

**Minutes of the Provincial Priory of London Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
held under the banner of the London Bodyguard Preceptory No. 614.

The Knights assembled and were called to order at 4.15 pm.

The Malta delegation entered in procession under an arch of steel.

The Knights were called to order and visiting Provincial Priors entered under an arch of steel.

The Knights were called to order and Knights Commanders of the Temple and R.E.Kt. Michael Fox, the Past Provincial Prior of London, entered in procession under an arch of steel.

The Knights were called to order and the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. David James Thompson proceeded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Bearer, the Sub-Prior V.E.Kt. Victor Lawrence Parnis, attended by the officers of the Province entered in procession under an arch of steel.

A Chapter of Provincial Priory was opened at 4.30 pm.

A requiem was conducted by the Provincial Prelate in memory of those Knights of the Province who had passed to the Holy City.

The minutes of the Chapter of Provincial Priory held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, having been circulated, were adopted by the Knights of the Province.

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior extended to the distinguished visitors a warm welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Province and thanked E.Kt. Douglas Black for acting as Guest Organist. The distinguished visitors were saluted with honours according to their rank. The salutation was acknowledged on behalf of all the visitors.

The Provincial Registrar called the roll of Provincial Officers.

The Preceptory Banners were paraded and the Roll of Preceptories called.

The Provincial Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the Province for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 confirming that the accounts showed that the finances of the Province were in a healthy position. It was proposed and seconded that the accounts, having been previously circulated, be adopted. The proposition was carried. The Provincial Prior directed that the thanks of the Province to the Provincial Treasurer and the examiners of the accounts for their work be recorded in the minutes.

An election was held for the Office of Treasurer for the ensuing year. E.Kt. Matthew Hampson, Past Great Sword Bearer, having been nominated as Treasurer, the Provincial Prior declared the election in his favour as no other member wished to be considered and no member called for a ballot.

It was proposed and seconded that E.Kts. Gavin O'Sullivan and Stephen Gill be appointed as examiners of the accounts for the ensuing year. The proposition was carried.

It was proposed and seconded that V.E.Kt. Trevor Dutt and E.Kts Peter Dack, James Fletcher and Major Dennis Bradley be elected to serve on the Provincial Council for the ensuing year. The proposition was carried.

The Provincial Prior thanked V.E.Kt. Victor Lawrence Parnis for his service to the Province both as Vice-Chancellor and Sub-Prior and presented him with cheque from the London Preceptories.

The Provincial Prior directed that the Provincial Sub-Prior nominate be introduced. The Provincial Sub-Prior nominate, E.Kt. Antony Fabian Legge, Past Great Captain of Guards, entered under an Arch of Steel preceded by the escort bearing the regalia on cushions. The Provincial Prior directed that the patent of appointment be read. The Provincial Sub-Prior nominate knelt and recited his obligation. He then paid homage to the Provincial Prior and was invested and installed. The Provincial Prelate pronounced the Benediction. The Eminent Provincial Sub-Prior was proclaimed and saluted.

The Provincial Prior appointed and invested his Officers for the year 2019-20. A list of those Officers is printed in the summons for the 2019 Chapter of Provincial Priory.

The Provincial Prior re-appointed E.Kt. Brian Francois as Commander of his Bodyguard and E.Kt. Ian Drury as Deputy Commander. He then received the members of his Bodyguard, thanked them for their services and presented certificates to the new members.

Other business for the good of the Order and the benefit of the Province was considered. The Provincial Vice-Chancellor proposed and the Provincial Treasurer seconded that the Province donates from the Charity Account £750 to the Marine Society & Sea Cadets and £3,000 to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. The proposition was carried.

The Provincial Prior announced that the next annual meeting of the Provincial Priory would be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Londinium Preceptory No 632 volunteered to act as Banner Preceptory for the meeting.

The Provincial Prior addressed the assembled Knights.

Alms were collected amounting to £823.30 (including a tax refund of £109.71) during which the Templar's Hymn was sung.

The Provincial Priory was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The Provincial Prior, with the distinguished visitors, Great Officers and Officers of the Province retired in procession under an arch of steel. The Malta delegation retired and the Knights were dismissed.

At the diner, after the meeting, Mrs. Fiona Stewart, Director of Fundraising for St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group was the guest of honour and the Provincial Prior presented her with a cheque for £3,000.