

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



MINUTES

of the Chapter of Great Priory

held under the Banner of the Preceptory of St George No. 6
in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street,
London, WC2B 5AZ, at 12.30 p.m. on

Wednesday, 18 May 2022

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PRESENT

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master
PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, G.C.T.

Very High & Right Eminent Great Seneschal
ANDREW CHRISTOPHER RAINBOW, G.C.T.

Very High & Right Eminent Past Great Seneschal
Malcolm Ernest Slater, *OSTJ*, G.C.T.

KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS

R.E.Kt. M. E. Herbert
R.E.Kt. G. L. Flight
R.E.Kt. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*

KNIGHTS COMMANDER

R.E.Kt. M. C. Moreland
R.E.Kt. T. C. Gulliver
R.E.Kt. K. J. Jones
R.E.Kt. R. A. Hume
R.E.Kt. E. B. Goodwin
R.E.Kt. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, *RD, MStJ*
R.E.Kt. J. R. Collison
R.E.Kt. T. F. Jackson
R.E.Kt. D. H. Gallear, Provincial Prior for Lancashire
R.E.Kt. P. M. Darley, *BEM*
R.E.Kt. J. R. Paternoster
R.E.Kt. A. C. Sweeney
R.E.Kt. R. E. Cochrane

R.E.Kt. P. C. Grafton
R.E.Kt. S. C. L. Middleton, Provincial Prior for East Anglia
R.E.Kt. G. F. Redman
R.E.Kt. C. G. Maiden
R.E.Kt. S. J. Wyer
R.E.Kt. P. G. W. France
R.E.Kt. R. S. Edgar, Provincial Prior for Gloucestershire
R.E.Kt. A. T. Lapsley
R.E.Kt. V. Thomas, *JP*
R.E.Kt. M. C. Fox

PROVINCIAL PRIORS

R.E.Kt. A. J. Helliar Provincial Prior for Essex
R.E.Kt. M. F. Bilton Provincial Prior for Lincolnshire
R.E.Kt. W. J. T. Pratt Provincial Prior for Sussex
R.E.Kt. A. J. Padmore Provincial Prior for Leicestershire and Rutland
R.E.Kt. R. E. Dixon Provincial Prior for Warwickshire
R.E.Kt. J. Roberts Provincial Prior for Middlesex
R.E.Kt. P. P. Crossan Provincial Prior for Surrey
R.E.Kt. D. Jordan Provincial Prior for Kent
R.E.Kt. Dr P. R. Calderwood, *JP* Provincial Prior for Monmouth and South Wales
R.E.Kt. R. Scott Provincial Prior for Durham
R.E.Kt. G. Hutchinson Provincial Prior for Derbyshire
R.E.Kt. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, *RD, JP* Provincial Prior for Hampshire and Isle of Wight
R.E.Kt. B. B. Shegar Provincial Prior for South East Asia
R.E.Kt. L. E. Bourne, *JP* Provincial Prior for Worcestershire
R.E.Kt. R. C. Wortley Provincial Prior for Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford
R.E.Kt. K. P. Stannard Provincial Prior for Northumberland
R.E.Kt. D. J. Thompson Provincial Prior for London
R.E.Kt. F. R. Thomas Provincial Prior for Devonshire and Cornwall
R.E.Kt. D. W. Phillips Provincial Prior for Staffordshire and Shropshire
R.E.Kt. G. J. McGowan-Smyth Provincial Prior for Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Bucks.
R.E.Kt. D. J. Crossley Provincial Prior for Nottinghamshire
R.E.Kt. H. R. Lenton Provincial Prior for West Yorkshire
R.E.Kt. R. F. Micklefield Provincial Prior for Dorset and Wiltshire
R.E.Kt. A. D. White Provincial Prior for Hertfordshire
R.E.Kt. A. Rosengren Provincial Prior for City and County of Bristol
R.E.Kt. A. Pierce Provincial Prior for Cheshire and North Wales
R.E.Kt. C. Birkbeck Provincial Prior for East Anglia

PAST PROVINCIAL PRIORS

R.E.Kt. D. F. Coombes, Hampshire and Isle of Wight (2013–2017)
R.E.Kt. J. W. Cave, Dorset and Wiltshire (2013–2020)

