



The Great Priory of Queensland

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple
and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta

**Minutes for the Annual Meeting of The Great Priory of Queensland and Grand
Proclamation held at the Caloundra Power Boat Club, Lamerough Parade, Golden Beach,
on Saturday 2nd June 2018.**

Attendance – As Per Register

- The Great Prelate, V E Kt Stephen Murie entered in procession and censed the Chapter Room at 1420 hours.
- The Right Eminent Great Prior, R E Kt Barry Willett KCM accompanied by Officers of the Malta Delegation entered the Chapter Room at 1424 hours.
- The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, M E Kt Robert Bennett GCT, accompanied by the High & Right Eminent Great Seneschal R E Kt Jack Manasserian KCT and Officers of The Great Priory of Queensland, entered in procession 1425 hours.
- At 1432 hours the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master opened the Chapter of The Great Priory of Queensland.

Following the opening of The Great Priory of Queensland the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master suitably responded.

• **The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Masters Welcome:-**

“It is a pleasure to heartily welcome you to this our 34th Annual Meeting of the Gt Priory of Qld, being held here on the Sunshine Coast. I thank you for your support and enthusiasm over the past twelve months and look forward to the next stanza in the life of this Great Priory. There is enthusiasm and interest in our beloved order and we all need to ensure that it continues. Please use the Mentor Kit which has been developed by R E Kt Norrie Morris, GCT as it will provide the base to go forward. The better we each understand the Order and the duties of the Officers in a Preceptory, the better we can function. There are also educational short addresses available from the GVC. Just ask him for them. There is absolutely no need for a Preceptory to have a no work meeting as an educational topic can be delivered. This business section of the meeting will be very short as there is very little business to conduct, before we start the major work of this Proclamation Day. Continue to support the Order and enjoy Knight Templar Freemasonry”.

The Great Vice-Chancellor then called the role and recorded apologies.

DUKE OF ALBANY PRECEPTORY No 1	4
NORTH QUEENSLAND PRECEPTORY No 2	2
BEAUCEANT PRECEPTORY No 3	4

CARPENTARIA PRECEPTORY No 4	0
CAPRICORN PRECEPTORY No 5	1
SIR WILLIAM WALLACE No 7	5
MACKAY PRECEPTORY No 8	2
WALTER DE CLIFTON PRECEPTORY No 9	1
WIDE BAY PRECEPTORY No 10	2
COOROORA PRECEPTORY No 13	12
BURNETT PRECEPTORY No 14	4
DE CONLAY PRECEPTORY No 15	2
ALPHA PRECEPTORY No 17	3
LEICHHARDT ENCAMPMENT No 18	2
IPSWICH-MORETON No 19	3

- **Apologies** - Apologies were tendered and recorded and taken as read, for unavoidable absence on behalf of:- M E Kt Brian Crane GCT, GM of Victoria and R E Kt Mark Allen KCT, V E Kt's Lester Dunstan, Les Keane, Glen Jackson, Clyde Jackson, Ted McCauley, Don McGlusky, David Hayward, Arnold Horne, E Kt's George Blowers, Beau Sankey, Arthur Trass, Geoff Shires, Ron Donnellan, Arnold Exelby, John Spooner, Brendan Theodore, Russell Millar, Don Davey, Glenn Farrell, Bro Kt Wylie Gibbons DSA, Kevin Harker.

Election of One Member of Grand Master's Council.

The Grand Master advised that as only one application has been received that of V E Kt Clive Johnson he will serve this term as the Elected Member on Grand Master's Council.

- **Confirmation of Minutes of the Great Priory of Queensland meeting held on 3rd June, 2017.** The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then addressed the Convocation stating Brother Knights and Fratres, as the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation of The Great Priory of Queensland having been circulated that being the meeting of 3rd June, 2017 I will take them as read. If you think they are true and accurate record of that Convocation's proceedings and that I should sign them as such, I will ask you to vote in the usual manner. Carried. Those Minutes are confirmed.
- **Confirmation of Minutes of Special meeting of the Great Priory of Queensland held in Rockhampton on 2nd December, 2017.** The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then addressed the Convocation stating Brother Knights and Fratres, as the Minutes of the Special Meeting of this Great Priory of Queensland held in Rockhampton on the 2nd December, 2017 having been circulated I will take them as read. If you think they are true and accurate record of that Convocation's proceedings and that I should sign them as such, I will ask you to vote in the usual manner. Carried. Those Minutes are confirmed.

