



THE TRAVELLING KNIGHTS OF OXFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

EPISODE 4 – MARCH 2024



IN THIS MONTH`S NEWSLETTER-

- GREAT PRIORY ANNOUNCE THE NEW PROVINCIAL PRIOR FOR O.B.B
- DOUBLE DOUBLE CEREMONY FOR CYGNET PRECEPTORY
- ROBERT LOYD PRECEPTORY INSTALL A NEW KNIGHT
- CRUSADERS PRECEPTORY CONGRATULATE E.KT. DEAN WHITE

OUR GOALS-

Attract new Knights to the Order.

Focus on “assisting where required” with Preceptories.

Assist with Ceremonies to ensure standard of KT ritual remains respected.

Introducing team communications that work!

KNIGHTS AROUND THE TABLE

THE KT HUB

The one stop information centre for the Province!

DO YOU NEED-

Any advice?

Assistance with Ceremonies?

Require an officer to fill a spot?

Do you have any good ideas?

Do you think your skills would be useful? let us know-

Are you a new Knight and want some assistance?

USEFUL IDEAS CENTRE- send us your ideas-



MONTHLY ROUND UP FROM THE PROVINCE



E.Kt. Dean Robert White
The Provincial Prior Designate

Notification from Great Priory 12th February 2024

Dear Sir and Eminent Knight,

In September 2019 R.E.Kt. Graham John McGowan-Smyth was installed into charge of the Knights Templar Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. He was Installed into the Order in Preceptory of Friendship and Care No. 514 in December 1998 and was Installed as Preceptor in March 2006. During the past four and a half years R.E.Kt. Graham has carried out the duties of his office with dignity and confidence and has furthered relations between the Province and the Order's headquarters at Mark Masons' Hall, in London.

At the beginning of this year R.E.Kt. Graham retired from office and, on behalf of Great Priory, I want to thank him for all that he has done for the Order during his time in charge of the Province.

The Grand Master has now considered the appointment of a successor and I am very pleased to inform you that E.Kt. Dean Robert White, P.Gt.St.B.(B.). has accepted the invitation to be your next Provincial Prior.

E.Kt. White is well known to you and needs no introduction, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating him on his forthcoming preferment.

His Installation will take place at Sindlesham on Saturday, 25 May.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order.

E.Kt. Daniel M Heath

Deputy Great Vice-Chancellor in Charge

BODYGUARD NEWS



E.Kt. Martin James Sando
Commander of the Provincial
Priors Bodyguard



E.Kt. Vito Mingolla
Deputy- Commander of the
Provincial Priors Bodyguard

FOLLOW OUR BODYGUARD EVENTS DIARY.

Forthcoming BG March dates-

Friday 22nd March – Cygnet Preceptory no.464 – **TEAM VISIT**

Tuesday 26th March- Sir Oliver Starkey no. 430

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
BODYGUARD TEAM? - send an email to the Commander-
Martin.sando@outlook.com

MARSHAL POINTS



*“ A great PoI evening at Wokingham on Friday 8th December- Kt. Stewart Dunbar BG was with us to practice his journey into the Chair at St Hugh Preceptory in 2024
Kt. Bruce Hartrup BG came along to test his skills with presenting the Symbols”*

Come along to the Preceptory of Improvement.

Marlow Masonic Centre

Wednesday 20th of March 2024

Monday 10th of June 2024

Monday 2nd of September 2024

Wokingham Masonic Centre

Friday 22nd of March 2024

Friday 7th of June 2024

Friday 6th of September 2024

Friday 13th of December 2024

All Knights are welcome, new, old, any office you wish to try- just come along and enjoy learning!

For more info contact-

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E.Kt. Malcolm Woolgar
The Deputy Provincial
Marshal runs the Preceptory
of improvement.

**OX. BERKS. BUCKS. 1ST ANNUAL
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GALA DINNER
SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024**



To be held at Sindlesham Masonic Centre on Saturday 19th October 2024

Gala dinner menu / Black tie event / Cocktail dresses for the ladies

Sparkling wine reception

Music & Dancing till midnight!

Full details in due course- reserve your places now!

All Knights welcome- new & old

Book your table now!

TICKET COST £60.00 PER PERSON

RESERVE NOW

Gala dinner events team-

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NEWS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE PROVINCE



LESLIE FELGATE DRING PRECEPTORY NO. 637 (LFD)

(above -photo)

R.E.Kt Ray Cochrane / the Sub-Prior E.Kt. Dean White / the Eminent Preceptor
E.KT. Trevor Austin & R.E.Kt. Norman Bliss

All Knights of any Preceptory office/ rank are welcome to attend and enjoy!

-THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2024 MALTA MEETING

3-course menu (inc coffee) with speciality Steak & Kidney pudding at
Beaconsfield is hard to beat for £22!!