GREAT OFFICERS

V.E.Kt. The Revd M. C. G. Lane, *JP*, K.C.T. Great Prelate
R.E.Kt. His Hon. I. D. G. Alexander, *QC*, G.C.T. Great Chancellor
V.E.Kt. The Rt Hon. Viscount S. H. M. Gough 1st Great Constable
V.E.Kt. G. E. Bonham 2nd Great Constable
R.E.Kt. J. N. G. Howitt, K.C.T. Great Treasurer
V.E.Kt. F. Johnston Great Registrar
R.E.Kt. J. C. Whitaker, *JP*, K.C.T. President of the Grand Master's Council
R.E.Kt. R. A. Williams, K.C.T. Great Vice-Chancellor
R.E.Kt. T. J. Wheeler, K.C.T. Great Marshal
E.Kt. F. J. Fowle, *JP* Deputy Great Marshal

E.Kt. C. D. Davies	Deputy Great Marshal
E.Kt. K. T. D'Souza	Deputy Great Marshal
E.Kt. Revd Dr S. A. Thorn	Great Almoner
E.Kt. D. Tuke	Great Herald
E.Kt. J. L. Webster	Great Herald
E.Kt. G. D. Seeman	Great Standard Bearer (B.)
E.Kt. A. C. Rusby, P.Gt.A.-de-C.	as Great Standard Bearer (V.B.)
E.Kt. G. P. A. Morrice	Grand Master's Banner Bearer
E.Kt. P. A. Baker	Great Sword Bearer
E.Kt. Revd A. N. Johnston	Deputy Great Almoner
E.Kt. D. M. Heath	Assistant Great Vice-Chancellor
E.Kt. M. A. Thornton	Deputy Great Sword Bearer
E.Kt. B. Ludford	Great Aide-de-Camp
E.Kt. K. M. Evans	Great Aide-de-Camp
E.Kt. K. R. Bessent	Great Aide-de-Camp
E.Kt. D. G. Hiscock, P.Gt.A.-de-C.	as Great Aide-de-Camp
E.Kt. H. A. Busby	Great Warden of Regalia
E.Kt. P. H. Taaffe	Great Chamberlain
E.Kt. C. A. G. Cunningham	Great Captain of Guards
E.Kt. A. J. Lloyd	Great Captain of Guards
E.Kt. M. Rizzardi, P.Gt.Her.	Great Organist
E.Kt. A. T. Morris, P.Gt.W. of R.	Deputy Great Organist

MALTA DELEGATION

R.E.Kt. J. C. Whitaker, <i>JP</i> , K.C.T.	Great Prior of Malta
V.E.Kt. S. J. Warwick, P.G.Reg.	Great Sub-Prior of Malta
V.E.Kt. M. F. H. Levick, P.Gt.Reg.	Prov.Vice-Chan., Lincolnshire
E.Kt. T. M. O'Neill, P.Gt.Her.	Prov.Vice-Chan., Middlesex
E.Kt. R. Laxton, P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B.	Prov.Vice-Chan., Northants, Hunt & Beds.
E.Kt. N. E. Williams, P.Gt.W. of R.	Prov.Vice-Chan., Monmouth & South Wales
E.Kt. D. L. Armstrong	Prov.Vice-Chan., Northumberland
E.Kt. J. Reynolds	Prov.Vice-Chan., Leicestershire & Rutland

KNIGHTS FROM OVERSEAS

SOUTH EAST ASIA

E.Kt. J. G. Bones, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)
E.Kt. I. D. Banks, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)
E.Kt. Lt Col. R. A. Stuart
E.Kt. P. P. Subramaniam
Kt. Y. H. M. Lim

FAR EAST

E.Kt. R. W. Bull, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

UNATTACHED PRECEPTORIES

Observance Preceptory No. 111 – India

E.Kt. K. J. Kuruvilla

St George of Guernsey Preceptory No. 491 – Channel Islands

E.Kt. C. R. Wood, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

St German's Preceptory of Mann No. 498 – Isle of Mann

E.Kt. A. F. Downie, <i>OBE</i>

Waller Rodwell Wright Preceptory No. 640 – Malta

E.Kt. J. D. Campbell

The Karnataka Preceptory and Priory No. 696 – India

E.Kt. V. Mathews

DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GREAT PRIORIES

GREAT PRIORY OF SCOTLAND

M.E. & Revd Grand Master, J. S. Woods, G.C.T.
R.E.Kt. I. H. Duncan, K.C.T., Grand Secretary

GREAT PRIORY OF GREECE

M.E. & Revd. Grand Master, A. Spyropoulos, G.C.T.

