

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, 17 May 2023

A.L. 6023, A.D. 2023, A.O. 905

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

KNIGHTS COMMANDER

R.E.Kt. A. J. Englefield
R.E.Kt. J. M. Beard
R.E.Kt. T. C. Gulliver
R.E.Kt. G. L. Perkins
R.E.Kt. K. J. Jones
R.E.Kt. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, *RD, MStJ*
R.E.Kt. T. F. Jackson
R.E.Kt. D. H. Gallear, Provincial Prior for Lancashire
R.E.Kt. J. R. Paternoster
R.E.Kt. R. E. Cochrane

R.E.Kt. S. C. L. Middleton, Provincial Prior for East Anglia
R.E.Kt. C. G. Maiden
R.E.Kt. G. F. Redman
R.E.Kt. S. J. Wyer
R.E.Kt. Dr V. Thomas, *JP*
R.E.Kt. R. S. Edgar
R.E.Kt. A. T. Lapsley
R.E.Kt. A. J. Hellier
R.E.Kt. M. F. Bilton, Provincial Prior for Lincolnshire
R.E.Kt. D. F. Coombes
R.E.Kt. W. J. T. Pratt

PROVINCIAL PRIORS

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. StannardProvincial 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. T. G. Dillon..... Provincial Prior for North and East Yorkshire
R.E.Kt. R. F. Micklefield Provincial Prior for Dorset and Wiltshire
R.E.Kt. A. D. WhiteProvincial Prior for Hertfordshire
R.E.Kt. A. Rosengren Provincial Prior for City and County of Bristol
R.E.Kt. A. Pierce, *JP*..... Provincial Prior for Cheshire and North Wales
R.E.Kt. C. Birkbeck.....Provincial Prior for East Anglia
R.E.Kt. P. BurrowsProvincial Prior for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
R.E.Kt. C. DannProvincial Prior for Sussex
R.E.Kt. P. J. Davis Provincial Prior for Somerset
R.E.Kt. R. L. SmithProvincial Prior for Essex

GREAT OFFICERS

R.E.Kt. The Revd M. C. G. Lane, *JP, K.C.T.*Great Prelate
R.E.Kt. His Hon. I. D. G. Alexander, *KC, G.C.T.*..... Great Chancellor
V.E.Kt. Lt Col. J. C. Chambers, P.1st Gt.Con..... as 1st Great Constable
V.E.Kt. G. R. Goddard.....2nd Great Constable
V.E.Kt. R. S. H. Hussey..... 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, *OSTJ, K.C.T.*Great Vice-Chancellor
R.E.Kt. T. J. Wheeler, *K.C.T.*..... Great Marshal
E.Kt. K. T. D'Souza..... Deputy Great Marshal

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| E.Kt. K. A. Gane | Deputy Great Marshal |
| E.Kt. Revd Dr S. A. Thorn | Great Almoner |
| E.Kt. C. M. Wilson | Great Herald |
| E.Kt. C. R. Wood | Great Herald |
| E.Kt. D. E. H. Adams | Great Standard Bearer (B.) |
| E.Kt. M. V. Eckley | Great Standard Bearer (V.B.) |
| E.Kt. N. J. Playford | Grand Master's Banner Bearer |
| E.Kt. P. A. Eustace | Great Sword Bearer |
| E.Kt. Revd A. N. Johnston | Deputy Great Almoner |
| E.Kt. D. M. Heath, P.G.Her. | Assistant Great Vice-Chancellor |
| E.Kt. R. J. Ingham Clark, <i>CStJ</i> | Deputy Great Sword Bearer |
| E.Kt. P. R. Doust | Great Aide-de-Camp |
| E.Kt. G. K. Jeffery | Great Aide-de-Camp |
| E.Kt. S. F. Morgan | Great Aide-de-Camp |
| E.Kt. A. Howitt | Great Warden of Regalia |
| E.Kt. S. J. Smith | Great Chamberlain |
| E.Kt. A. J. Rhodes | Great Captain of Guards |
| E.Kt. W. H. Winter | 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

