

## **Minutes of Provincial Priory of Malta Meeting – Thursday 30th March 2023 Held within the Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory at Sindlesham**

The Provincial Prior, R.E. Kt. Graham John McGowan-Smyth accompanied by the Provincial Sub-Prior, E. Kt. Dean Robert Whit -, Past Great Admiral and the Officers of the Pentagonal and Octagonal tables processed into the Temple.

The Minutes of last meeting held on 22nd November 2021 having been published on the Website, were approved by the members present.

Seventeen Knights were then elected to membership of the Order. E. Kt. Andrew Elliott, Past Great Baillie acted as Provincial Sub-Prior of Malta, assisted by E. Kt. Paul Ricketts, Past Great Turcopolier who acted as Sub-Prior's Chaplain.

Whilst the Knights were being entrusted with the secrets of the degree of Knight of St Paul; at the request of the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt Graham Snell - Past Great Baillie – delivered the second part of a History of the Hospitallers, which was received with acclaim.

The following Knights were then entrusted with the Secrets and Privileges of the degree of Knight of St Paul;

Bruce Hartrup (Rep)	Marc-Andre Cormier	Graham Davison
Allan Dishington	Stephen Dyer	David Holliman
Mark Hayden Kentfield	Jarrad Stuart Lewis	Carlos Mancilla
Kenneth Moore	Robert Peacock	Julian John Waters
Terrance Yarrow	Alexander Yen	Paul Robinson
Liam Walker	Barry Blanks (Essex)	

The ten Knights were admitted to the Chapter House and with Kt. Bruce Hartrup of Crusaders Preceptory N<sup>o</sup>.258 acting as the representative Candidate, the Order of Malta was conferred upon them. The Accolade was given by the R.E. Provincial Prior and the Jewels presented by the Sub-Prior. The History of the Order was delivered by E. Kt. Trevor Austin, Past Great Baillie in exemplary form, after which the Knights took their seats in the Chapter House.

As the Provincial Malta Meeting had to be given over to the Provincial Knight Templar Meeting due to the funeral of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, the Provincial Malta Officers were announced and proclaimed.

The R.E. Provincial Prior gave a warm welcome to the Members and thanked the Acting Sub-Prior for his clear and confident handling of the meeting and to the Members of the Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory, under whose Banner the Meeting was held.

The R.E. Provincial Prior also thanked E. Kts. Andrew Elliott and Paul Ricketts for acting as Sub-Prior and Sub-Prior's Chaplain for the degree of Knights of St. Paul, together with E.Kt. Trevor Austin for his splendid delivery of the History of the Order and E.Kt Graham Snell for his "History of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem", also to our Mareschal, E. Kt. David Parry. Their efforts were truly appreciated.

The Provincial Vice-Chancellor (E.Kt Bob Diplock) reported apologies received from the knights who responded to the Call Notice, and that their names would be duly and that 74 were dining this evening. The R.E. Provincial Prior then accepted an invitation from Kt. Vincent Peacock, Registrar of Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory No.430 to hold next year's Malta meeting under their banner.

There being no further business and at the invitation of the RE Provincial Prior, the Chapter of the Provincial Priory of Malta was closed. The Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory was then opened in due form – Minutes to be circulated separately.