GRAND PRIORY OF GERMANY

V.E.Kt. N. W. Schoen, Grand Secretary

GRAND PRIORY OF FINLAND

R.E. Great Seneschal, Revd. V. S. Lehmuskallio, G.C.T.

GREAT PRIORY OF FRANCE

M.E. & S. Grand Master, C. H. J-P. Bonzi, G.C.T.
R.E.Kt. J-P. Dupinay, K.C.T. Great Chancellor
V.E.Kt. B. Wakim, Great Marshal of Honour
V.E.Kt. R. Barham, Second Grand Connétable (Hon.)
V.E.Kt. A. Guest, Great Chamberlain of Honour

GREAT PRIORY OF NETHERLANDS

M.E. & S.Kt. A. G. M. (Loek) Captijn, G.C.T., Grand Master
M.E. & S.Kt. J. Hansen, Past Grand Master
R.E.Kt. F. C. J. Poot, K.C.T., Great Seneschal
R.E.Kt. J. C. Kant, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor

GREAT PRIORY OF BELGIUM

R.Revd.Kt. D. A. Hope, Assistant Great Prior
R.Revd.Kt. K. R. Stevens, Prefect of Ypres

A number of Past Great Officers, Present and Past Preceptors, and Knights were also in attendance.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

The Arch of Steel having been formed, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, attended by Great Officers, entered and ascended the Throne.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master addressed the Brethren assembled:

'Brother Knights, many of you will be aware that last Saturday, M.E. & S.Kt. Timothy John Lewis, Past Grand Master, Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, heard and obeyed the Great Captain's word of command, following a long period of ill health. His last appearance at Great Priory was five years ago in 2017, when he courageously attended to install me. His services to this Order and to Freemasonry in general were immense and I know he will be remembered with great affection and respect in Preceptories throughout the world.'

Under direction from the Great Marshal, the Knights assembled reversed swords and the Great Prelate lead them in Prayer.

2. MUSTER ROLL

The Great Registrar called the Muster Roll.

3. MINUTES

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master reported that the Chapter of Great Priory scheduled to have been held on Wednesday, 19 May 2021, had been abandoned due to the general suspension of all Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, there were no Minutes to approve.

4. **REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL**
The Report of the Grand Master's Council, as printed in **Appendix A** of the Summons, was taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. **REPORT OF THE GREAT TREASURER**
The Great Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021, as printed in **Appendix B** of the Summons.
6. **AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**
The amendments, as printed in **Appendix D** of the Summons, were proposed by the President of the Grand Master's Council, seconded by the Great Chancellor and approved.
7. **ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION THE MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER**
The Great Seneschal proposed that Paul Raymond Clement be re-elected Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master. This was seconded by the First Great Constable and carried with acclamation by the Brother Knights. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was then proclaimed by the Great 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; 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; Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City and Grand Mareschal of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Deputy 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 Master and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, etc, etc, etc, has this day been elected and installed Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master 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; whom may the Most High long preserve.
The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. The Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master returned thanks.
8. **APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE VERY HIGH AND RIGHT EMINENT GREAT SENESCHAL**
The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master announced that he had reappointed Andrew Christopher Rainbow, G.C.T., as Great Seneschal for the ensuing year. The Great Herald then proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that ANDREW CHRISTOPHER RAINBOW, Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas; Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st 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 Banner Bearer in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal 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; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. The Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal returned thanks.

9. APPOINTMENT, INVESTITURE AND PROCLAMATION OF KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE UNITED ORDERS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master announced that he had been pleased to appoint R.E.Kt. Anthony John Helliard, Provincial Prior for Essex, and R.E.Kt. Malcolm Frederick Bilton, Provincial Prior for Lincolnshire, to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander. The Knights were conducted to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, to whom they paid homage. They were then invested as Knights Commander of the United Orders and presented with their patents of appointment. The newly invested Knights Commander of the United Orders were proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that ANTHONY JOHN HELLIARD, Past Senior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner 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; Past Grand Prefect 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 Junior Deacon in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Provincial Prior for Essex;

And that MALCOLM FREDERICK BILTON, Bachelor of Science of the University of Leeds; Past Grand Standard 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; 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 (Labarum) 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; Provincial Prior for Lincolnshire, etc, etc, have this day been appointed, obligated and invested as Knights Commander of the United Orders 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; whom may the Most High long preserve.

