



THE TRAVELLING KNIGHTS OF OXFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

EPISODE 4 - APRIL 2024



IN THIS MONTH`S NEWSLETTER-

- PROVINCIAL SUB-PRIOR APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED**
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- JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL TALK AT WILLIAM WARDE
PRECEPTORY**

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

Dear Knights of the Province,

I trust that you and your families are well.

One of the pleasures of being the Provincial Prior designate is that I can choose the officers of my year, a seemingly simple yet most difficult task when you look at the calibre of Knights Templar officers available for roles in our Province.

Not only do I please some Knights, but it also goes without saying that some are disappointed, hence my sleepless nights!

On Saturday 25th May, Great Priory will be completing my Installation as the Provincial Prior, I will then invest my Sub-Prior on the same day.

Thus, at the recent Cygnet Preceptory meeting on Friday 22nd (which was also a Provincial team visit) it gave me great pleasure to announce that the Sub-Prior will be E.Kt. Malcolm Woolgar.

Malcolm has supported the Province in his role as Deputy Marshal and has also run the Preceptory of improvement for many years to the benefit of many Knights. I am sure that in his new office of Sub-Prior he will continue to excel and the Province will be assured of good leadership in his hands.

I congratulate E.Kt. Malcolm on his preferment and I am sure that I speak on behalf of you all in saying that we look forward to more good work from him throughout his term.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

E.Kt. Dean White

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 April dates-

Friday 5th April – Beaumont Preceptory no.323–

Wednesday 17th April- Outremer no. 474

Tuesday 23rd April- Bisham Abbey no.691

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!

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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 -left to right)

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

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 – Friday 5th 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- cancelled.

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

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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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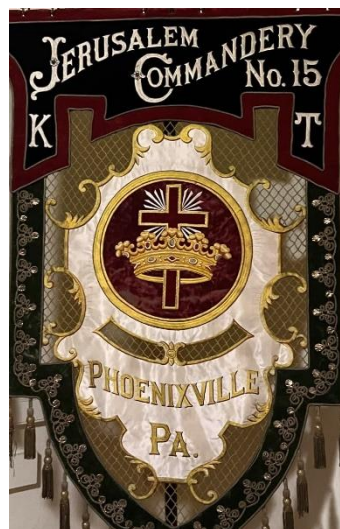
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A KNIGHTS TALE



Kt. Kevin Stepney a member of Sir Oliver Starkey & William Warde Preceptory
Acting member on the Provincial Prior`s Bodyguard



Interesting facts about Kt. Kevin-

He is always travelling around the world visiting Craft Lodges, Chapters and particularly KT Preceptories!

From Scotland to America, he has been there. Even if only for a few days, he will always try to visit an actual meeting.

He is now organising a trip later this year to Rosslyn Chapel for the lucky few!

If you have a chance to sit next to him at a festive board, ask to see the pics from his many trips- fascinating!

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.

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OUT & ABOUT IN THE PROVINCE



Cygnets Preceptory No. 464 meeting in Beaconsfield

Report by E.Kt. Graham Snell

On Fri 22 Mar 24, Cygnets Preceptory No. 464, held an Emergency Meeting to Install a further three Knights into Masonic Knights Templar, bringing its total number for the year up to eight new members.

Companions Norman Birkitt, Jordan Parmenter and Terry Fordham, were the latest Knights to join the mounting ranks of Cygnets Preceptory at a meeting witnessed by forty-five attendees at the Beaconsfield Masonic Centre in Buckinghamshire. The meeting was also the occasion of a formal Provincial Team visit headed by E Kt Dean R. White, Provincial Sub Prior in Charge and Provincial Prior Nominate for the Province of Oxon, Berks & Bucks. E Kt Dean was accompanied by the Past Provincial Prior, Graham McGowan-Smyth, and a number of active Provincial officers.



**Cygnets Preceptory Preceptor E Kt Steve Adams & Kts Jordan Parmenter,
Norman Birkitt & Terry Fordham**

The Companions were Installed into the Order in an exemplary manner, and so credit must go to the Preceptory Marshal, E Kt Jeff Sirrell and his Officers, all of whom performed their duties in a most admirable way.

The Preceptory, which is currently commanded by Eminent Knight Steve Adams (and most ably assisted by his brother and Immediate Past Preceptor, E Kt Dave Adams), has experienced an uptake in Royal Arch Companions wanting to join the Order this past year - hence the need for an Emergency Meeting to Install the latest Companions. This has been largely due to the dynamism of certain key members and the success of a number of recent recruiting presentations, headed by the Provincial Vice Chancellor, E Kt Bob Diplock.



Cygnets Preceptory Refectory

The new Knights were received into the Preceptory in good order and afterwards processed into a very stylishly decorated refectory behind the Eminent Preceptor,

accompanied by the Provincial Prior Nominate, E Kt Dean White and the Past Provincial Prior, Rt E Kt Graham McGowan-Smyth.

The three-course dinner, consisting of leek and potato soup followed by a chicken and ham pie and topped off with a fresh fruit salad, was a real treat and so a very sincere thanks must go to the caterer Gary and his team for providing such a sumptuous feast. The dinner was concluded with the customary Toasts (including the now traditional passing of the port and snuff. The former was well received while some are still apprehensive of the latter!)