All Installed Preceptors (past & present) are welcome to join the Preceptory.

Contact the Registrar for more information-

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PROVINCIAL DIARY

Aylesbury - Monday 8th January

Bisham Abbey - Tuesday 16th January

Robert-de-Turnham - Tuesday 6th February

Cygnet – Friday 9th February

Wellesley- Tuesday 13th February

Robert Loyd – Thursday 15th February

Crusaders – Wednesday 21st February

Couer-de-Lion- Saturday 24th February

Terra Sancta - Friday 8th March

William Warde – Friday 8th March

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 26th March

Friendship & Care – Wednesday 27th March

Cressing – Wednesday 27th March

St Hugh – Wednesday 3rd April

Beaumont – Wednesday 3rd April

Outremer – Wednesday 17th April

Bisham Abbey - Tuesday 23rd April

William Warde – Wednesday 8th May

Terra Sancta - Friday 10th May

Aylesbury - Monday 13th May

GREAT PRIORY – Wednesday 15th May

Robert-de-Turnham -Tuesday 21st May

Crusaders – Wednesday 22nd May

Provincial Priory- 25th May- INSTALLATION

Leslie Felgate Dring (LFD) – Thursday 30th May- Provincial Malta meeting

Couer-de-Lion- Saturday 1st June

Cressing – Wednesday 26th June

Cygnet – Friday 14th June

Please confirm dates with Registrars

CHURCH SERVICE ABINGDON- Sunday 9th June

Outremer – Wednesday 19th June

Friendship & Care – Wednesday 19th June

Robert Loyd – Thursday 20th June

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 25th June

Beaumont – Friday 5th July

Wellesley- Tuesday 9th July

Outremer – Wednesday 24th August

Aylesbury - Monday 9th September

Terra Sancta - Friday 13th September

PROVINCIAL PRIORY – Monday 16th September

Bisham Abbey – Monday 23rd September

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 24th September

Robert-de-Turnham -Tuesday 1st October

Leslie Felgate Dring (LFD) – Thursday 3rd October

St Hugh – Friday 4th October

Beaumont – Friday 4th October

Robert Loyd – Thursday 17th October

Provincial annual Gala dinner-Saturday 19th October

Cressing – Wednesday 30th October

Cygnet – Friday 8th November

Couer-de-Lion- Saturday 9th November

Wellesley- Tuesday 12th November

GREAT PRIORY MALTA- Tuesday 19th November

Crusaders – Wednesday 19th November

PROVINCIAL MALTA MEETING -Monday 25th November

St Hugh – Friday 4th December

William Warde – Wednesday 11th December

Friendship & Care – Wednesday 16th December

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A KNIGHTS TALE



E.Kt. Paul Savage, P.Gt. Chamb (on the right) the Provincial Treasurer. Explaining to E.Kt. David Tremaine how to make more money perhaps?

Interesting facts about Paul-

This is the only photograph available (he must be avoiding my camera!)

He took on the role of Provincial Treasurer to “help out” R.E. Kt Ray Cochrane KCT. (our Past Provincial Prior) for a year or so – 7 years ago!

Including KT, Craft and Royal Arch (past Deputy MEGS), Paul is also a member of Mark Master Masons, Rose Croix, RAM, Royal & Select, Royal Order of Scotland, KTP and the Operatives.

His commitment to each Order is highlighted by the fact that he has achieved Grand rank or its equivalent in each!

ANOTHER CHAPTER



CHARLES NICHOLL CHAPTER NO 7318 MEETING ON JANUARY 9TH

Nearly 50 companions (inc 25 Knights) turned up to support the Chapter and watch an excellent Exaltation Ceremony for Companion Alex Bruscato.

E.Comp. Mark Harry joined the Chapter – Mark is also a member of the KT Provincial Bodyguards.

The evening was completed with E.Comp Dean White proposing Comp. Paul Robinson as a joining member (seconded by E.Comp Martin Sando)

A fantastic meeting followed by a noisy festive board!

The next meeting will be the 200th of the Chapter-

This is our very own KT linked Chapter, why not come along to support our next meeting which will be another Exaltation Ceremony on

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024, AT SINDLESHAM.

Contact - Scribe E- Comp Robin Kent- robin.kent@live.com

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OUT & ABOUT IN THE PROVINCE



Robert de Turnham Preceptory no. 499

Tuesday 6th February



E.Kt. Aleksander Muncan was finally installed into the Chair of Robert-de-Turnham Preceptory on Tuesday 6th February, originally planned for 2020 but due to several unavoidable delays it had been a long wait! but very worthwhile in the end.

With the Provincial Sub -Prior -in-Charge attending along with a good number of Provincial officers in support.