The Knights Commander of the United Orders were saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. R.E.Kt. Helliard, K.C.T., returned thanks.

10. ELECTION OF THE GREAT TREASURER

On the proposition of the President of the Grand Master’s Council, seconded by the Great Vice-Chancellor and carried unanimously by the Knights present, R.E.Kt. John Norman George Howitt, K.C.T., was elected as Great Treasurer for the ensuing year.

11. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF GREAT OFFICERS

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced that the following Knights had been appointed to Great Rank by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, who invested those present.

GREAT OFFICERS 2022/2023

Great Prelate	Revd Fr Malcolm Clifford George Lane, <i>JP</i> , K.C.T.
Great Chancellor	His Hon. Ian Douglas Gavin Alexander, <i>QC</i> , G.C.T.
First Great Constable	Guy David Alsager Elgood
Second Great Constable	Glyn Rymond Goddard
Great Treasurer	John Norman George Howitt, K.C.T.
Great Registrar	Raymond Stanley Henry Hussey
President Grand Master’s Council.....	Jonathan Charles Whitaker, <i>JP</i> , K.C.T.
Great Vice-Chancellor	Ryan Andrew Williams, K.C.T.
Great Marshal.....	Timothy John Wheeler, K.C.T.
Deputy Great Marshals	Carl Douglas Davies Kenneth Thomas D’Souza Kelvin Alan Gane
Great Almoner	Revd Dr Simon Alexander Thorn
Great Heralds	Charles Martin Wilson Charles Roger Wood
Great Standard Bearer (B.)	David Edward Henry Adams
Great Standard Bearer (V.B.)	Michael Vincent Eckley
Grand Master’s Banner Bearer	Norman John Playford
Great Sword Bearer	Paul Anthony Eustace
Deputy Great Almoner.....	Revd Allen Niall Johnston
Assistant Great Vice-Chancellor	Daniel Mark Heath
Deputy Great Sword Bearer	Robert James Ingham Clark, <i>CStJ</i>
Great Aides-de-Camp.....	Peter Redvers Doust Graham Keith Jeffery Stephen Neil Pope Stuart Frank Morgan
Great Warden of Regalia.....	Alan Howitt
Great Chamberlain	Stephen John Smith
Great Captains of Guards	Angus James Rhodes William Herbert Winter
Great Organist.....	Mario Rizzardi, P.Gt.Her.
Deputy Great Organist	Andrew Timothy Morris, P.Gt.W. of R.
Great Guard	<i>vacant</i>

PROMOTIONS

Past Second Great Constable
William Jack Hagger

Past Great Registrar
Richard Edmund Aldridge, *JP*
Michael John Bartels
Richard Neil Bedells
David Francis Court
Leslie Roy Dear
Christopher Wenham Eley
Keith Leslie Florence
Leslie Harry Fox

Steven Groeger
David Hubbard
John Kerslake
John Bedford Linley
Gavin Thomas O’Sullivan
Victor Barry Topliss
Brian Edward Wisbey

Past Great Almoner Revd Ronald Anthony Miller	Revd Howard Thomas Pashley
Past Great Herald	
David William Abbott	Raymond William Hudson
Stephen James Allen	Derek Mersh
Philip James Bates	Graham John Miles
Ian Stuart Davies	Leonard John Millings
Alexander Frank Downie, <i>OBE</i>	Michael Riley
John Michael Elmort	Robert Elliot Warren
Brian John Ffrench	James Douglas Watson
Jose Luiz Gambarini	Mervyn Frank Wilson
Ian William Grundy	George Barry Winter
Daniel Mark Heath	
Past Great Standard Bearer (B.)	
Clifford David Earp	Allan Robin Young
Glyn David Evans	
Past Great Standard Bearer (V.B.)	
Malcolm George Fisher, <i>OStJ</i>	Ian William Greenwood
David William Kenneth Ford	
Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer	
John William Anthony White	Ronald Maurice Wray
Nigel Edward Williams	

PAST RANKS (FIRST APPOINTMENTS)

