

**Minutes of the Chapter of Provincial Priory of Kent held on Saturday, the 6th July 2019 at the Bromley Masonic Centre, Oakley House, Bromley, Kent under the Banner of Bromley Preceptory No.286.**

The Knights being assembled were called to order to receive the Malta Delegation, led by Past Sub-Prior, V.E.Kt. N. A. B. Grout, P.Gt 2<sup>nd</sup>Con. Then followed Processions of the Very Eminent Knights and Knights of Distinction,

Right Eminent Knights Commander of The Temple and Right Eminent Knights together with Visiting Provincial Priors.

The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. David Jordan, then entered in procession, attended by the Provincial Officers.

A Chapter of Provincial Priory was opened at 11:00 by The R.E.Provincial.Prior. 191 knights were present.

The R.E. Provincial Prior was saluted with 7 under the direction of the Provincial Marshal.

R.E.Kt. Stuart Middleton,KCT, Pass Provincial Prior for East Anglia, along with other R.E.Knights and Visiting Provincial Priors, were saluted with 7.

R.E.Kt. S. Middleton responded.

The Very Eminent Knights, together with Sub-Priors, visiting Eminent and brother knights and Heads of other Orders were saluted with 5. V.E.Kt. John Bonomy, P.Gt. 1st Constable. responded.

The R.E. Provincial Prior formally welcomed the Knights of Distinction, including the Heads of other Masonic Orders in Kent, being:

E.Kt. G.C. Higgs                    Inspector General for West Kent, Ancient and Accepted Rite.

E.Kt. T.M Sharpe                 District Grand Master Royal and Select Masters

E.Kt. P. Wise                        Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

E.Kt. C. Tunbridge                Grand Superintendent, District No. 5, Knight Templar Priests

E.Kt. E.B.Goodwin                Regional Grand Prefect K.B.H.C

E. Kt. P. Brockbank               District Grand Prefect, Allied masonic Degrees

E.Kt. C. Manuel                    Deputy Grand Master, Allied Masonic Degrees

E.Kt. R. Apperley                 Provincial Grand Master, Masonic Order of Athelstan

The R.E. Provincial Prior then welcomed the Distinguished Guests.

The Banners of the Preceptories were paraded and the Muster Roll of Preceptories was called. All were represented.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then called on the Provincial Registrar to read the names of those Knights who had passed to Higher Service since the previous Meeting.

They were: -	E.Kt. Rose William Martyn	Axtane Preceptory No.373
	E.Kt. Anthony Robert Poynter P.Gt.A-C	Lord Harris preceptory No. 475
	E.Kt. Dennis John Metherall	St Vincent Preceptory No.333
	Kt. George Kolomvakos	Crystal Palace Preceptory No.257
	E.Kt. David Clive Mitchell	West Kent Preceptory No.371
	E.Kt. William Grant Unger	Richard Plantagenet Preceptory No.597
	E.Kt. Brian Robert Barden P.Gt.A-C	Bpxley Abbey Precpetory No.402
	V.E.Kt. John Sprackling P.Gt.A-C	St Vincent Precptory No.333

The Knights were called to order and reversed swords. The Provincial Prelate paid tribute to the memories of the departed and offered prayer for their eternal rest and for Divine comfort for those who mourned their passing.

The Minutes of the Provincial Meeting held on 7th July, 2018, having been circulated in the Meeting Brochure, were taken as read, and, on the proposition of E.Kt. C. Manuel, seconded by E.Kt. G. Dunham, were confirmed by the Knights who were present on that occasion as a true record.

The Vice-Chancellor's Report for the year 2018 to 2019, having been circulated in the Brochure, was taken as read. On the proposition of E.Kt. C. Manuel, seconded by E.Kt. G. Dunham, it was received, and adopted with no amendments.

The accounts of the Provincial Priory for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, having been circulated in the brochure, together with his annual report, were presented by the Provincial Treasurer. Account Examiners, E.Kts. S.J.Gray & D.G.Hughes reported. It was proposed by E.Kt. C. Manuel, seconded by E.Kt. G. Dunham, that they be received, adopted and entered on these Minutes with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Account Examiners. This was duly passed by the knight's present.

E.Kt. G.C.Higgs, Provincial Treasurer, proposed that the following sums be donated from the Fund of Benevolence:

To St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group £1,000 (from the Province of Kent)

Seconded by E.Kt. C. Tunbridge and carried.

There being only one nomination, the R.E. Provincial Prior declared E.Kt. G.C.Higgs elected Provincial Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Vice-Chancellor proposed that E.Kt. S.J.Gray and E.Kt. D.G.Hughes be re-appointed Account Examiners for the ensuing year. This was seconded by E.Kt. C. Manuel and carried.

The R.E. Provincial Prior re appointed E.Kt. T.W. Tanner as Provincial Sub Prior who, together with all those of the rank of Sub-Prior and above, were then saluted with 5.

The Vice-Chancellor read the names of the Provincial Officers appointed by the Provincial Prior, and the R.E. Provincial Prior invested those present.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then appointed, invested the active officers for the year. Promoted Knights and conferred Past Ranks on first appointment. All those invested with rank of Provincial Officer were then saluted with 3.

Em.Kt. N. Playford then responded on behave of the newly appointed officers.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then received the re-appointed Bodyguard Commander E.Kt.D.Dean, Deputy Commander, E.Kt.A.Dive and Registrar, Kt. C.R. Hudson, and greeted his Bodyguard.

The R.E. Provincial Prior then addressed the assembled Knights.

The Provincial Vice-Chancellor then stated he had received apologies from R.E.Kt. K.J. Breeding.K.C.T, Past Provincial Prior for Kent, R.E.Kt. Kessick Jones K.C.T. Past Provincial Prior for Kent, other Provincial Priors, Provincial Sub-Priors, Provincial Vice-Chancellors and a large number of Members of the Province all of whom sent knightly & fraternal greetings.

E.Kt. D.Barden, Warden of Regalia presented a cheque for £1200 to the Provincial Prior, resulting from the sale of Regalia.

The R.E.Provincial Prior announced that Temple Ewell Preceptory No.325 will be Banner Preceptory for 2020.

The Alms collection amounted to £534.00.

There being no further business the Chapter of Provincial Priory was closed at 1:10p.m. and the R.E. Provincial Prior, Provincial Officers and Distinguished Guests retired in procession.

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Dated.....

R.E.Kt. David Jordan  
Provincial for the Province of Kent