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| 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. G. E. Bonham, P.2nd Gt.Con. | P.Gt.Lt.Gen. |
| E.Kt. T. Sloan, P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B. | |
| E.Kt. J. W. A. White, P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B. | Prov.Vice-Chan. Derbyshire |
| E.Kt. Dr M. A. J. Godfrey, P.Gt.A.-de-C. | Prov.Vice-Chan., Surrey |
| E.Kt. A. Gilston, P.Gt.Her. | Prov.Vice-Chan., West Yorkshire |
| E.Kt. A. J. Lloyd, P.Gt.Capt.Gds. | Prov.Vice-Chan., Cheshire and North Wales |
| E.Kt. C.M. Smith, P.Gt.W. of R. | Prov.Vice-Chan., Essex |

KNIGHTS FROM OVERSEAS

SOUTH EAST ASIA

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| E.Kt. J. G. Bones, P.Gt.St.B.(B.) |
| E.Kt. Dr B. K. Khoo, P.Gt.A.-de-C. |
| E.Kt. Capt Dr. J. C. P, Brown, P.Gt.A.-de-C. |
| E.Kt. C. T. Lou |
| E.Kt. Lt Col. R. A. Stuart |
| E.Kt. C. H. Moore |
| Kt. K. D. Howard |
| Kt. L. E. Ruehlmann |

THE TRANSVAAL

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| E.Kt. D. J. Gamble, P.Gt.Her. |
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UNATTACHED PRECEPTORIES

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| Kt. K. Andreou – Kolossi Preceptory No. 684 (Cyprus) |
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DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GREAT PRIORIES AND GRAND LODGES

GREAT PRIORY OF IRELAND

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| V.H. & E.Kt. Dr. M. Costello, G.C.T., Great Seneschal |
| V.E.Kt. B. O'Byrne, K.C.T., Great Chancellor |
| E.Kt. G. Allen, Great Vice-Chancellor (designate) |

GREAT PRIORY OF SCOTLAND

M.E. & Revd Grand Master, J. S. Woods, G.C.T.
R.E.Kt. R. J. Simpson, K.C.T., Grand Constable
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.
V.E.Kt. O. Dimosthenous, Great Treasurer
V.E.Kt. D. Zografos, Great Vice-Chancellor
V.E.Kt. N. Lignos, Great Marshal
Kt. D. Panagakos

GREAT PRIORY OF GERMANY

M.E.Kt. R. Mackenzie, Grand Master, G.C.T.
V.E.Kt. N. W. Schoen, Grand Secretary

GREAT PRIORY OF FINLAND

M.E. & Revd Grand Master, V. S. Lehmuskallio, G.C.T.
E.Kt. P. O. Ahonen, K.C.T., Great Marshal

GREAT PRIORY OF SPAIN

V.H & R.E.Kt. K. Halliwell, Great Seneschal
R.E.Kt. K. Alcock, Great Prior of Malta
E.Kt. G. J. Sandlan, *Cmdr*, GM.B.G.

GREAT PRIORY OF FRANCE

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 ITALY

M.E. & S.Kt. Grand Master, A. Fisco, G.C.T.
R.E.Kt. F. Florian, Grand Seneschal

GREAT PRIORY OF BENIN

M.E. & S.Kt. D. M. J. M. Doyen, G.C.T., Honorary Grand Master
R.E.Kt. G. Sodogandji, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor

GREAT PRIORY OF NETHERLANDS

V.H. & R.E.Kt. F. C. J. Poot, G.C.T., Great Seneschal
R.E.Kt. J. C. Kant, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor

GREAT PRIORY OF PERU

M.E. & S.Kt. Grand Master, J. H. Ortega-Carrasco, G.C.T.
E.Kt. J. E. Lopez-Machiavello, G.C.T., Grand Seneschal

GRAND LAND LODGE OF FREEMASONS OF GERMANY

M.W.Bro. C. Bosbach, Past Grand Master

ORDER OF KNIGHTS FREEMASONS OF ROMANIA

The Most Wise Bro. Grand Master, V. Popa
The Very Illuminate Bro. C. T. Ungar, Great Secretary

GRAND PRIORIES OF CBCS IN AMITY

GREAT PRIORY OF BELGIUM AND ITS PREFECTURES IN AUSTRALIA

R.Revd.Kt. D. A. Hope, Assistant Great Prior
R.Revd.Kt. P. Layton, Grand Director of Ceremonies
Revd.Kt. K. R. Stevens, Prefect of Ypres

VISITORS FROM ABROAD (MEMBERS OF UK PROVINCES)

E.Kt. Chief M. O. Taiga – Nigeria

Kt. A. N. Johnston, Deputy Great Almoner – Ireland

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.