14 past and present members of the Provincial Bodyguard came along to ensure that E.Kt. Aleks, a past and long serving member of the Bodyguard, thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and the evening festive board.



E.Kt. Aleks (centre) and 14 Bodyguard past & present, (15 including the Sub - Prior himself a past Bodyguard Commander) enjoying the evening as personal guests of the Eminent Preceptor



Present Bodyguards Kt. Bruce & Kt. Dougie

LFD Bodyguard rep
E.Kt. Ray Sexton





E.Kt. Dave Wallis & E.Kt. Lloyd Harrison (past Commander of the Bodyguard)



E.Kt Jim Woolley (Eminent Preceptor of Aylesbury Preceptory)

&

E.Kt. Ian Mitchell (Eminent Preceptor of the Robert Loyd Preceptory)

Both past members of the bodyguard





E.Kt. Peter George (Treasurer) & E.Kt. Dave Wallis (Asst. Provincial Vice Chancellor)



Knights Pietro, Peter and Stuart enjoying the festive board.



E.Kt. Aleks starting his year in style at the festive board.



E.Kt. Pietro Zeolla became a joining member at the meeting, with happy members like Pietro the Preceptory has a great future!



Would you like to join Robert de Turnham Preceptory no. 499?

Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

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09 February 2024

Cygnets Preceptory No. 464 meeting in Beaconsfield holds historic ‘double double’ ceremony.

Report by E.Kt. Graham Snell

On Friday the 9th of February Cygnets Preceptory No. 464 of the KT Province of Oxon, Berks & Bucks, held a historic meeting at Beaconsfield Masonic Centre that will live long in the memory of the thirty-four Knights who attended. The Ceremony, and the Festive Board were a total success, and featured four Companions being Installed as Knights of the Order in an historic ‘double double’ ceremony.



New Knights Stephen Cleary, Rae Young, Danny Peacock and John Pusey

The ceremony was superbly conducted by the Eminent Preceptor, E Kt Steve Adams (supported by his elder brother and Immediate Past Preceptor, E Kt Dave Adams) and the Preceptory Marshal, E Kt Jeff Sirrell. The Candidates were inducted into the Order in a superbly spectacular and very heartfelt manner; and it was done in such a manner that it outshone the splendour of a normal Installation, because it imbued the Candidates – and the assembled Knights - with a sense of unified purpose and shared joy.

1st and 2nd Constables – Kts Nige Froud and Anil Gill



Kts Mark Kentfield and Liam Nammock

This meeting – which is being followed up with another ‘double double’ at an emergency meeting on 22 March 2024, followed by a ‘double’ at the coming June meeting – is the result of a Provincial Recruiting Campaign initiated by E Kt Dean White, which comprised a number of very successful online zoom recruiting presentations and, more recently, a series of in-person information presentations to HRA Chapters by E Kt Bob Diplock. To Cygnet’s credit, these measures have been augmented in no small part by the ‘Adams’ brothers’ who are very enthusiastic and effective recruiters.



Oxon, Berks and Bucks Provincial Bodyguard

BG Commander, E Kt Martin Sando centre right front with

The Ceremony – which was witnessed and supported by E Kt Dean White, Provincial Sub Prior in Charge and a number of accompanying Provincial Officers, namely: E Kts Alan West [Chancellor], Bob Diplock [Vice Chancellor], Graham Pattenden [1st Constable], Dave Parry and Malcom Woolgar [Marshal and Deputy Marshal respectively], Bodyguard Commander [E Kt Martin Sando] accompanied by his Deputy, E Kt Vito Mingola, and members of the Bodyguard – was conducted with the very able support of a number of relatively new Knights who were ‘commissioned in the Field’. Grateful thanks and commendations must therefore go to Kts Nige Froud, Anil Gill and Mark Kentfield of Cygnet Preceptory, as well as Knights Mark Harry, Jim Wooley, Tony Taylor, and Dougie Leacy from the Bodyguard; plus, E Kts John Foster and Simon Metters (who travelled all the way from Exeter to support the Preceptory), all of whom performed their tasks in an exemplary manner.



Cygnets Preceptory No. 464 Festive Board

The new Knights – Stephen Cleary, John Pusey, Rae Young and Danny Peacock – were all delighted to have been Installed at such a momentous event and all gave confident, positive speeches at the Festive Board (which was resplendent with red cross table runners, table flags, candelabra etc). They look forward to assisting in the Installation of their friends at the Emergency Meeting on 22nd March.



Eminent Knight Dean R. White Provincial Sub Prior in Charge and E Kt Steve Adams, Eminent Preceptor of Cygnets Preceptory No. 464







Would you like to join Cygnet Preceptory no. 464?

Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

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16th February 2024

Robert Loyd Preceptory no. 438

Thursday 15th February



The Sub-Prior came along with his Provincial team to enjoy watching our new Knight Tony Nimmo being Installed by the Eminent Preceptor Ian Mitchell

E.Kt. Guy Barlow, the personal guest of our new Knight Tony Nimmo, enjoying the festive board with 30 other Knights (max dining number available at the venue)



Crusaders Preceptory no. 258

Wednesday 21st February



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PROVINCIAL PRIOR DESIGNATE E.KT. DEAN WHITE

The letter on behalf of the Grand Master was duly read out by the Vice-Chancellor E.Kt. Bob Diplock as the regular meeting was under way.

Crusaders is E.Kt. Dean`s “mother” Preceptory and was the perfect opportunity for the members to be the first to hear of and to congratulate him on his preferment.

E.Kt. Vito Mingolla, the Eminent Preceptor further added to the success of the meeting by presenting the Provincial Prior Designate with a cheque for £500.00 to be donated to the Jerusalem Eye hospital. Vito had raised the money during his recent trek to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The festive board was a particularly noisy affair, partly to celebrate E.Kt Dean`s preferment and also because 14 bodyguards turned up to support E.Kt. Vito who is the Deputy Commander of the BG!





Bodyguards on duty!





Would you like to join Crusaders Preceptory no. 258?

Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PRECEPTORY THIS MONTH

Let us know what is going on, send some pics, ask some questions, request some assistance.

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KNIGHTLY ARTEFACTS FOR SALE



CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Limited edition Firing sword & coin as seen everywhere!

Special offer to newly installed Knights £25.00 each

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Sort code- 60:00:01 account- 36312010

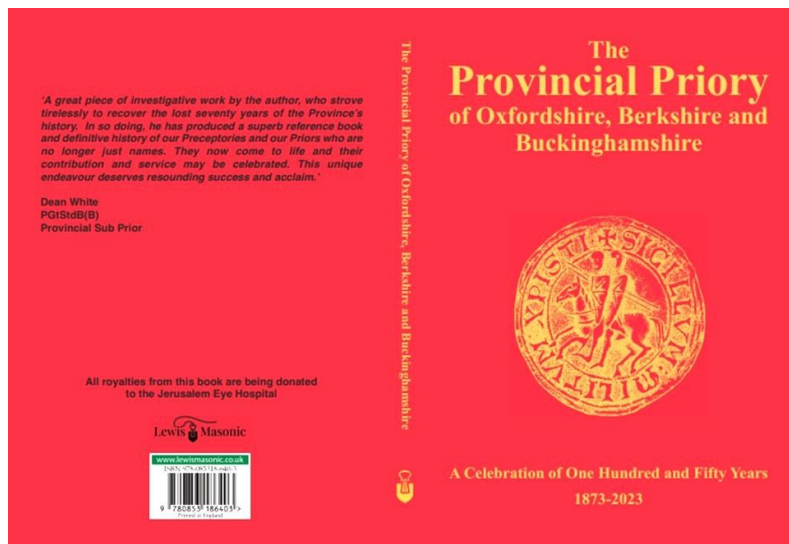
Ref. Surname & Preceptory number and we will ensure that it arrives at your next meeting ready for use at the festive board.



CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Province authorised the writing of a commemorative book called *A Celebration of One Hundred and Fifty Years 1873-2023* which has been kindly printed by the Lewis Masonic publishing house to commemorate our 150th anniversary.

It has a page designed to receive a signature and dedication by our Provincial Prior and Sub Prior; including a section to record the highlights of one's time within our Order, it will be available from the Lewis Masonic online catalogue (February 2024) at a cost of £12.00 with all profits being donated to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital.



Bodyguard cufflinks

£20.00 per pair, all profits will go to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital

YE KNIGHTS OF OLDE REGALIA

Don't leave those unwanted KT regalia items gathering dust at the back of the cupboard.

tunics / mantle / badges / old swords / belts that no longer fit etc

Don't waste!!! RECYCLE to our new Knights.



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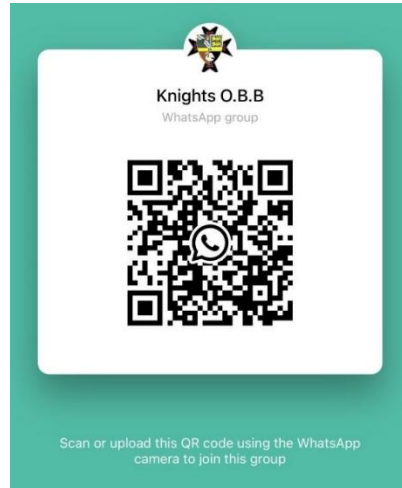
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Provincial Vice Chancellor- Bob Diplock

Travelling Knights co-ordinator- E.Kt. Martin Sando

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