt. D. Jordan – Anglo Saxon
R.Revd.Kt. G. E. Bonham – Heart of England
R.Revd.Kt. A. T. Jones – Avalon

PAST GRAND VISITOR GENERAL
R.Revd.Kt. J. R. Collison

GRAND OFFICERS 2023/2024

R.Revd.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.H.C.	President of the Grand Master's Council
R.Revd.Kt. R. A. H. Morrow, G.C.H.C., G.Her.	as Grand Registrar
R.Revd.Kt. G. L. Flight, K.C.H.C., G.Treas.	as Grand Prelate
V.Revd.Kt. D. M. Heath	Grand Chancellor
V.Revd.Kt. T. J. Wheeler	Grand Mareschal
Revd.Kt. Wg Cdr. B. W. Price, <i>OBE</i>	Grand Historian
Revd.Kt. D. J. Thompson	Deputy Grand Herald
Revd.Kt. K. A. Gane	Deputy Grand Mareschal
Revd.Kt. T. Sloan	Grand Banner Bearer
Revd.Kt. D. J. Roach	Grand Sword Bearer
Revd.Kt. H. J. Randell, Dep.Capt.Gd.Hon.	as Captain of Guard of Honour
Revd.Kt. I. Clark	as Deputy Captain of Guard of Honour
V.Revd.Kt. T. C. Gulliver, P.G.Alm.	as Grand Organist
Revd.Kt. M. R. Beardall	Grand Inner Sentinel
Revd.Kt. P. Busby	Grand Outer Sentinel

DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GREAT PRIORIES

From the Independant Grand Priory of Switzerland:

M.Revd.Kt. R. Principe, Grand Master

Revd.Kt. G. Rainer, Grand Prior and Deputy 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

R.Rev.Kt. J. F. P. Mulligan, G.D.C.

R.Revd.Kt. F. Clarembaux, G.Treas.

Revd.Kt. J. H. Wickes

Revd.Kt. A. Lancashire

From the Rectified Great Priory of France:

Revd.Kt. P. Canivet, Visitor General

HEADS OF ORDERS

R.Revd.Kt. P. R. Clement, G.C.H.C. – 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. C. G. Maiden, P.G.Alm. – Grand High Priest of the Knight Templar Priests and
Order of Holy Wisdom

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 M.Em. & Revd.Kt. Michael Edward Herbert, P.G.M.; R.Revd.Kt. Keith Barry Jackson, K.C.H.C.; R.Revd. Kt. Capt. Eidwin Frederick Mullan, G.V.Gen.; V.Revd.Kt. Alfred John Day, P.G.Alm.; Revd.Kt. William Jack Hagger, Dep.G.Prel.; Revd.Kt. Ian Moxon, P.Dep.G.Her.; Revd.Kt. Godfrey Bedford, P.A.G.Her.; Revd.Kt. David George Fox, P.A.G.Her.; Revd.Kt. Brian Anthony Vickers, P.A.G.Her.; Revd.Kt. David Gareth Gait, P.Dep. Capt.Gd.Hon.; Revd.Kt. Glyn Harvey, P.G.I.Sent.; and Revd.Kt. Geoffrey Hewitt, 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, 14 September 2023, having been printed and circulated with the summons for the 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 2024, which had been printed in the Summons for the meeting, was taken as read and approved.

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., 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, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Sojourner 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., 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 and 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 A KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE HOLY CITY

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master announced that he had been pleased to appoint R.Revd.Kt. Graham Frederick Redman, Grand Registrar, to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City. Unfortunately, R.Revd.Kt. Redman was unable to be present so the preferment was awarded in his absence. The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master declared that he would be formally appointed at a future date.

9. 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 2024/2025

Grand Visitor General	Thomas Richard Goodwin Heap
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	Francis Charles Spencer
Grand Mareschal	Timothy John Wheeler
Grand Historian	Wg Cdr Brian Ward Price, OBE
Deputy Grand Prelate	Peter Hawken, MBE
Deputy Grand Herald	Wayne Dyer
Deputy Grand Mareschal	Kelvin Alan Gane
Grand Banner Bearer	Peter Leonard Bullock
Grand Sword Bearer	Kenneth Thomas D'Souza
Assistant Grand Chancellor	Derek Mersh
Assistant Grand Mareschal	Frederick Richard Thomas
Captain of Guard of Honour	Harry John Randell
Deputy Captain of Guard of Honour	Ian Clark
Grand Organist	Lt Col. John Craven Chambers, P.G.Her.
Grand Inner Sentinel	Arthur Steven Varley
Grand Outer Sentinel	Paul Busby

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Visitor General
Brian Henry Meldon

Past Grand Almoner
Raymond Stewart Ellis

Colin Verdun Young

Past Deputy Grand Herald
John Harlow Wickes

Past Grand Banner Bearer
Dr Glyn Jackson Davies

Anthony Raymond Moyle

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Deputy Captain of the Guard of Honour
Roger Alfred William Farley
Robert Muir Henderson