2. MUSTER ROLL

The Great Registrar called the Muster Roll.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Chapter of Great Priory held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022, which had been circulated with the summons for the meeting, were taken as read, approved and confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The Report of the Grand Master's Council, which had been printed as **Appendix A** of the Summons, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. REPORT OF THE GREAT TREASURER

In the absence of the Great Treasurer, the Great Vice-Chancellor presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022, which had been printed as **Appendix C** of the Summons.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The proposed amendments, which had been printed as **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; Assistant Grand Sword Bearer of 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 Almoner in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Great Seneschal and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, etc., etc., etc., has this day been re-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 GRAND CROSS OF THE UNITED ORDERS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master announced that he had been pleased to appoint R.E.Kt. Ryan Andrew Williams, OS*tJ*, K.C.T., and R.E.Kt. Timothy John Wheeler, K.C.T., to the honour and dignity of Knight Grand Cross. The Knights were conducted to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, to whom they paid homage. They were then invested as Knights Grand Cross of the United Orders and presented with their patents of appointment. The newly invested Knights Grand Cross of the United Orders were proclaimed by the Great Heralds as follows:

Be it known that RYAN ANDREW WILLIAMS, Officer of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem; Freeman of the City of London; Past Junior 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 Warden in and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; 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; Knight Commander of Constantine and Grand Recorder 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 and Grand Recorder 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 Warden in and Grand Secretary of the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Guide in and Grand Recorder of 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 Grand Chancellor in and Grand Recorder of the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Holder of the VII Degree, Honoris Causa, in the Worshipful Society of Operative Freemasons; Knight Commander of the Priestly Orders, Knight of Holy Wisdom, and Past Grand Seventh Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Knight Commander of the Holy City and Grand Chancellor of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland; Knight Commander of the United Orders and Great Vice-Chancellor;

And that TIMOTHY JOHN WHEELER, Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex in the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Holder of London Grand Chapter Rank in the Metropolitan Grand Chapter of London in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Knight Commander of the United Orders and Great Marshal, etc, etc, have this day been appointed, obligated and invested as Knights Grand Cross 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 Grand Cross of the United Orders were saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. On behalf of himself and R.E.Kt. Timothy John Wheeler, R.E.Kt. Ryan Andrew Williams returned thanks.

10. 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. Adrian John Padmore, Provincial Prior for Leicestershire and Rutland, and R.E.Kt. Roger Edward Dixon, Provincial Prior for Warwickshire, to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander. The Knights were conducted to the Most Eminent & 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 ADRIAN JOHN PADMORE, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Physiology, with Honours, of University of Leeds; Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland in the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial First Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Leicestershire and Rutland in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas; Past Deputy Grand Herald in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Provincial Prior for Leicestershire and Rutland;

And that ROGER EDWARD DIXON, Bachelor of Arts in Law, with Honours, of City of Birmingham Polytechnic; Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire in the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Deputy Captain of Guard of Honour in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Provincial Prior for Warwickshire, 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. Padmore, K.C.T., returned thanks.

11. 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.

