



**Dear Brother Knights**

When the Registrars of the various Preceptories within the Province held their annual forum in October, one of the things that they voted for was the return of *A Beauceant*, on a quarterly basis, and so here it is - and it is good to be back!

Since the last edition was published, a great many things have happened, of course. For example, our membership has continued to grow and it now stands at a six-year high. We received 57 applications for membership during the 12 months up until October.

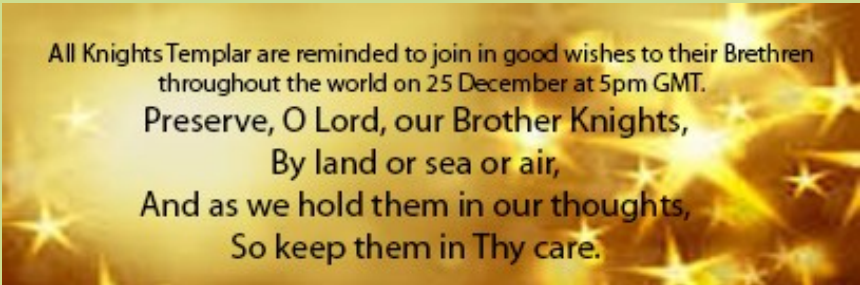
Looking into the future, one of the most significant recent developments has been the pairing of Preceptories with local Royal Arch Chapters - for the benefit of both Knight Templar and Royal Arch Freemasonry.

For the future of Knight Templar Masonry, we depend upon the Royal Arch flourishing - and so it is good to see that KT Representatives have already been appointed to 50 Chapters and that this figure is continually growing.

Each of these distinctively-badged Representatives work in the same way as a Royal Arch Representative would work within a Craft Lodge – keeping both sides well informed about each other and providing mutual support.

It was a special delight to invest as the first of these KT Representatives the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of Monmouthshire, E Kt Chris Evans . I would like to thank him and all of the Bro Kts who have stepped forward to help with this important work and I wish them well.

As Christmas approaches, and we clear our vocal chords for the annual Carol Service, may I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the United Orders during the past year - which has been so full of achievements - and to wish you and your families a very happy time together over the festive season, and great enjoyment in the year which lies ahead.



**Yours in the Bonds of the Order**

**R.E.Kt. Dr. Paul Calderwood**

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## Blessings and Celebrations

A great celebration, attended by almost 70 knights, enjoyed a memorable evening at Gwent Preceptory on 28th November in Chepstow - when two new Knights were admitted to the Order, we welcomed a host of 25 Knights from Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, led by their Provincial Prior, R E Kt Peter Burrows, and a presentation was made to R E Kt Revd Malcolm Lane GCT, the Great Prelate, to mark his 40 years as a Knight Templar.

A warm welcome to our newest knights, Hywel Lloyd and Gareth Stokes, and a big thank you to the many visitors who added so much to the occasion.

Pictured above is Revd Malcolm, flanked (left to right) by the Provincial Priors of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, as well as Monmouth and South Wales and the Eminent Preceptor of Gwent Preceptory, E Kt Luke Stokes.

The following message, sent afterwards by The Great Prelate, sums up the event so well:

Dear Bro. Knights,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for the warmth, generosity, and fellowship shown to me at yesterday's meeting of the Gwent Preceptory at Chepstow Masonic Hall. It was an honour to celebrate forty years of membership in the Order among so many Knights — a journey that began for me in September 1985 — and I am deeply grateful for the presentation of the commemorative certificate and the wonderful book. I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation to the Provincial Prior, **Dr. Calderwood**, for his kindness in making this presentation, which I shall cherish.

I am equally grateful to the visiting Knights of the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, led by their Provincial Prior, for gracing the occasion with their fraternal support.

The Installation of two new Candidates was an uplifting highlight, conducted with dignity and precision by the Eminent Preceptor, Luke Stokes, and his team. Their exemplary work reflected great credit upon the Preceptory and added significantly to the evening.