Past Great Herald	
Alasdair James Ross	
Past Great Standard Bearer (B)	
Brian Francis McDermott	
Past Deputy Great Almoner	
Paul Andrew Christodoulou	The Revd Paul Philip Paterson
Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer	
David Leslie Armstrong	Flemming Vitus
Richard Evan Jones	
Past Great Aide-de-Camp	
Michael Harry Andrews	Varghese Mathews
Clive Albert Best	Dean Brian Moore
Carl Wilshire Zachary Bethel, <i>QC</i>	Martin Murray
Stuart Marshall Burrell	Louwrens Nieuwoudt
Angus Donald Cameron	Graham Charles Penn
John David Campbell	Stephen Roberts
Anthony Ronald Chaplin	Colin Sansom
Geoffrey George Cheshire	Barrie Stuart Sant
Jeffrey Cunningham	Terence Douglas Sheern
Stuart Barker Dick	Antony Quentin Marcus Sidoli
Geoffrey Downs	Michael Scott Smith
Trevor Clive Gray	Selby Snaith
Raymond John Greatbatch	David Sodey
Michael Rupert Hall	Reginald David Spicer
Harry Hambleton	Charles William John Tassell
Derek James Hemfrey	Geoffrey Michael Watkins
Christopher Howard Jones	Brian Colin Wright
Rory Jesse Jones	

Past Great Warden of Regalia

John Acton
Diego Ricardo Canto
Dr Luciano D'Alessandro
Peter Robert Greenhalgh Dudney
John Charles Foster
Brian James Foulkes

Roger Garrett
David Greenhalgh
Keerikattu John Kuruvilla
John Liddle
James Henry Smith
Paul Pararajasingam Subramaniam

Past Great Chamberlain

Paul Aspinall
Anthony Brian Clapham
Neil Kenneth Hougham
David Hudson

Graham David Hurst
Jacob Su Yin Pang
Barry William Slade
Phillip Andrew Wightman

Past Great Captain of Guards

Michael John Lewis
John Moya

Kenneth Thomas Rowlatt

12. APPOINTMENTS TO THE APPEALS PANEL

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced that the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master had appointed the following Knights to serve on the Appeals Panel from which he may constitute Appeals Courts:

R.E.Kt. B. F. Page, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. Revd M. C. G. Lane, *JP*, K.C.T., Great Prelate
R.E.Kt. Dr V. Thomas, *JP*, K.C.T.
V.E.Kt. D. B. Morris, P.Gt.Reg.

13. ELECTIONS TO THE APPEALS PANEL

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced that the following Knights had been nominated for election to the Appeals Panel from which the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master may constitute Appeals Courts:

R.E.Kt. G. F. Redman, K.C.T.
V.E.Kt. R. L. Gan, *JP*, P.1st Gt.Con.
V.E.Kt. N. A. B. Grout, P.2nd Gt.Con.
V.E.Kt. R. S. H. Hussey, Gt.Reg.

There being no other nominations and only four vacancies, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master declared those four Knights duly elected.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced that the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master had appointed the following Knights to serve on the Grand Master's Council:

R.E.Kt. J. M. Beard, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. G. L. Perkins, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. P. M. Collins, *JP*, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. W. J. T. Pratt, Prov.Prior for Sussex

15. ELECTIONS TO THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

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

V.H. & R.E.Kt. M. E. Slater, *OStJ*, G.C.T., P.Gt.Sen.
R.E.Kt. B. D. Burrige, K.C.T., Prov.Prior for Somerset
R.E.Kt. Dr P. R. Calderwood, *JP*, Prov.Prior for Monmouth and South Wales

There being no other nominations and only three vacancies, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master declared these three Knights duly elected.

16. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

On the proposition of the President of the Grand Master's Council, seconded by the Great Vice-Chancellor and carried unanimously by the Knights present, Messrs Crowe U.K. LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, were elected as auditors to Great Priory for the financial year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

17. APPOINTMENT OF COMMANDER AND DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE GRAND MASTER'S BODYGUARD

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced that the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint E.Kt. Mark Adrian Winchester, P.Gt.A.-de-C., as Commander, and E.Kt. Adam William Lancashire, P.Gt.A.-de-C., as Deputy Commander of the Bodyguard.