Norman Cartmell Joughin
Charles Frederick Proud

Past Grand Inner Sentinel
Roger Thomas Alfred Gray
Colin Paul Tunbridge

James William Warburton

10. 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. M. Southworth, K.C.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes

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

11. 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. G. E. Bonham, K.B.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect for Heart of England

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

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

12. ADDRESS BY THE MOST EMINENT AND REVEREND GRAND MASTER

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

'Reverend Knights and Squire Novices, today for me has been a very bittersweet experience. We had the joy this morning of conferring 6th degrees for many Brethren, and it is truly wonderful to welcome all our members and visiting friends here this afternoon. But, of course, we have all been very much aware of a huge gap in our midst today, following the death of our Past Grand Master, Michael Herbert. I was able to speak with Michael the day before he and Nancy moved into Devonshire Court, where sadly he died two days later. He was an immense presence amongst us, yet he was never loud or forceful, but there were very few who would say "no" to him. The memory will never fade of the day, at a District meeting of the Red Cross of Constantine in Leicester, when he beckoned to me across a crowded room. He kindly invited me to sit down and then advised me that he had a "small" job he wanted me to do, that of Grand Visitor General. Not knowing what that then entailed, I smiled and said "thank you", but quickly discovered that the emphasis was on visiting! However, for six years, I was so privileged to have the opportunity to visit Scottish Masters Lodges around the country and to receive the welcomes for which I shall be forever grateful. There were many of us who then had the amazing spectacle of that memorable interview with John Prizeman, our Mark Pro Grand Master, prompting Michael to regale us with his memories of sixty years in the Mark – what a wonderful evening that was! We know that we have lost a great friend, a wonderful man and Freemason.

'The past year has been once again a busy one. I was fortunate enough to enjoy the Grand Priory meetings of Belgium in Brussels and Switzerland in Zurich, where, as in previous years, the friendship of the visiting Grand Masters served to emphasise the wonderful camaraderie that is so evident in all our Orders.

'In May, I was thrilled to welcome two new members into the Order at St James' Lodge: from Finland, Bro. Jussi Tuovinen and Bro. Kimmo Helgren (who are both with us today and whom we welcome).

'In December, we celebrated the consecration of a new Scottish Masters Lodge at St Albans, to be known as Verulamium Lodge No. 22, which the historians amongst us will immediately recognise as the original name of that city. We had the pleasure of dedicating Banners at Wessex Lodge No. 12 and Sedgemoor Lodge No. 8, with the Banner for The Marches Lodge No. 5 to be dedicated in October. My thanks go out to all for the organisation and hard work that culminated in those short, but significant ceremonies.

'My congratulations go to all who have received first appointments or promotions today. As it is stated in all Provincial or Grand meetings, these appointments reflect not only what you have achieved but also what more work now awaits you. But the plea remains the same, as it does in all our Orders: do not forget your roots, and continue to support your Craft Lodges, for we can never grow without the entered apprentice.

'My thanks to those who been such sterling substitutes today: R.Revd.Kt. Graham Flight, R.Revd.Kt. Bob Morrow, V.Revd.Kt. Trevor Gulliver, and Revd.Kt. Harry Randell. I must also express my gratitude to the members of my Grand Council for all their support, the staff at M.M.H. for their work in the background and, particularly, my thanks go to the Grand Chancellor in what has been a somewhat different year!

'Turning now to our guests today, I would like to welcome:

From the Grand Priory of Switzerland, M.Revd.Kt. Rosario Principe, Grand Master; Revd.Kt. Gérald Raine, Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master; and Revd.Kt. Alessandro Raimondo;

From Belguim and its Prefectures in Australia, M.Revd. & Em.Kt. Francis Michel Fernand Lacante, Assistant Great Prior of Malta, Great Prior CBCS; R.Revd.Kt. David Albert Hope, Assistant Great Prior; R.Revd.Kt. Keith Richard Stevens, Prefect of Ypres; R.Revd.Kt. James Frederick Peter Mulligan, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.Revd.Kt. Francis Clarembaux, Grand Treasurer; Revd.Kt. John Wickes; and Revd. Kt. Adam Lancashire;

From the Rectified Great Priory of France, Revd.Kt. Patrick Canivet, Visitor General.

'And from our own Constitution, we welcome the Heads of Orders:

R.Revd.Kt. Paul R. Clement, G.C.H.C., and our Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master – Grand Master of the Knights Templar;

R.Revd.Kt. Graham L. Flight, K.C.H.C., and our Grand Treasurer – Grand Sovereign of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine;

R.Revd.Kt. Kessick J. Jones, K.C.H.C., our President of the Grand Master's Council – Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters;

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

V.Revd.Kt. Christopher G. Maiden, P.G.Alm. – Grand High Priest of the Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom;

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

'Let us show our warmest appreciation to these distinguished Knights.

'Thank you all for your support and your friendship, and may the Great Captain of our Salvation have you in His keeping until we meet again on this or some distant shore.'

13. ALMS

Alms were collected for the K.B.H.C. Benevolent Fund. The amount raised was £352.05.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Grand Chancellor reported that there was no other business.

15. CLOSING

Grand Priory was closed.