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A little Knight Templar news does you good

Staying in touch

Dear Brother Knights

October was another busy month with six Preceptory meetings. This brings to eleven the total number of Preceptory meetings held since the start of September - and there are more scheduled to take place this month. Clearly, our KT Province is very much back and in good working order, following the suspension of Masonic meetings caused by the pandemic.

The predominant feeling which people tell me that they have taken away from these meetings is a great sense of joy and delight at being able to see their friends again and resume hallowed centuries-old traditions.

Their enthusiasm has been palpable and I am hopeful that next year will see rising confidence and the return of even more members - as soon as the circumstances are right.

Details about some of the most recent meetings are contained in the following pages and it is clear that by the middle of November the total number of Eminent Preceptors who have been Installed or Proclaimed since September will have reached thirteen. Thus, that very long wait to reach the chair will have been rewarded for many of our Brother Knights, thank goodness. This is a province with 16 preceptorates as you know and the last three Installations are due to take place in January and February when the regular meeting dates come around.

In addition to Installing Eminent Preceptors, the province has made headway in reducing the list of candidates who have been waiting patiently to enter the United Orders - with several admission ceremonies having taken place already and I hope that more will follow in the weeks and months ahead.

Similarly, in November we are focusing upon enabling those who were admitted to the Order of the Temple immediately before the shutdown to be admitted to the Malta Degree at last.

Eight Brother Knights have already sent in their application forms for admission to the Degree at the Provincial Malta Meeting, which will be held at Penarth on Saturday 13th November, when I hope to invest this year's Malta Officers also.

I am sure we all hope and pray that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and that all of our affectionately regarded and respected members will soon feel comfortable about returning to enjoy these happy meetings – but only when the time is right for them. We were all taught to be cautious and that applies both to those attending our meetings and to those waiting upon further reassurance.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

R E Kt Paul Calderwood



OCTOBER'S INSTALLATION MEETINGS

Throughout October, 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 impressive – and so were the smart refurbishments at all the Halls where much painting and decorating had taken place.

October proved to be busy with five Installation meetings, namely at



**Porthcawl -
St Madoc Preceptory**
where E Kt Norrie
Tetzlaff was
Proclaimed as
Eminent Preceptor

**Narberth -
St Davids Preceptory**
where E Kt Basil
Phillips was
Proclaimed as
Eminent Preceptor



**Penarth -
Morganwg
Preceptory**
where E Kt Alan
Hulbert was
Installed as
Eminent Preceptor

**Treharris -
Fforest Preceptory**
Attended by the Provincial Sub-
Prior, E Kt David Court (Centre)
where E Kt Vivian Norris (right) was
Installed Eminent Preceptor by E Kt
Chris Mugford (left).



**Swansea -
Owain Glyndwr Preceptory**
where E Kt Jeffrey Henshaw
(centre) was Installed as
Eminent Preceptor by
E Kt Alun H Thomas (left), and
congratulated by the Provincial
Prior.

The First Candidates

Of the new season

A very warm welcome is extended to the following Brother Knights who were the first Candidates to be admitted to the United Orders since the lifting of the suspension.

Companion Simon Robins (on the right) was Installed as a Knight of the Temple at a well-attended meeting of Holy Palestine Preceptory in Swansea in September, with the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in attendance.



Companion Andrew B Davies (below—in the centre of the photo) who was Installed as a Knight of the Temple at a special meeting of Gwent Preceptory at Newport in October.



Diary dates

November Meetings

5th - Llanelli - Giraldus Cambrensis

10th - Brecon - Brecknock Castle

11th - Bridgend - Cefn Ydfa

13th - Penarth - Provincial Malta

16th - London - The Great Priory of Malta

18th - Chepstow - Sir William Marshall

26th - Newport - Gwent 150th Anniversary

Remembering Jacques De Molay

An article written by Knight Gary Lillywhite of Menevia Preceptory

Back in early 2020 I made a trip to London. Little did I know at the time that it would be my only trip to anywhere in 2020. On that occasion, I visited a London medal dealer who I have known and traded with for some thirty years. We struck a deal on a "Lot" of Masonic jewels and regalia.

Amongst this "Lot" was a K.T. Past Preceptor's jewels. The collar jewel is inscribed to the appropriately named Jacques De Molay Preceptory.

As most of you are probably aware, Jacques De Molay was the last Grand Master of the monastic Order of The Knights Templars.



Briefly, for anybody who may be unfamiliar with his life, he was born at Molay in Burgundy in 1243 (the precise date seems to be unknown). There seems nothing known of his other family members. He entered The Order of Knights Templar, aged around 21 years, in 1265 at Beaune House Chapel in Burgundy. Jacques De Molay served the Order from 1265-1314. He became Grand Master in 1292 and held that office until 1314.

He was to be the last Grand Master of that famous Order. De Molay and other Templars were arrested on Friday the 13th of October 1307 on orders from King Philip IV of France. They were charged with Heresy, Blasphemy and Homosexuality among other things and the trials went on for several years.



Jacques De Molay was sentenced to burning at the stake and he was burnt to death on the 18th of March 1314 on an island in The River Seine in Paris. This island is now known as Ile de Templiers.

The monastic Order was dissolved and this brought an end to The Knights Templar. Or did it ???

The reverse of the collar jewel is inscribed as follows:

Presented to E.Kt. X

In recognition of his services

As Ex.Prec. of The Preceptory of Jacques De Molay No.670

As this jewel is not of Antique vintage and - for reasons of respect and confidentiality to its previous owner - I have omitted his name and the dates.

The Masonic Preceptory of Jacques De Molay No.670 was Constituted on the 13th of October 2007 in Hertfordshire Province. It meets at The Halsey Masonic Hall in Cheshunt. The members hold three meetings per year (on the second Wednesday of January and June with their Installation held in the second Thursday in September).

At the appropriate time in the future, I intend to wear these jewels as my own personal jewels and as a tribute to their former owner and to the name of the last Grand Master of the mediaeval Order.