My warm thanks also go to the Recorder, **Tim Parr**, whose excellent organisation and attention to detail contributed greatly to the smooth running and success of the meeting.

The dinner that followed was a fitting and enjoyable conclusion to a memorable occasion — one made particularly special by the company of all who attended.

To each of you who shared in the evening, supported its success, and contributed to its spirit of Christian fellowship, I extend my sincere gratitude. You have made this milestone in my Templar journey especially meaningful.

May God bless you all.

Yours in the Faith and in the Bonds of the Order  
Fr Malcolm





# NOVEMBER WAS A VERY EVENTFUL MONTH

Highlights included:

## Great Priory of Malta in London

Knights from Monmouth and South Wales were honoured at Great Priory. They included not only R.E.Kt. Revd. Malcolm Lane who was re-appointed as the Great Prelate, but also E Kts Carl Davies, Stephen Howlett, Keith Ferguson, Richard Phillips, Ian Moseley, Tony Marno and Dilwyn Littlejohns—all of whom were appointed to Past Great Rank. It was especially good to see so many members of the Bodyguard present, including Kts Alun Thomas, Douglas Treadwell, Nick Alban and Robert Cross, seen here with the Provincial Marshal and his Deputy, E Kts Carl Davies and Stephen Roberts.



## And a Malta Festival in South Wales



Fifteen candidates were admitted to the Ancient and Masonic Order of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta at the Provincial Meeting of Monmouth and South Wales on 8th November in Penarth. The ceremony, conducted by the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Richard Phillips P.G.St.B.(B), was accompanied by the investiture of the Malta Provincial Officers for 2025/2026, carried out by the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Dr. Paul Calderwood K.C.T.

More than 75 Knights attended this double event, which was preceded at 11am by the traditional solemn Act of Remembrance, in tribute to those who had died in the service of their country and to friends and family members lost during the past 12 months.

The Act of Remembrance was led by the Great Prelate of England and Wales, R.E. Kt. Revd. Malcolm Lane G.C.T. and ended with the words of Lawrence Binyon, "They shall grow not old".

Those in attendance included the Grand Master of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City, R.E.Kt. Dr. Vivian Thomas K.C.T.; the Deputy Grand Master of the Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon, V.E.Kt. Harry Randell, accompanied by the Right Worthy Grand Preceptor for South Wales, E.Kt. Wayne Dyer; the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Monmouthshire, E.Kt. Chris Evans who is also Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch of Monmouthshire; the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Monmouthshire, E.Kt. Ben Dykes; the Provincial Grand Master the Royal Order of Scotland for South Wales, V.E.Kt. Carl Davies; the Grand Superintendent of Wales District No 34 in the Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, E.Kt. Michael Hopkins, and the Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of South Wales, E.Kt. Eirian Jones.

# The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master acts as Chaplain

At a Meeting of the Holy Palestine Preceptory No. 502 held on the Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at the Swansea Masonic Temple, a new Eminent Preceptor was Installed.

The Distinguished Brethren in attendance included the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Paul Raymond Clement GCT, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales R.E.Kt Paul R. Calderwood JP, the Provincial Sub-Prior E.Kt Richard Phillips, the Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable E.Kt Tony Jones, the Provincial Marshal V.E.Kt Carl Davies, together with a plethora of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, Members of the Provincial Prior’s Bodyguard, Members and Guests of the Preceptory.

The Installation of the new Preceptor, E. Knight Simon Robins, was carried out in a very competent style by the Installing Preceptor, Eminent Knight Stephen Howlett who performed most creditably despite having been unwell recently. E.Kt. Simon Robins is an enthusiastic and keen young Mason who is presently Worshipful Master of his Mark Lodge and Scribe of his Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. He then invested his Officers, with a new Registrar, E. Kt. David Dyer, who took over from the retiring Registrar E. Kt Jim Needs whose many years of excellent service were notable.

The Preceptory was then closed, a Priory of Malta opened, the new Prior Installed and the Officers appointed.

