

## Provincial Priory of Cheshire & North Wales



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### Welcome to a new Masonic season.

The new season has started with a bang. On 6th October the Provincial Team visited Temple Preceptory at Sandbach and witnessed an excellent ceremony when E Kt Ken Jones and his team installed Kt Michael Leese as a Knight with over 50 Knights present including R E Kt Stephen Clayton-Barker KCT.

On 6th November, also at Sandbach, the combined Malta meeting between Temple, De Tabley, Northwich and St George will install six new Knights of Malta with a full team of Table Officers and Banner Bearers. If you would like to be present, contact David Loft the Registrar of Northwich on 01477 537116 or [david.loft@btinternet.com](mailto:david.loft@btinternet.com).

The next Team Visit is to Grosvenor at Queen Street, Chester on Tuesday 2nd December.

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### Fact Box

#### New Role for the Provincial Registrar -

In June E Kt Jon Clipsham was appointed to this post for a 3 year period. He will be responsible for organising Team Visits and the Annual Church Service.

### Recruitment

It is stating the obvious when I say that new recruits to the Order are essential for our future. In Cheshire there are six Royal Arch Chapters for every KT Preceptory. 67 Chapters meet in the same building as one of our Preceptories. Only Sale and Ellesmere Port have three Chapters and no KT. All our members belong to Chapters and I am sure that you look for recruits for KT but it does seem that we need to be more active in this regard. There are leaflets and these Newsletters and they need to be displayed. If anyone feels a visit from a senior Knight to their Chapter would help, please contact the Vice Chancellor.

On a related note, members of KT are eligible to join Knight Templar Priests and St Thomas of Acon, both of which extend across Cheshire and North Wales. Details are in the Provincial Yearbooks. For KTP contact Glenn Collings on [district26@btinternet.com](mailto:district26@btinternet.com) and for St Thomas of Acon contact Alan Pattinson on [awpat@talktalk.net](mailto:awpat@talktalk.net). There will be articles on both these orders in future KT Newsletters.

## Meet the Provincial Vice Chancellor

Eminent Knight Peter Carroll is married to Dee (short for Denise). They have six children between them two girls and one boy each and eight grandchildren, five girls and three boys their ages ranging from 21 to 6 years, including twin girls .

Peter has had two careers one spanning 32 years in Local Government administration with the City of Manchester, Metropolitan Borough of Bolton and the City of Salford. He took early retirement from his position as Assistant Director of Administration with Salford City Council at the age of 51 and then spent the next 14 years in the Provincial Office of Cheshire . During the majority of his tenure the Clay Lane Office undertook the administration of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners and the Knight Templar.

Peter was Installed as a Knight Templar in the Preceptory of Charity No 584 in 1998 and became Eminent Preceptor in 2004. He was appointed Past Provincial Standard Bearer (VB) in 2006, Provincial Vice Chancellor in 2013 and was invested as Past Deputy Great Sword Bearer in 2014.

His Masonic career started in the Province of East Lancashire when he was initiated into his father's Lodge , Fidelitas Lodge No 4706 (now defunct). He became its WM in 1982 and again 1994. Peter also served as Treasurer and Secretary of that Lodge . In addition Peter has also been WM of the East Lancashire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge and the Prince of Wales Lodge No 1012 in East Lancashire as well as the Lodge of Good Counsel No 5270 in Cheshire. He is a member of the Manchester St David's Lodge No 1147 which meets in Herefordshire , the membership of which includes very senior Freemasons from 12 Provinces. In East Lancashire he served as Secretary, Deputy Chairman and Chairman of a District which is the equivalent of Cheshire's Divisions . He holds the rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon in United Grand Lodge.

His time in Royal Arch has followed a similar pattern. He was Exalted into Imperial George Chapter No 78 and became Zerubbabel in 2001. He joined Ashfield Chapter in Cheshire in 1998 and was Z in 1996. He is currently Joshua of Cheadle Chapter No 3731 in Stockport and holds the rank of Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter.

Peter is also a member and Past Master of Tuscan Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 922 and Wythenshawe Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners Lodge No 532 in Cheshire and, by virtue of his former position as Provincial Grand Secretary for the Mark holds the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He is a member of the Allied Degrees and is currently the Worshipful Master of John Wellings Council No 167 in Cheshire. Peter is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite Rose Croix in East Lancashire.

