

Provincial Priory of Cheshire & North Wales



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A Call to Action

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It is almost three years since I was Installed as Provincial Prior, and in June I will preside over my fourth Provincial Meeting. During this time I have made a number of small changes to the Provincial Appointments and have now instituted a Provincial Malta meeting. On the downside we have lost the Preceptory of Charity and plans to re-institute a Bodyguard Preceptory have been shelved due to lack of interest. Recruitment is holding steady although it is patchy across the Province. If all Preceptories could match de L'Isle Adam 234 with four candidates in each of two consecutive years we would be in a very strong position. In Cheshire Royal Arch Companions outnumber KT Knights by around 8 to 1.

So there is much still to do and the Sub-Prior and I, together with the Province's senior officers will maintain our high visibility and continue to promote the United Orders. However the major effort needs to come from individual Knights in their

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The Banquet for the 2016 MSF Festival has been moved from Chester racecourse to Manchester United. The date is unchanged but the price has been reduced by £10 to £55. Only Festival Stewards are eligible to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Appointments and Promotions in Great Priory for 2016 have just now been announced and I am delighted to share these with you:

E Kt John Edward LIGHTFOOT—Promoted to V E Past Great Registrar

E Kt Harry Andrew CROOK—Appointed to Deputy Great Marshal

E Kt Rev Barry William JOBBER—Appointed to Past Deputy Great Almoner

E Kt Kenneth MAYER—Appointed to Past Great Aide de Camp

E Kt Stephen Martin HALE—Appointed to Past Great Aide de Camp.

I am also extremely pleased to tell you that Rev Barry Jobber has received an Acting Appointment in Craft Grand Lodge as Assistant Grand Chaplain.

THE 2016 PROVINCIAL MALTA MEETING

Arrangements have now been made for a Cheshire & North Wales Malta Meeting to be held at Christleton on Monday 31st October 2016 at 6pm. There will be a Festive Board but no visitors from other Provinces.

In 2016, and in future years, Provincial Officers will be appointed to their new Temple ranks in June, and to their equivalent Malta ranks in October. At the Malta meeting there will be a Candidate Installed into Malta and in 2016 this will be Kt Michael Leese of Temple Preceptory who is the Craft Provincial Grand Secretary for Cheshire. The Provincial Malta Officers who were appointed in 2015 will take their places at the tables with the Provincial Sub-Prior acting as Prior. The Provincial Prior will deliver the address. While the Candidate is in the Guard Room the Provincial Prior will appoint and promote the Officers for the ensuing year.

This meeting does not in any way change the arrangements individual Preceptories have for dealing with Malta Candidates. It does however give the Malta Officers appropriate prominence and demonstrates the important role the Order of St John has in our United Orders.

Table Officers are encouraged to wear Malta Regalia if possible and you are all reminded that Malta Provincial mantle badges are now available for all ranks. They should be positioned ABOVE the Maltese Cross on the Mantle and NOT on its centre.

The formal Summons for this meeting will be issued by the Provincial Vice-Chancellor via Registrars in due course.

In the Temple meeting in June we have a delegation from the Malta degree. In The Malta meeting we will have a corresponding Temple delegation which will be composed of six Great Priory Officers.

For your diaries, the Malta meetings in 2017 and 2018 will be held on Tuesday 31st October 2017 and Wednesday 31st October 2018.

Priorities who might have an appropriate

Website

Following the request in the last Newsletter, the Province is very pleased to announce that We have appointed Kt Steve Parker as webmaster.

Steve can be contacted via the Provincial Chancery concerning any matter relating to the website.