During the two Ceremonies, the Grand Master gave a detailed explanation of the relevant Certificates to new Members.

## Representatives appointed to Royal Arch Chapters

The Sir William Marshal Preceptory No. 668 held a Meeting on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at the Chepstow Masonic Temple where a new Eminent Preceptor was Installed into the Preceptory and R.E.Kt Paul R. Calderwood JP, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales, formally appointed five Knights Templar Representatives to their local Royal Arch Chapters in the Province of Monmouthshire.



It is R.E.Kt Paul R. Calderwood’s intention to appoint further Knight Templar Representatives to the Chapters in the three Royal Arch Provinces which form the Knight Templar Province of Monmouth and South Wales in order to aid Royal Arch Chapter recruitment of Craft Masons and, hopefully, to enhance the number of Candidates joining Knights Templar.

The Meeting was held in the presence of the Provincial Prior R.E.Kt Paul R. Calderwood JP, the Provincial Sub-Prior E.Kt Richard Phillips, the Provincial 1<sup>st</sup> Constable E.Kt E.Kt. Roger Thompson, the Provincial 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable E. Kt. Tony Jones, the Provincial Marshal V.E.Kt Carl Davies (who is the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland), E.KT Chris Evans (the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Monmouthshire), E.Kt Ben Dykes (the Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in Monmouthshire), together with a large number of Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers and the Commander and Members of the Provincial Prior’s Bodyguard, plus a considerable number of Members and Guests of the Preceptory.

In the “domestic” portion of the Ceremony, a Joining Member Kt. David Clayden was approved and a favourable ballot for a new Member took place.

The Installation of the new Preceptor, E. Knight Shaun Cuddihy, was carried out in a very competent style by the Installing Preceptor, Eminent Knight Christopher D. Thomas who performed very creditably and without any notes. E.Kt. Shaun Cuddihy is a well-known and enthusiastic Mason in both the Province of South Wales and the Province of Monmouthshire. He then invested his Officers,

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During the first Ceremony, the Provincial Prior invested the five newly appointed Royal Arch Representatives with their distinctive lapel badges and then gave the detailed and lengthy explanations of the relevant Certificate to new Members and, during the second Ceremony, the Provincial Sub-Prior did the same to new Members of the Malta Degree.

*Both articles were written by E. Kt. Chris Mugford ProvComms PPrSwdB*



# Cefn Ydfa Preceptory Installs Three Candidates

At the Regular Meeting of the Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No. 579 held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Bridgend Masonic Hall, three new Candidates were Installed in the presence of the Provincial Sub-Prior E. Kt. Richard John Phillips P.G.Std.B.(B), the Provincial Marshal V.E. Kt. Carl Douglas Davies P.G.Reg (the Preceptory Marshal and who is also the Provincial Grand Master of South Wales of the Royal Order of Scotland) and E. Kt. Garry N. Rosser P.G.Capt.Gds (the Preceptory Chaplain), and a significant number of Provincial Grand Officers, Member Knights and Guests.



In the unavoidable absence of the Eminent Preceptor, the “Chair” was taken at very short notice by the Immediate Past Preceptor E. Kt. Stephen M. Roberts (the Provincial Grand Deputy Marshal) who excelled in the presentation of the Ceremony.

The three Candidates, Comp. Antony George Ronald Gardner of the Adare Chapter No. 9247, Comp. Andrew Sean Lionel Daniel also of the Adare Chapter No. 9247 and Comp. Arran Mordecai of the Porthkerry Chapter No. 6299 were expertly guided through the co-ordinated Triple Ceremony by the Officers of the Preceptory (superbly organised by the Preceptory Registrar E. Kt. Aneurin L. Hughes P.Pr.2ndConst).

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, the Candidates were congratulated by Provincial Sub-Prior E. Kt. Richard John Phillips P.G.Std.B.(B), who also confirmed his sincere appreciation for the work of the Officers of the Preceptory.

