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A little Knight Templar news does you good

Staying in touch

Dear Brother Knights

September was a very busy month - with five preceptory meetings having been held.

The month got off to an impressive start with 39 Brother Knights at the first meeting of the season.

This was for a meeting of Holy Palestine Preceptory in Swansea on which occasion E Kt Keith Ferguson was Proclaimed as Eminent Preceptor by Most Eminent and Supreme Knight Paul Raymond Clement, The Grand Master.



This was followed by a meeting of St John of Cardiff Preceptory in the large Temple at Cardiff when Kt Andrew Thomas was Installed as Eminent Preceptor and Eminent Prior by two volunteers from Cefn Ydfa Preceptory



namely E Kt Stewart Richards (left) and E Kt Mark Reynolds(right). Being the newest and therefore the smallest preceptory in the Province, this help was greatly appreciated.



Cardiff Masonic Hall

Next came a meeting of Gwent Preceptory, the oldest preceptory in the province (which is celebrating its 150th anniversary later this year). At their meeting in Newport, Mon, it was a joy to see Kt Terry Price (centre), the Provincial Organist, being Installed as Eminent Preceptor by E Kt Andrew Clark.

Having been a KT Organist for almost 18 years, it has clearly not been a simple matter to get him from the organ stool to the Eminent Preceptor's chair but everyone in attendance was delighted to see this finally happen.



**We said "We will meet again"
and so we have!**



The next Installation took place at Swansea, where E Kt Mark Bevan was Proclaimed Eminent Preceptor at Lord Swansea Preceptory . Although the attendance was lower in this instance, it was pointed out by the Provincial Chancellor, E Kt John Everett (who was one of the 13 Knights present) that: "it was enjoyed by all - with good humour being the predominating mood. The Lord Swansea experience demonstrates that very enjoyable meetings can be convened with around ten members if managed with confidence and goodwill."



The last meeting of the month was at Cefn Ydfa Preceptory in Bridgend, where due to the ill health of the Eminent Preceptor E.Kt. Philip Poole, the Ceremony was well conducted by E.Kt. Richard Phillips assisted by E.Kt. Stewart Richards and E.Kt. Mark Reynolds. The newly Installed Eminent Preceptor, Kt. Mark Newbold looked very much at home in the role and gave a polished performance not only in the Temple but also at the Refectory Table.



Some two dozen members attended each of the meetings in Cardiff and Newport and there were slightly more at Bridgend.

Members of Sir William Marshall Preceptory at Chepstow were however disappointed that their September meeting could not go ahead, in the absence of a quorum, but the members have high hopes that their banner will be raised aloft at the scheduled meeting next month.



Throughout September, many Provincial Officers were out and about at meetings and clearly enjoying the opportunity at last to meet up with old friends and return to established ways. The Covid prevention measures at all venues were most impressive – and so were the smart refurbishments at all the Halls where much painting and decorating had taken place.

During the past month the pleasures of Knight Templar freemasonry were most evident and they inspire confidence that the month ahead will see further growth and development but remember that no pressure should be applied and that members must be free to decide (in the light of their own personal circumstances) when is the right time for them to return labour.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

R E Kt Paul Calderwood

Have you seen people wearing the Swift badges?

Some of our Brother Knights missed out last year - because of the restrictions imposed by Covid - and they were not able to obtain a Swift lapel pin badge.

If you are one of them, you can still receive a pin badge by making a £20 donation to "The 20 for 2020 Appeal" in support the Eye Hospital of St John in Jerusalem.

So far this Appeal has raised over £49,000 but this amount is well short of the total that would have been raised in normal times and which is sorely need by the hospital for the treatment of children and adults in one of the most troubled parts of the world.

If you would like to be part of this praiseworthy Appeal and receive a badge please contact E Kt Richard Phillips, The Provincial Treasurer, whose email address is rich1phil@aol.com

or contact the Registrar of your Preceptory, who will make sure that your generosity is recognised in this way. Thank you.



Carols and a Christmas Carvery Lunch

Remember that the Christmas Meeting of Owain Glyndwr Preceptory - which is followed by a Family Carol Service and a Carvery Lunch - will be held on the second Saturday in December this year. Details on the KT Provincial website which is www.kt-msw.org

If you and your family and friends would like to attend please let E Kt Keri Evans know as soon as possible. Email: kerijohnevans55@gmail.com
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