Provincial Prior's Diary 2016

2016

14 Jan	Provincial RAM
15 Jan	Faith & Hope TBC
22 Jan	Llewelyn Fawr
1 Feb	Team Visit to Menai (BANGOR)
9 Feb	GP Committee—2016 Appointments
26 Feb	Northwich
12 Mar	Provincial Grand Chapter
19 Mar	Provincial Mark
22 Mar	Mercian Bodyguard Demonstration
31 Mar	De L'Isle Adam
4 Apr	Temple
5 Apr	Grosvenor
9 Apr	Team Visit to St Hilary
11 Apr	Grand Master's Preceptory
21 Apr	Geoffroy de Bouillon
23 Apr	Province of Durham
27 Apr	Palestine
11 May	Bodyguard Mess
18 May	Great Priory
20 May	MSF Festival Banquet
25 May	Province of Monmouth & South Wales
27 May	Croes Newydd
4 Jun	Provincial Annual Meeting
6 Jun	Province of Staffs and Shropshire
28 Jun	Province of Derbyshire
6 July	Provincial Church Service
24 July	Provincial Prior's Luncheon
10 Sep	St Hilary
16 Sep	Faith & Hope
3 Oct	Royal Edward Team Visit
22 Oct	Love & Friendship Team Visit
31 Oct	Provincial Malta Meeting
3 Nov	Joint Malta Meeting
17 Nov	St Werburgh
25 Nov	Llewelyn Fawr

TEAM VISITS 2016/7

There will be FOUR Team Visits next year.

Monday 3rd October 2016—Royal Edward at Hyde
Saturday 22nd October 2016—Love & Friendship at Neston

Monday 3rd April 2017— St George at Stockport
Friday 5th May 2017—Geoffroy de Bouillon at Clifton Road. This is the Sesquicentenary of Preceptory No 91 which was consecrated in Yorkshire in 1867. Consequently we have invited the R E Provincial Prior and Sub Prior of North & East Yorkshire to join us on this occasion.

INSTALLATION REPRESENTATIVES

In the past it has been our custom for the Provincial Prior or Sub-Prior or a Representative to attend Installation meetings. For the majority of Preceptories the Temple and Malta Installations are on the same day. However four of the Preceptories have a separate Malta Installation. In future these four will receive a formal Representative at their Malta meeting. In addition, Representatives who attend a meeting where Temple and Malta Installations take place will report separately on the Malta ceremony. In this way the Order of St John will receive the proper