Throughout his administrative career Peter has promoted openness and transparency, believing that it is important for those who are affected to know how and why decisions are made and the likely consequences of those decisions. Peter acknowledges that he has been very fortunate to have been involved in a number of interesting and exciting projects within Local Government and Freemasonry and has met individuals who have been dedicated and committed. He appreciates that circumstances have dictated the need for changes within the administration of the Knights Templar in Cheshire and North Wales and pays tribute to the Leaders and Registrars who are committed to ensuring that Knights Templar in the Province of Cheshire and North Wales are kept informed and are happy.

## Provincial Prior's Diary 2014-5

### 2014

2 June Staffordshire & Shropshire Province  
7 June Cheshire & North Wales AGM  
12 June St Werburgh Installation  
21 June North Wales Mark Provincial Meeting  
24 June Derbyshire Province  
26 June Hertfordshire Province  
28 June Warwickshire Province (New Pr Prior)  
2 July Provincial Church Service  
8 July Grand Master's Preceptory  
15 July Provincial GP Committee  
27 July Provincial Sunday Luncheon  
11 Sept Geoffroy de Bouillon Installation  
20 Sept Northumberland Province  
29 Sept Province of London  
1 Oct Cheshire Craft Provincial Grand Lodge  
6 Oct **Team Visit** to Temple 327  
11 Oct Installation of new Cheshire Mark PGM  
13 Oct Provincial Priors' Conference  
25 Oct Worcestershire Province  
30 Oct Registrar/Treasurer seminar  
6 Nov Combined Malta Meeting 100/318/327/558  
8 Nov North & East Yorkshire Province  
14 Nov Croes Newydd  
18 Nov Great Priory of Malta  
27 Nov Northwich  
2 Dec **Team Visit** to Grosvenor

### 2015

12 Jan St George  
23 Jan **Team Visit** to Llewellyn Fawr  
24 Jan Love & Friendship Installation  
29 Jan De L'Isle Adam Installation  
2 Feb Royal Edward  
10 Feb Provincial GP Committee  
25 Feb Palestine  
14 Mar Cheshire Provincial Grand Chapter  
21 Mar Cheshire Provincial Mark  
7 Apr Menai  
11 Apr St Hilary  
13 Apr Grand Master's Preceptory  
23 Apr St Salem Installation  
25 Apr Durham Province  
1 May Charity  
9 May Lancashire Province  
14 May **Team Visit** to De Tabley  
15 May Faith & Hope  
20 May Great Priory  
21 May St David  
1 June Staffordshire & Shropshire Province  
6 June Cheshire & North Wales AGM

# A Bodyguard Preceptory for Cheshire & North Wales

## **Background**

The Cheshire Bodyguard Preceptory No 578 was consecrated in February 1993 and surrendered its Warrant in August 2011. The reasons for the demise of the Preceptory were complex but included the loss of any well-defined purpose and the failure to attract new members from the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard.

Cheshire & North Wales is now the only large Province without a dedicated Bodyguard Preceptory. The Provincial Prior, who was a member and for ten years Registrar of 578 is now keen to explore the possibility of reviving a Bodyguard Preceptory.

## **The Purpose**

To be a "home" for present and past members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard.

To be the de facto Bodyguard Mess.

To act as a Preceptory of Improvement

To demonstrate excellence in ritual and drill

To allow members to have the opportunity to be supported to practice roles before they need to do this in their mother Preceptories.

To improve knowledge and understanding about the United Orders.

To be a resource for the Province

To assist with Malta ceremonies if requested.

To support the Provincial Prior over and above the work of the current Bodyguard.

## **Membership**

It will be important for the membership to be balanced. Although a number of senior members will be appropriate the Preceptory must not become too top heavy. As with all membership applications the Provincial Prior will need to approve each application.

The following groups will be represented:

Present members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard. These Knights will be strongly encouraged to join but there will be no compulsion.

Appropriate past members of the Bodyguard

Certain Officers of the Province who, although not having been members of the Bodyguard, will be essential for the Preceptory's progress.

## **Meeting Place and Dates**

The meeting place or places are for discussion. It is envisaged that there would be two meetings a year and one or both will be peripatetic although it will be necessary to meet at a venue which already hosts a Preceptory. Meeting dates will be arranged so as not to clash with other Preceptory meetings although clashes with other Orders may be difficult to avoid. Possibly fifth weekdays might work. There will be no Saturday meetings.

## **Costs**

It is appreciated that joining an additional Preceptory will result in increased costs. These will be kept to a minimum by the use of a paperless approach. No additional regalia is required and members are specifically discouraged from obtaining non-standard swords. There will be no special tie apart from the Provincial tie and any lapel badges will be provided at cost.