12. 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 2023/2024

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| Great Prelate..... | Revd Fr Malcolm Clifford George Lane, <i>JP</i> , K.C.T. |
| Great Chancellor..... | His Hon. Ian Douglas Gavin Alexander, <i>KC</i> , G.C.T. |
| First Great Constable..... | Steven John Warwick |
| Second Great Constable..... | Dr Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncrieff |
| Great Treasurer..... | John Norman George Howitt, K.C.T. |
| Great Registrar..... | Arthur Steven Varley |
| President Grand Master's Council..... | Jonathan Charles Whitaker, <i>JP</i> , K.C.T. |
| Great Vice-Chancellor..... | Ryan Andrew Williams, <i>OSTJ</i> , G.C.T. |
| Great Marshal..... | Timothy John Wheeler, G.C.T. |
| Deputy Great Vice-Chancellor..... | Daniel Mark Heath |
| Deputy Great Marshals..... | Kenneth Thomas D'Souza Kelvin Alan Gane Paul Courtenay Atkinson |
| Great Almoner..... | Revd Dr Simon Alexander Thorn |
| Great Heralds..... | Derek John Tadman Andrew Stephen Wilding |
| Great Standard Bearer (B.)..... | Maurice Edward Lound |
| Great Standard Bearer (V.B.)..... | Robin Shaw |
| Grand Master's Banner Bearer..... | Thomas Pearson Glendenning |
| Great Sword Bearer..... | Andrew Bodnar |
| Deputy Great Almoner..... | Revd Allen Niall Johnston |
| Deputy Great Sword Bearer..... | Richard Charles Axell |
| Great Aides-de-Camp..... | Graham Jeffries James Frederick Peter Mulligan John Howard Offord Sam Sammakia |
| Great Warden of Regalia..... | Thomas Francis Pearman |
| Great Chamberlain..... | Chi Tong Lou |
| Great Captains of Guards..... | Douglas John Ing Michael William Stillwell |
| Great Organist..... | Mario Rizzardi, P.Gt.Her. |
| Deputy Great Organist..... | Andrew Timothy Morris, P.Gt.W. of R. |
| Great Guard..... | Paul Busby |

PROMOTIONS

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| Past Great Prelate | |
| The Revd Timothy John Nicholas L'Estrange | |
| Past Second Great Constable | |
| Peter Thomas Coles | Timothy George Kelsey |
| Past Great Registrar | |
| William Bewick | Ian Malcolm Fothergill |
| Peter Brown | Simon Peter Gaskin |
| Michael Carter | Roger Stuart Mac |
| Stephen John Churchill | Anthony George Postle |
| Eugene Roderick Earland | Clive Robert Purdy |
| Roger Alfred William Farley | Roger Skinner |

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| Past Great Herald | |
| George Edgar Birchall | Russell Laxton |
| Tony Alan Bown | Philip Graham Marshall |
| Ian Douglas Brooks | Andrew Timothy Morris |
| Sqn Ldr Robert William Chevin | Andrew Timothy Ridsdale |
| Robert Frank Crundwell | John David Roberts |
| Roderick Francis Deane | Altair Salesio Rodrigues |
| Andrew Robert Arthur Duncan | Ian Christopher Satherley, <i>BEM</i> |
| David Ian Hargreaves | George Talbot Skuse |
| David Percy Langley Hodgetts, <i>OStJ</i> | Francis Charles Spencer |
| Peter John Mark Keaty | Pieter Jan Swinge |
| Ping Ki Albert Kwok | Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson |

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| Past Great Standard Bearer (B.) | |
| Stephen Neale Boden | Clive Ernest William Mildenhall |
| Michael Kevin Chalkley | Neville Rupert Miller |
| Roger Gordon Cheetham | David John Satchwell |
| Keith William Marshall | Dean Robert White |

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| Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer | |
| Brian Frank Amos | Lt Col. Brian George Carstens |

PAST RANKS (FIRST APPOINTMENTS)

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| Past Great Herald | |
| Dr Paul Mycock | Chief Moses Oghenerume Taiga |

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| Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer | |
| Colin Bainbridge | |

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| Past Great Aide-de-Camp | |
| Robert Michael Anderson | Bernard Michael Le Claire |
| Stephen Paul Attwood | Christopher John Macdonald |
| Anthony Peter Baker | Daniel James Sydney MacQueen |
| David St Helier Bisson | Anthony John Marston-Smith |
| Malcolm Kevin Booth | Bryan David McDonald |
| Dr Stephen Anthony Brooks | Robert Raymond Morgan |
| Mark Robert Constant | Paul MacDonald Muir |
| Roger Deacon | Julian Graham Nassau-Kennedy |
| David Dorward | Colin Alan Pope |
| Col. Simon D'Olier Duckworth, <i>OBE, DL</i> | Stephen Read |
| Vincent Fattorusso | Ralph George Ritchey |
| Terence Fitchett | Nicholas Ridley Robinson |
| Malcolm Gilbert Gates | Michael John Ross |
| Bruce Michael Goodman | Savvas Savva |
| Ian Stephen Gray | Richard William John Spicer |
| John Gordon Gready | Paul Douglas Swinge |
| David Mark Hann | Clive Benjamin Charles Taylor |
| David Bernard Hedges | Simon James Taylor |
| Brian David Horn | Hubert Andrew Warwick |
| Michael Allan Jacques | Adrian Oliver Wells |
| Thomas Richard Eirian Jones | |