The Preceptory having been closed, the Knights repaired to the Dining Hall of the Bridgend Masonic Hall where the very convivial After-Proceedings were held and they were treated to the quality repast for which Jayne, the Hall Caterer, is noted.

E. Kt. Chris Mugford PPrSwd B

## A fine display

It was good to see this fine set of ten matching swords, recently purchased for the Provincial Prior’s Bodyguard, which have been in much use over recent months - following their formal blessing at Margam Abbey in the summer.



## Outstanding ceremony at Llanelli

The members of Giraldus Cambrensis Preceptory No 319 were treated to an outstandingly good ceremony delivered from memory by E Kt Brian Rees when he Installed Kt Ceri de Lloyd as his successor, in November. In congratulating them both, The Provincial Prior paid tribute to their fine service as members of his Bodyguard in the past and said that the experience which they had gained during that time shone forth now.



# THE ALMONERS POST



Greetings in the bonds of the Order from the Provincial Almoner. I hope that as we have passed through the different seasons since February, that this has been a blessed and fruitful time for you and your families. I pray that your role as Almoner has also been rewarding for you all.

The weather is now truly changing from Autumn to Winter. We have had tremendous changes in the weather. In these last weeks from warmer sunny days to the massive

storms, heavy rains floods, even snow in some parts of our Province. Even with this we now have wonderful scenes of autumn. The beauty of the trees around us as they change into glorious different colours and shed their leaves. Our recent visit to Brecon through the beauty of the mountains as we went over Storeys Arms.

As a Christian order this is for us, a changing time of preparation in Advent towards the great celebration of the Christmas season itself. As Almoners it is always a time of looking ahead and looking around us and responding. As the seasons change and these colder times are with us we are looking around in care for those who may be vulnerable in these seasons, perhaps even some will find it difficult to approach us and share problems or challenges.

Changing times are for us as Almoners, times where knowledge that can help is welcome. As you know I am always searching for information that can help us so I can pass this on.

Age UK always has some great things on its website. I found this on the web. **'Keeping warm and well this winter'** contains lots of useful tips and reminders. I pass on the headings they provide which can be viewed in full on the website by clicking there on a particular heading.

[Keep moving](#)

[Eat well](#)

[Get your winter vaccinations](#)

[Make sure your home is warm enough](#)

[Stop the spread of germs](#)

[Wrap up well](#)

[Apply for all the benefits you're entitled to](#)

[Stock up on cold and sore throat remedies and food](#)

[Take extra care outside when the ground is slippery](#)

[Keep emergency numbers nearby](#)

[Be aware of your heart and circulation](#)

For us as Almoners it is a time as well for us to think about our own Preceptories, for those who we believe may be infirm or isolated this Christmas time. We know a visit, a conversation, a small gift may mean so much at this Christmas time.

**As we approach this Christmastide an opportunity for each of us to remember loved ones, Brother Knights, family and friends who have shared Christmases past with us and are now no longer with us. Perhaps for each of us in a few moments of silence over the busy Christmas tide amongst all the celebrations to remember them again. Remembering those times shared together, holding them in our minds with joy and memories, bringing a smile, and celebrating Christmas again. ‘May they rest in Peace and rise in Glory’. In our own preceptories including as well in our thoughts those for have died.**

If you wish to speak or share about any of the above, please get in touch, always happy to hear from you in any way that I can assist.

Yours as ever, in the bonds of the Order and with my best wishes for this Christmas before us, may it be one of happiness and great joy for you all and your families, and may the person of the Christ Child be real to us all and among us once again. A blessed Christmas and happy New Year to you all.

Tony,

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***‘But the angel said to them,  
“Do not be afraid. I bring you  
good news that will cause great  
joy for all the people. Today in  
the town of David a Saviour has  
been born to you; he is the  
Messiah, the Lord. This will be a  
sign to you: You will find a  
baby wrapped in cloths and  
lying in a manger.”***

***<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of  
the heavenly host appeared  
with the angel, praising God  
and saying,***

***“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”***

*Luke Chapter 2 verse 11 – 14 (New International Version)*