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS 2016

TEMPLAR APPOINTMENTS TO RUN FROM 4 JUNE 2016 TO 3 JUNE 2017

MALTA APPOINTMENTS TO RUN FROM 31 OCTOBER 2016 TO 31 OCTOBER 2017

Provincial Sub Prior		E Kt Alan Pierce P Gt Std B (B)	De Tabley 100
Provincial Prelate	(Prov Prelate KM)	E Kt Rev Barry William Jobber P Dep Gt Alm	Northwich 558
Provincial Chancellor	(Prov Chancellor KM)	Kt Philip Broadhurst P Gt Herald	Temple 327
Provincial 1st Constable	Prov Captain General KM)	E Kt Michael Frederick John Baptist	Temple 327
Provincial 2nd Constable	(Prov Lieutenant General KM)	E Kt Jeffrey Cunningham	Palestine 217
Provincial Treasurer #	(Prov Treasurer KM)	E Kt Ronald Glyn Hewitt P Gt AdeC	St Werburgh 605
Provincial Registrar	(Prov First Lieutenant KM)	E Kt Paul Robert Crudge	Grosvenor 132
Provincial Vice Chancellor	(Prov Vice Chancellor KM)	E Kt Peter Edward Carroll P Dep Gt Swd B	Faith & Hope 326
Provincial Marshal	(Prov Mareschal KM)	E Kt Fraser John Fowlie P Pr 2nd Const	St Werburgh 605
Deputy Provincial Marshal	(Prov Deputy Mareschal KM)	E Kt William Edward Caren P Pr 2nd Const	Faith & Hope 326
Deputy Provincial Marshal	(Prov Deputy Mareschal KM)	E Kt Peter John Butler P Pr Herald	Croes Newydd 603
Provincial Almoner	(Prov Hospitaller KM)	E Kt Arfon Pritchard P Gt AdeC	Croes Newydd 603
Provincial Herald	(Prov Second Lieutenant KM)	E Kt Barrie Stuart Sant	Faith & Hope 326
Provincial Herald	(Past Prov 2nd Lieutnant KM)	E Kt Basil Henry Keys	St David 454
Provincial Std Bearer (B)	(Prov Admiral KM)	E Kt David John Smith	Royal Edward 14
Provincial Std Bearer (VB)	(Prov Conservator KM)	E Kt Geoffrey Raymond Gill	St Hilary 184
Provincial Banner Bearer	(Prov Banner Bearer KM)	E Kt Peter John Langley	De Tabley 100
Provincial Sword Bearer	(Prov Sword Bearer KM)	E Kt John James Barron	Temple 327
Provincial Aide de Camp	(Prov Baillie KM)	E Kt Gilbert Warilow	St Salem 15
Provincial Aide de Camp	(Past Prov Baillie KM)	E Kt Bernard Laurence	St George 318
Provincial Aide de Camp	(Past Prov Baillie KM)	E Kt Michael John Steggles	Croes Newydd 603
Provincial Warden of Regalia	(Prov Turcopolier KM)	E Kt David John Alexander Wright	Geoffroy de Bouillon 91
Provincial Chamberlain	(Past Prov Turcopolier KM)	E Kt David Martin Gruffyd-Jones	Grosvenor 132
Provincial Captain of Guards	(Prov Captain of Outposts KM)	E Kt David Anthony White	Llewelyn Fawr 685
Provincial Organist	(Prov Organist KM)	E Kt William Henderson Munro P Pr Herald	Menai 231
Provincial Guard	(Prov Guard KM)	E Kt Colin Sansom P Pr Herald	Grosvenor 132

PAST RANKS

Past Provincial Almoner	(Past Prov Hospitaller KM)	E Kt Rev Gwynfor Williams	Menai 231
Past Provincial Herald	(Past Prov 2nd Lieutnant KM)	E Kt Paul Anthony Massie	Palestine 217
Past Provincial Herald	(Past Prov 2nd Lieutenat KM)	E Kt David Allen Williams	Love & Friendship 272

PROMOTIONS

Past Provincial 1st Constable	(Past Prov Captain General KM)	E Kt Barry Howarth	Geoffroy de Bouillon 91
Past Provincial 2nd Constable	(Past Prov Lieutenant General KM)	E Kt William Tait Robertson Brown	St David 454
Past Provincial 2nd Constable	(Past Prov Lieutenant General KM)	E Kt David Seymour Emmanuel Casdagli	Faith & Hope 326
Past Provincial 2nd Constable	(Past Prov Lieutenant General KM)	E Kt Alan George Harrison	De L'Isle Adam 234
Past Provincial 2nd Constable	(Past Prov Lieutenant General KM)	E Kt Eric Lysons	Northwich 558
Past Provincial Registrar	(Past Prov 1st Lieutenant KM)	E Kt Kevin James Talbot	St Salem 15
Past Provincial Herald	(Past Prov 2nd Lieutenant KM)	E Kt Raymond Woollam	De L'Isle Adam 234
Past Provincial Std Bearer (B)	(Past Prov Admiral KM)	E Kt Geoffrey Frank Shaw	Northwich 558
Past Provincial Std Bearer (VB)	(Past Prov Conservator KM)	E Kt Harry Hambleton	Menai 231
Past Provincial Std Bearer (VB)	(Past Prov Conservator KM)	E Kt Christopher Ronald McCulloch	St Hilary 184

Commander of the Bodyguard	E Kt Anthony James Lloyd P Pr 2nd Const	St David 454
Deputy Commander	E Kt Michael John Steggles Pr A deC	Grosvenor 132