E Kt Dean White Provincial Prior designate

The highlight of the Toasts was the key note address by E Kt Dean White, who paid a very warm and sincere tribute to RE Kt Graham for his service to the Order. E Kt Dean also used the occasion to introduce E Kt Malcolm Woolgar P.Gt.A.-de-C. as his successor as Sub Prior. E Kt Malcom – a regular and very popular attender of Cygnet Preceptory meetings - is an extremely hard working and very able provincial officer and the announcement was heartily received by all: congratulations E Kt Malcolm.

It was a great evening, perhaps best summed up by the newly installed Knights themselves: Kt Norman recalled the evening as being ‘alarming and exhilarating all at the same time!’ while Kt Jordan said that he thought, ‘It was a fantastic event. Every Knight involved made the ceremony a pleasure to be part of,’ and Kt Terry described the evening as a ‘dramatic explosion of history and tradition’.



Would you like to join Cygnet Preceptory no. 464?

Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

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28th March 2024

**Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory no. 430 meeting in Slough
Tuesday 26th March**



Left to Right

E.Kt. Dean White, Provincial Prior Designate, newly installed Eminent Preceptor Kevin Shannon and Provincial Sub-prior Elect, E.Kt. Malcolm Woolgar



E.Kt. Michael Budden acting as EP. installed E.Kt Kevin Shannon in fine fashion and then was invested as the Preceptory Marshal by E.Kt. Kevin!

Michael was congratulated on his tremendous work ethic by the Provincial Prior Designate at the festive board afterwards. Michael not only conducted a lot of the work during the evening, he also drives from Spalding (nearly 3-hours each way)

The bodyguard rewarded him with a rare Provincial pen for his hard work, it was received with typical Michael good humour!



Slough Masonic Centre has undergone some recent refurbishment changes, led by the Bucks PAPGM Gary Brodie (he is also a Knight of our Order) and the changes are a definite improvement to an already good Centre!

Kt. Vincent Peacock (left) as Registrar has to be thanked for all the hard work, he does for the Preceptory.



Would you like to join Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory no. 430?

Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

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ST JOHN OF JERUSALUM

EYE-HOSPITAL NEWS

E.Kt. Jamie Ingham-Clark CStJ,
Past Dep. Gt.Swd. B.
Trustee of the Jerusalem eye Hospital

Nothing like diving in at the deep end at William Warde Preceptory! On the 8th March 2024 I became its newest joining member, and then was immediately asked to give a talk about the St John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem, of which I have been a trustee of some 6 years.

The talk was entitled Current Successes and Challenges. It included a brief outline of the history of the Hospital, why the KT has been such a long supporter, some of the key success landmarks including being awarded the António Champalimaud Vision Prize - the most prestigious prize in the field of vision.

I went on to give a personal insight as to the current situation in Gaza and the steps the Board of Trustees are planning to take once the current hostilities cease.

At the end a lively Q&A session took place which allowed further personal insights regarding the running of the Hospital.

The meeting concluded with a vote of funds to the Hospital.

Under AOB the preceptory was advised on another joining member to be voted on at the next meeting.



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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CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Limited edition Firing sword & coin as seen everywhere!

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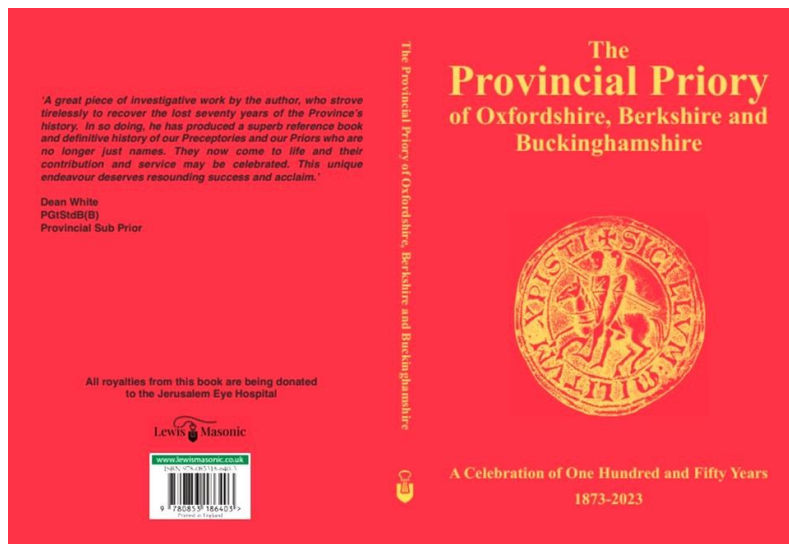
Ref. Surname & Preceptory number and we will ensure that it arrives at your next meeting ready for use at the festive board.



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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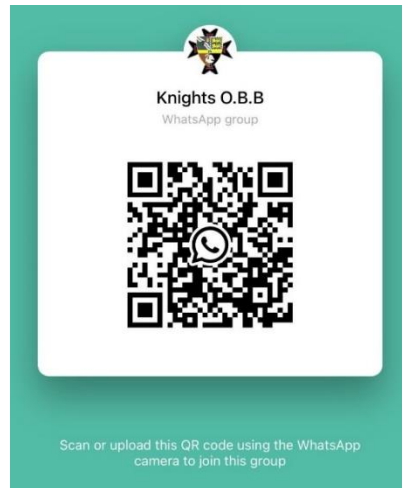
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Provincial Vice Chancellor- Bob Diplock

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

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