Past Great Warden of Regalia

Robert Anthony Brown
Timothy Robert Clark
Raimundo Orlando Collado
Philip Edwards
John Robert Gilroy
Peter John Hancock
Michael George Hill
Michael Hopkins

Paul Stuart Jenkins
Vernon Edward King
John Walter Lawrence
Ivan Chin Seon Lee, *PBM*
Jack Love
Antony Craig Maurier
David John Oakley
Andrew William Stephens

Past Great Chamberlain

Arthur Charles Barker
Kenneth Alfred Bradley
Sylvester Le Roi Lorde, *JP*
Revd Leonard Edwin Moreton

Roger William Morss
Stuart John David Mowbray
Paul Reginald Savage
Colin Michael Wood

Past Great Captain of Guards

Roberley Carlos Polycarpo

John Ross Procter

13. 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. Revd M. C. G. Lane, *JP*, K.C.T., Great Prelate
R.E.Kt. Dr V. Thomas, *JP*, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. L. E. Bourne, *JP*, Prov.Prior for Worcestershire
V.E.Kt. D. B. Morris, P.Gt.Reg.

14. 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, P.Gt.Reg.

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

15. 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. W. J. T. Pratt, K.C.T.
R.E.Kt. R. Scott, Prov.Prior for Durham

16. 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. Dr P. R. Calderwood, *JP*, Prov.Prior for Monmouth and South Wales

R.E.Kt. G. Hutchinson, Prov.Prior for Derbyshire

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

17. 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 2023 to 31 August 2024.

18. 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.

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

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

Brother Knights, first a very warm and hearty welcome to everyone attending this Chapter of Great Priory today. It's a wonderful sight from where I am standing, believe me, and I feel we are so fortunate to be able to use and enjoy these palatial surroundings for our musters. The main focus of the proceedings of this meeting has been on rewarding those Brother Knights who were honoured with Great Priory ranks, and it was an absolute delight to be able to invest those present. This is your day of recognition and indeed celebration. Enjoy your new ranks in the satisfaction of feeling that they have been well earned and richly deserved. But, please consider your elevated station an encouragement to even greater services to your Provinces, your Preceptories, and to your fellow Brother Knights.

Statute 25 is my monition and constant reminder as to the exclusivity and high importance of the appointments of Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commander. Both Right Eminent Knights Ryan Williams and Tim Wheeler serve me and the Order on a daily basis and it was a great pleasure to be able to confer on them the honour and dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, in the hope that they will both be blessed with many more years to enjoy these new ranks and to continue to discharge the duties which they perform so admirably.

I have always been conscious of the debt of gratitude we owe to our Provincial Priors, for the expert and caring manner in which they tend to the needs of their Brother Knights in their respective Provinces. This has been particularly evident during the past three years and is undoubtedly one of several reasons that we have survived the trials and tribulations with which we have been faced in such a remarkable way. Today, it is my pleasure to have conferred the rank of Knight Commander of the United Orders on R.E.Kt. Adrian Padmore, Provincial Prior for Leicestershire and Rutland, and R.E.Kt. Roger Dixon for Warwickshire. I was present in 2014 when both these Right Eminent Knights were installed, and they both continue to serve their Provinces and their Brother Knights with great distinction. I am sure we wish them both well as they assume their new ranks.

Since we last met for Great Priory in November, in fact only last Thursday, I installed a new Provincial Prior for the Province of Essex, and it's a great pleasure to welcome R.E.Kt. Roger Langdon Smith at this meeting and offer him our congratulations. Also, if you read the report of the Grand Master's Council, you will have learned of the retirement of two of our longest serving Provincial Priors. R.E.Kt. Henry Malin Goonetilleke, who was appointed Provincial Prior for Sri Lanka in 2003, retired in November last year having served the Order faithfully for 19 years, and R.E.Kt. Prof. Edward Guy Charlesworth retired as Provincial Prior for The Transvaal after almost 17 years service. Along with R.E.Kt. John Helliarr from Essex, who has also recently retired, on your behalf, I thank them for their valuable service and wish them well in retirement from active office. I'm sure we all send our best wishes to our new Provincial Priors, R.E.Kt. Mahendra Kantilal Perera in Sri Lanka and R.E.Kt. Brian Francis McDermott in The Transvaal. I look forward to visiting them both in the future.

