

Preceptories of The Order in  
Cheshire and North Wales  
meet at

Hyde	Royal Edward Preceptory	14
Congleton	St. Salem Preceptory	15
Birkenhead	Geoffroy de Bouillon Preceptory	91
Nantwich	The de Tabley Preceptory	100
Chester	Grosvenor Preceptory	132
Birkenhead	The Preceptory of St. Hilary	184
Wallasey	Palestine Preceptory	217
Menai Bridge	Menai Preceptory	231
Chester	De L'Isle Adam Preceptory	234
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Sandbach	The Temple Preceptory	327
Holywell	The Preceptory of St. David	454
Macclesfield	Northwich Preceptory	558
Altrincham	The Preceptory of Charity	584
Wrexham	The Croes Newydd Preceptory	603
Christleton	The Preceptory of St. Werburgh	605
Llandudno	Llewelyn Fawr Preceptory	685

***To qualify Freemasons must be  
Christian and must have been  
Exalted into the Royal Arch***

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The Provincial Priory  
of  
Cheshire and North Wales



As Provincial Prior I would be delighted to welcome you into our Order. We are a very close knit and friendly Order of some 500 Knights in 19 Preceptories. The historical nature of the ritual in the Order of the Temple and the attached Order of Knights of Malta is very interesting. Preceptories generally meet 3 or 4 times a year and there is an Annual Provincial Meeting at Christleton on the first Saturday in June, to which all are welcome.

Tony Mathie  
Provincial Prior

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Right Eminent Knight  
Dr. Anthony George Mathie

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Provincial Sub Prior.

Eminent Knight Alan Pierce

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Provincial Vice Chancellor.

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## *Regalia for a Knight of the Order*



### **Comprising of**

Cap and Badge

Tunic: Sash: Star: Knights Cross Jewel

Belt with frog and Sword

Mantle: Black Gloves

*To help reduce the initial cost, used Regalia  
can often be obtained by contacting  
Preceptory Registrars*



### **The Origins**

According to legend, the Order of Knights Templar was founded in 1118 to protect pilgrims heading for Jerusalem and the Christian Holy places, where the small band of warrior monks established a headquarters.

In the year 1118 AD King Baldwin II granted the Templars quarters on the Temple Mount and this forms the link to the Royal Arch.

Many men, of noble birth, joined the ranks of the Templar Order. Those who were unable to join often gifted the Templars with land and other valuables.

Modern Masonic association with these Medieval defenders of the Christian Holy Places is linked by the ceremony of Installation in which the Candidate takes the part of a Pilgrim who, by symbolically embarking on a Crusade, is elevated to Knighthood.

The ceremony is very realistic and the regalia spectacular, based upon that worn by the Medieval Knights.

## *An introduction to the Order of Knights Templar*



**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 its Provinces Overseas.**