The Great Marshal conducted E.Kt. Winchester and E.Kt. Lancashire to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master who received and congratulated them.

18. THE MOST EMINENT AND SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master addressed Great Priory as follows:

Brother Knights, first of all allow me to welcome you all to this Chapter of Great Priory. From this vantage point, it's a wonderful sight to gaze upon. I do thank you all for the support you have given to this meeting. It's so much appreciated by all, particularly those Brother Knights receiving appointments and promotions, and I know that you are all as delighted as I am that we have progressed sufficiently throughout the past year to allow a gathering such as this to happen. There is no real substitute for a face-to-face meeting, and I am so grateful for this opportunity to meet with so many Brother Knights from England, Wales, Scotland and overseas.

These occasions are really all about those Brother Knights being invested with their new ranks. To the newly appointed and promoted Great Officers, I say well done and thank you for all you do in your Provinces and your Preceptories to ensure our Christian Brotherhood continues to be an integral part of our Masonic lives. I am confident that your new ranks will lead to even greater dedication to those duties which have led to your preferment today. We look to you and, indeed, all Brother Knights to be active in recruiting good and worthy Royal Arch Masons to become part of our Order, but on no account to relax any of the standards and principles which have been the backbone of our brotherhood throughout the centuries and are as relevant today as they have always been.

Earlier in the proceedings, we have seen two of our Brother Knights, R.E.Kt. John Helliard and R.E.Kt. Malcolm Bilton being raised to the exalted dignity of Knight Commander of the United Orders. The Statutes clearly state that these appointments form part of my exclusive prerogative, but I am confident that the decision to promote these Brother Knights has met with the approval of everyone, and especially the Knights of the Provinces of Essex and Lincolnshire. We all wish you, John and Malcolm, good health and fortune for many years to come in enjoying your new ranks.

This leads me into thanking all our Provincial Priors for everything they have done within their provinces over the past two years to ensure that our Order has emerged, albeit marginally leaner, but as fit as ever, from the depths of the pandemic. You have all been heroes and have done a great service to the Order and to your Brother Knights.

I broke with tradition last November at our Malta meeting and welcomed those Provincial Priors who had been placed in office up to that day and who were attending Great Priory for the first time as Provincial Priors. Since then, I have installed a further two: at Bury St Edmunds on 27 November last year, I installed R.E.Kt. Colin Birkbeck into charge of East Anglia; and only last Saturday, at Cirencester, I placed R.E.Kt. Peter Burrows in the chair of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. I know we all wish these two Brother Knights well for the future and every success in their provinces.

As always, I will bring you up to date with events concerning the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. This year marks not only the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Hospital, but also the centenary of its re-opening after World War I, when Great Priory provided approximately one-quarter of the funding needed for that re-opening. There will shortly be a published history to mark this event. Thankfully, services at the Hospital and its satellites are almost back to normal with 134,000 patients treated in 2021 and 6,500 major eye operations having been performed.

I can now tell you that your amazing response to the **20 for 2020** appeal, although seriously hit by the onset of the pandemic, has produced this cheque for £80,677, and which I would now, on your behalf, have great pleasure in presenting to E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark, *CStJ*, our new Deputy Great Sword Bearer, who is a trustee of the Hospital.

It is now my great pleasure to welcome our distinguished guests from sister Great Pories and our own Brother Knights from overseas. As usual, I ask you to refrain from applauding until I have completed the list.

From the Great Priory of Scotland, M.E. & Revd.Fr. Stewart Woods, G.C.T., Grand Master, and R.E.Kt.Fr. Ian Duncan, K.C.T., Grand Secretary;

From the Great Priory of Greece, M.E. & Rev.Kt. Andreas Spyropoulos, G.C.T., Grand Master;

From the Great Priory of Germany, V.E.Br.Kt. Norbert Schoen, Grand Secretary;

From the Great Priory of Finland, R.E.Kt. Revd Sakari Lehmuskallio, G.C.T., Great Seneschal;

From the Great Priory of France, M.E.& S.Kt. Christian Bonzi, G.C.T., Grand Master; R.E.Kt. Jean-Paul Dupinay, K.C.T., Great Chancellor; V.E.Kt. Bernard Wakim, Great Marshal of Honour; V.E.Kt. Ronald Barham, Second Grand Connétable (Hon); and V.E.Kt. Alan Guest, Great Chamberlain of Honour;

From the Great Priory of The Netherlands, M.E & S.Kt. Loek Captijn, G.C.T., Grand Master, and R.E.Kt. Frank Poot, K.C.T., Great Seneschal;

And from the Great Priory of Belgium and its Prefectures in Australia, R.E.Kt. David Hope, Assistant Grand Prior, and E.Kt. Keith Richard Stevens, Prefect of Ypres.