As far as our membership is concerned, our recovery post-Covid continues, and I am pleased to report that our headcount and membership numbers, though down slightly on last year, show a very positive underlying trend such that we are almost at the turning point of making net gains in both areas. Our biggest challenge still appears to be resignations, not just for the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, but also from the Craft, Royal Arch, and all other mainstream Masonic Orders. The data we have points to those choosing to leave us coming from those members who have been in the Order less than five years, and the reason for their decision to leave is invariably because they don't feel they belong. This must surely be a call to arms for us all to make an extra special effort, not just to recruit new members to the Order, but to ensure that, once they have joined our ranks, we continue to shepherd their familiarisation with the rituals and ceremonial, and members of the unit they have joined, and not just leave them on the back benches to spectate. Making every new Brother Knight feel welcome, included, and valued, must be the goal we now all strive to achieve consistently, because if we can deliver this experience for new Knights then we stand a very real chance of the Order making consistent net gains year by year.

Let us also never lose sight of the fact that we derive our membership from the Royal Arch. We therefore, as members of this Order, have a responsibility and an obligation to ensure that we support the Royal Arch in every possible way.

One of the highlights of this year will be the Twelfth International Synod of Great Pories to be hosted by the Great Priory of Greece in Rhodes between 28 September and 1 October. I am delighted that so many of you have already registered to attend this event and take the opportunity to learn more about our Order, and foster new and stronger relations with Brother Knights from sister Constitutions. That would appear to lead me perfectly into welcoming our guests from Sister Great Pories, and it can't have escaped your notice that we are particularly blessed this year with a goodly number. I would appreciate it if you would refrain from applauding until I have concluded the list.

From the Great Priory of Ireland, V.H. & R.E.Kt. Dr Michael Costello, G.C.T., Great Seneschal; V.E.Kt. Brian O'Byrne, K.C.T., Great Chancellor; and E.Kt. Gordon Allen, Great Vice-Chancellor designate;

From the Great Priory of Scotland, M.E. & Rev.Kt. Joseph Stewart Wood, G.C.T., Grand Master; R.E.Kt. Ronald John Simpson, K.C.T., Grand Constable; and R.E.Kt. Ian Harper Duncan, K.C.T., Grand Secretary;

From the Great Priory of Greece, M.E. & R.Kt. Andreas Spyropoulos, G.C.T., Grand Master; V.E.Kt. Othon Dimosthenous, Great Treasurer; V.E.Kt. Dimitrios Zografos, Great Vice-Chancellor; V.E.Kt. Nikolaos Lignos, Great Marshal; and Kt. Dimitrios Panagakos;

From the Great Priory of Germany, M.E.Kt. Roderick Mackenzie, Grand Master, and V.E.Kt. Norbert Schoen, Grand Secretary;

From the Great Priory of Finland, M.E.Kt. Revd Vaino Sakari Lehmuskallio, G.C.T., Grand Master; E.Kt. Petri Olavi Ahonen, K.C.T., Great Marshal;

From the Great Priory of Spain, V.H. & R.E.Kt. Keith Halliwell, Great Seneschal; R.E.Kt. Keith Alcock, Great Prior of Malta; E.Kt. Garry James Sandlan, Cmr.G.M.B.G.;

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

From the Great Priory of Italy, M.E. & S.Kt. Alessandro Fisco, G.C.T., Grand Master; R.E.Kt. Francesco Florian, Grand Seneschal;

From the Great Priory of Benin, M.E. & S.Kt. Dominique M. J. M. Doyen, G.C.T., Honorary Grand Master; R.E.Kt. Gislain Sodogandji, K.C.T., Grand Vice Chancellor;

From the Great Priory of The Netherlands, V.H. & R.E.Kt. Frank Cornelis Johannes Poot, G.C.T., Great Senseschal, Grand Master designate; R.E.Kt. Dr. Jan Cornelis Kant, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor;

From the Great Priory of Peru, M.E. & S.Kt. Javier H. Ortega-Carrasco, G.C.T., Grand Master; E.Kt. Juan Elias Lopez-Machiavello, G.C.T., Grand Seneschal;