## **Name**

Since Preceptory 578 was founded the Province itself has changed its name and so the Preceptory will need a new name. The possibilities are:

Cheshire & North Wales Bodyguard Preceptory  
A neutral name such as Crossed Swords  
A new name specific to the Province such as  
Leicester-Warren.

Option 1 is a bit of a mouthful.

Option 2 is possible but most options are already in use elsewhere.

Option 3 would celebrate John Leighton Byrne Leicester-Warren who is the only Cheshire Knight to ever be Grand Master (1973-75). Cuthbert Leicester-Warren was Provincial Prior 1919-1950 and John Leicester-Warren was Provincial Prior 1954-1972.

Other suggestions will be welcome.

## **How will it work**

Interested Knights will be asked to submit their names to the Provincial Prior.

If there are sufficient names there will be a preliminary meeting to consider possible issues as above, draft Byelaws, and also potential Officers.

Names will be submitted to Great Priory with a request for a Dispensation to hold a meeting of Cheshire Bodyguard Preceptory 578.

At that meeting the Provincial Prior will take the chair and will install a Preceptor / Prior as elected. Officers will be appointed and invested. New Byelaws will be agreed. The Byelaws will be submitted for approval and when this is received the Preceptory will change its name.

## **What now?**

If you are interested in being a member of this important revived Preceptory you should contact the Provincial Vice Chancellor. Doing this will not commit you until such time as the details of meeting dates and places are agreed. It is possible that not all Knights who express interest will be approved to join.

The Provincial Prior would like to have an indication of the level of interest as soon as possible.

**THIS WAS SENT TO PRECEPTORY REGISTRARS IN THE SUMMER.**

### **Will you be the Eminent Preceptor of your Preceptory on 6th June 2015?**

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.

### **SEMINAR FOR PRECEPTORY REGISTRARS AND TREASURERS**

**The Province has arranged a seminar for all Preceptory Registrars and Treasurers to build on the new arrangements following the introduction of Keystone on Line. This is to be held on THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER 2014 at CHRISTLETON AT 7PM.**

**The Provincial Prior expects all Preceptories to be represented at this important meeting.**

**There will be opportunities to raise any issues with the Provincial Prior during the evening.**

### **REGALIA**

The solemnity and dignity of the Orders depend, amongst other things, on the correct regalia being worn by all Knights. It is expected that, once Installed as Preceptors, Eminent Knights will make the necessary changes to their Mantles and Cap Badges. Past Preceptors should wear the appropriate Collarette and Jewel.

Provincial Officers must change their sash and obtain the appropriate Mantle Badge before attending Provincial Priory. It is anticipated that in due course, old Mantle Badges with the name "CHESHIRE" will be phased out. Similarly Banner Bearers and Heralds will need badges with the new Cheshire & North Wales Crest.

Great Officers need a further change to their sash and an appropriate Mantle Badge.

Provincial and Great Officers wearing Malta Regalia should wear an appropriate Mantle Badge.

Mantle Badges are made individually and take time. Please order them as early as possible.

Queries about Regalia can be solved by reference to the Great Priory Statutes.

### **GREAT PRIORY**

2014 Great Priory of Malta will be held on Tuesday 18 November at Great Queen Street when this year's newly appointed Great Officers will receive their Malta ranks.

**It has previously been the custom for Cheshire & North Wales members attending the November meeting to have a meal together on the way back from Birmingham. This is no longer possible but we had considered a meal in a restaurant in London after the meeting but this November we will dine at the Connaught Rooms. Plans for November 2015 are not yet fixed.**

2015 Great Priory will be held on Wednesday 20 May, also at Great Queen Street. Cheshire & North Wales expects to receive three new appointments and one promotion based on the size of the Province.

### **Appointments and Promotions**

**The Provincial Vice Chancellor has brought forward the date for submission of recommendations for First Appointments by Preceptories.**

In order to be considered, a Knight MUST have Installed his successor. If he is serving a second year as Preceptor his appointment will normally be delayed but his extra service will be recognised.

**What do we do if we have had a Past Preceptor in the Chair when the request for Nominations comes?**

As was explained in Newsletter No 1, there is no ceiling on numbers for Promotions in Provincial Rank. Providing your IPP is not already a Past Provincial Constable, the Provincial Prior will be pleased to consider promoting him to mark his further contribution to the Orders.