From within our own Constitution, we welcome:

From South East Asia, R.E.Kt. Brian Balakrishnan Shegar, Provincial Prior; E.Kt. Paul Pararajasingam Subramaniam, P.Gt.W. of R. – a recipient today; E.Kt. Ian Banks, P.Gt.St.B.(B.); E.Kt. John Graham Bones, P.Gt.St.B.(B.); E.Kt. Lt Col. Russell Alexander Stuart; and Kt. Yu Hui Marshall Lim;

From the Far East, E.Kt. Robert W. Bull, P.Gt.A.-de-C.;

And from Waller Rodwell Wright Preceptory No. 640, E.Kt. John David Campbell, P.Gt.A.-de-C. – also a recipient today.

Brother Knights, I hope I haven't left anyone out, but, if I have, a very special welcome to them also. Now is your opportunity to show these Brother Knights how pleased we are to have them with us today.

One of the hallmarks of English Freemasonry is the fact that all our Orders work in harmony together for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and I am aware that just about all our Orders are well represented today. I'm going to err on the side of caution and welcome the Heads of Orders present. Again, please curtail your enthusiasm until I have finished introducing them:

R.E.Kt. Michael Edward Herbert, G.C.T. – Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City;

R.E.Kt. Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.T. – Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine;

R.E.Kt. Kessick John Jones, K.C.T. – Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters;

R.E.Kt. Thomas Firth Jackson, K.C.T. – Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees;
R.E.Kt. Andrew Sweeney, K.C.T. – Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor;

R.E.Kt. Christopher Maiden, K.C.T. – Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom;

V.E.Kt. Guy Elgood, 1st Gt.Con. – Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and E.Kt. Revd Dr Simon Thorn, Gt Alm. – Grand Prior;

E.Kt. Ian Currans, P.Gt.Her. – Grand Summus of the Order of the Scarlet Cord;

E.Kt. Anthony Llewellyn, P.Gt.Her. – Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia;

E.Kt. Dr Paul Mycock, P.Prov.A.-de-C. – First Grand Master Mason of the Worshipful Society of Operative Freemasons.

Again, Brother Knights, it's such a joy to have them all with us, so please join me in showing our appreciation.

I wish to extend my personal thanks go the Great Vice-Chancellor and the staff at the Chancery in St James's Street, not only for administration in relation to today's meeting but, on your behalf, the tremendous efforts they have made in keeping all our Orders alive and healthy during the most challenging period Freemasonry has ever encountered. I pay tribute to the Great Marshal and all who assist him, and I do make special mention of the Grand Master's Bodyguard, without whom Great Priory would not be the splendid event it always is. Also to E.Kt. John Vasquez and those here at Freemasons' Hall, who make us feel so welcome and assist in the smooth running of the day.

Brother Knights, as we all know, the months that lie ahead are going to be exceptionally busy. To mark the 175th anniversary of the province of Somerset, a family service is being arranged at Wells Cathedral on Saturday, 24 September this year. Further details will be issued by the Chancery in the next few weeks, as arrangements with the Cathedral are finalised.

Also, I am reliably informed that preceptories in many provinces have a number of candidates to install and there would appear to be a strong interest in our Order. What a golden opportunity we have to rebuild our strength and to impress the candidates that we are privileged to introduce to our ranks by the quality of our ceremonies. Let us all take this message back to our preceptories and all play our part in ensuring that this is always the case. I am confident that together we can continue to attract Christian Royal Arch Freemasons into our wonderful Order, thus securing our future and giving them the opportunity of practising those precepts which we are just about to listen to.

I thank you all for your attendance today and I trust that you, your families and loved ones, will stay safe and well until we meet again.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Great Vice-Chancellor reported that he had no other formal business.

20. ALMS

During the singing of the Templars' Hymn, alms amounting to £2190.93 were collected for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.

21. CLOSING

The Chapter of Great Priory was closed.