It has been the custom at the Temple Meeting for the Malta Delegation to be drawn from volunteers from half the Preceptories. At the Malta Meeting, the Temple Delegation has been selected from recently appointed and promoted Great Officers. This is in line with the practice in most other Provinces. For 2017 and beyond the Provincial Prior is now considering adopting the same process for the Temple meeting in June, i.e. appointing a group of Great Officers. This would give new Great Officers a specific role at the Annual Meeting. A role they currently do not have. Comments on this are welcome.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

It has been announced that the Grand Superintendent for Cheshire & North Wales; District 26; R E Kt Pt Anthony George Lynch is to retire. Grand College have appointed as his successor R E Kt Pt Thomas Ian Cranston who is currently the District Director of Ceremonies.

The Installation is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 14th September 2016 at Christleton. Time to be confirmed.

Will you be the Eminent Preceptor of your Preceptory on 4th June 2016?

Please be reminded that it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that your Preceptory Banner arrives at Christleton in time for the Provincial Marshall's Rehearsal. You should also have agreed with your Registrar the name of the Banner Bearer and, if required, that of the member of the Malta Delegation. You must attend yourself or be represented by a member of your Preceptory.

CHANGES IN THE LEADSHIP OF THE PROVINCE

On 4th June 2016 there will be a number of significant changes in the Leadership of the Province.

E Kt (soon to be V E Kt) John Lightfoot has asked to retire from his position as Provincial Chancellor. John has been in active office in the Province for many years having been Deputy Provincial Marshall and Provincial Marshall before becoming Chancellor. He has provided successive Provincial Priors with much wise advice and support and has given much input into the General Purposes Committee. John will continue to represent the Provincial Prior at Installations.

E Kt Philip Broadhurst will be appointed Provincial Chancellor following on from his time as Provincial Marshal and Deputy Marshal. Philip has delivered the ceremonial of the Province to a very high and enviable standard both at the Annual Meeting and at Team Visits. As Chancellor his wise counsel will continue to be available for some time to come.

E Kt Fraser Fowlie will be appointed Provincial Marshal. He has been Deputy Marshal and Commander of the Bodyguard and has spent the last year accompanying the Provincial Prior and Sub-Prior around the country to gather information about how things are done elsewhere. The Province continues to be most grateful to E Kt Bill Caren for all his work as a Provincial Deputy Marshal while shouldering his heavy responsibilities as DC of the Cheshire Province of Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners.

E Kt Peter Butler will be appointed to the second Provincial Deputy Marshal post and this will give us the opportunity to 'blood' a new Marshal.

E Kt Mike Steggles will assume the position of Deputy Commander of the Bodyguard following the retirement of E Kt Kevin Talbot after three years in office. We are grateful to Kevin for his contribution despite some significant difficulties in his professional life.

All these changes have been made with an eye to the future and I am sure all the Knights in the Province will

ACTING PROVINCIAL CONSTABLES

From June 2016 there will be a change in procedure. A First and Second Constable will be appointed in 2016 but in 2017 the Second Constable will be promoted to First Constable and a new Second Constable appointed.

This change will allow more flexibility when the Provincial Prior is considering recommendations to the M E & S Grand Master for appointments to Great Priory Rank. Currently the Province is allocated three new appointments and one promotion although in certain circumstances two appointments and two promotions will be considered. In future (but not immediately) it will be possible to consider more Great Priory recommendations for Eminent Knights who have not been acting Constables.

THIS NEWSLETTER

Since its inception, the Newsletter has been produced by the Provincial Prior. There has been almost no content submitted from individuals or from Preceptories. This is disappointing. Lots of good things are going on out in Cheshire and North Wales and we are always pleased to receive articles and good quality photographs for inclusion. These may be either in reference to an event already held or in advance of a particular meeting if you wish to drum up support.

In the first instance, contributions should be sent to the Provincial Vice Chancellor electronically.

Feedback on matters raised in the Newsletter would also be welcome. Is there anyone out there?