From the Great Priory of Belgium and its Prefectures in Australia, R.E.Kt. David Albert Hope, Assistant Great Prior; R.E.Kt. Peter Layton, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.E.Kt. Keith Richard Stevens, Prefect of Ypres;

From the Great Priory of Germany, M.W.Bro. Christoph Bosbach, Past Grand Master;

And from the Order of Knights Freemasons of Romania, the Most Wise Bro. Vasile Popa, Grand Master, and the Very Illuminate Bro. Calin Tudor Ungar, Grand Secretary

I feel sure that you will wish to welcome our guests and I think I deserve a round of applause after that!

In addition to our guests from Sister Great Priorities, we are delighted to have with us Brother Knights of our own Constitution from Provinces and Preceptories overseas:

From South East Asia, R.E.Kt. Dr Brian Balakrishnan Shegar, Provincial Prior; E.Kt. John Graham Bones, P.Gt.St.B.(B); E.Kt. Dr Boo Khean Khoo, P.Gt.A.-de-C.; E.Kt. Lt Col. Russell Alexander Stuart; E.Kt. Christopher Hartley Moore; Kt. Prof. Mark Lionel Athaide Da Costa; Kt. Keith Dennis Howard; Kt. Louise Edward Ruehlmann; E.Kt. Chi Tong Lou, our newly invested Great Chamberlain;

From the Transvaal, E.Kt. David John Gamble, P.Gt.Her.;

And from Kolossi Preceptory No. 684 – Cyprus, Kt. Kyriacos Andreou.

One of the characteristics of English Freemasonry is the manner in which all the Orders, starting with Craft and Royal Arch administered from this building, have a desire to work together for the benefit of Freemasonry in general. This is in

evidence today by the attendance of so many representatives of various Orders. I'm going to err on the side of caution and offer a very warm welcome to them all and just mention the Grand Masters present:

R.E.Kt. Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.T. – Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine; R.E.Kt. Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, K.C.T. – Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City; 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. Christopher Gavin Maiden, K.C.T. – Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; V.E.Kt. John Herbert Prizeman, P. 1st Gt.Con. – Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons; E.Kt. Revd Dr Simon Thorn, Gt.Alm. – Grand Prior of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; E.Kt. Anthony Llewellyn, P.Gt.Her. – Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; E.Kt. Dr Paul Mycock, P.Gt.Her – First Grand Master Mason of the Worshipful Society of Operative Freemasons; And from our own Order, the Past Great Seneschal – V.H. & R.E.Kt. Malcolm Slater.

Please welcome these distinguished Brother Knights. I wish to extend my personal thanks to the Great Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Great Vice-Chancellor and all at the Chancery for the administration involved in this meeting. Also to the Great Marshal, his Deputies, the Grand Master's Body Guard and all responsible for the Ceremonial today; well done, and thank you all.

In a moment we will stand, sing the Templars Hymn and take up our customary alms to be donated to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. In recent months we have all become aware of the very fragile security situation in Jerusalem, yet despite these challenges the staff at the Jerusalem hospital and its satellite centres have continued their invaluable work helping those in need of sight saving treatment. Last November, I led a small delegation from Great Priory to the Holy Land to view what your donations have delivered for the staff and patients of the Eye Hospital Group, and I am sure many of you will have seen the articles that subsequently appeared in the Mark Masons' Hall weekly newsletter, in particular featuring the official opening of the newly refurbished paediatric ward. That, Brother Knights, was totally down to you.

I am aware of the magnificent efforts of fund raising which are taking place in Provinces at this time and I congratulate you on the marvellous work you are doing and the levels you are achieving. We are taught in Scripture that 'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap'. With Brother Knights displaying such a passion for helping those in need, regardless of religion or creed, when I see the dedication and commitment you have to your Preceptories, and most importantly, the enjoyment you clearly derive from giving of your time and efforts, I really feel that we will, as an Order, reap a harvest of support and goodwill which will ensure the future of this glorious Christian Order, until time shall be no more .

Brother Knights, I thank you for your attention.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

21. ALMS

During the singing of the Templars' Hymn, alms amounting to £1,925.10 were collected for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.

22. CLOSING

The Chapter of Great Priory was closed.