- **Report of the Grand Master's Council and Approval of Recommendations 2017 –2018**
Owing to time restraints copies of the report having been distributed,
Moved V E Kt Vernon Flood "That the report as distributed be taken as read."
Seconded by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried.

- **Report of the Grand Master's Council and Approval of Recommendations 2017– 2018**
Moved by V E Kt Vernon Flood "That the Report of Grand Master's Council for 2017 – 2018 be received and adopted". Seconded by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried.

- **Notices of Motion to amend the Statutes arising from Grand Masters Council Report :-**

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master -

"Brother Knights and Fratres, we will now consider the Notice of Motion arising from the report of the Grand Master's Council".

Moved by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA

"That **Statute 11** be changed to include the office of Deputy Great Prelate immediately before the office Great Librarian on the list of Grand Officers" and under

Annexure B be added

New Member Presentation Kit

Preceptories are to present new members in their Preceptories at their Installation with a copy of the Statutes, Preceptory By-laws, Tie and Lapel Pin" Seconded by V E Kt Vernon Flood. Carried.

Moved by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA

"That under **Annexure B be added**

Past Master's Neck Jewel:

Great Priory of Queensland to purchase a Past Grand Master's Neck Jewel as and when required for each Grand Master when he completes his term". Seconded by V E Kt Vernon Flood. Carried.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master,

" Brother Knights and Fratres, I thank you for your approval of those changes."

- **GREAT TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/2018 & AUDITORS REPORT**

Moved by R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT "That the Financial Report for the Year ended 31/3/2018 as distributed be received". Seconded by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried.

Auditors Report:

Moved by R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT "That the Financial Report and Auditors Report for the year ended 31/3/2018 as presented be Adopted". Seconded by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried.

- **Election of Great Treasurer 2018 – 2019:**

The Great Vice-Chancellor, V E Kt Vernon Flood advised that there has only been one recommendation for the position of Great Treasurer from Grand Masters Council that of R E Kt Kirby James Leeke KCT. Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master duly declared R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT duly elected as Great Treasurer for the year 2018– 2019.

• **Appointment of Auditor 2018 – 2019:**

The Great Vice-Chancellor V E Kt Vernon Flood advised that there was only one recommendation from Grand Masters Council that of John Aronis to be appointed Auditor for 2018 – 2019. Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master declared John Aronis duly appointed as Auditor for the year 2018 – 2019.

The Grand Master then directed the Great Marshal to allow the Organist to enter.

Alms were collected during the singing of the Templar's Hymn. Amount Collected \$

The Grand Master then allowed Knights entering as a part of a delegation to retire.

GRAND PROCLAMATION

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then directed the Great Marshal to arrange for the admitting of Ladies, Master Masons, Distinguished Guests, Affiliati and Delegations.

ADMISSION OF VISITORS

Distinguished Visitors:

The Ladies, Master Masons, Distinguished Guests and Affiliati having been admitted and seated the Great Vice-Chancellor then called each Head of Order in turn to stand and be acknowledged by The Grand Master

1. Honoured Lady Judy Young Past Grand Royal Matron of the order of the AMARANTH.
And Sir Knight William Gennings Past Grand Royal Patron accompanied by
Honoured Lady Heather Jones Past Grand Royal Matron and
Honoured Lady Dot Edwards Past Royal Matron.
2. The Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Joan Currie, Worthy Grand Matron
Bro. Jonathan Nantes, Worthy Grand Patron.
Moya Nantes, Past Worthy Grand Matron.
3. Rt III & Em Kt Edward Turner Bousen, Kt Commander of the Red Cross of Constantine.
4. R Wor Bro John Muirhead Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.
5. Most Worthy Bro. Ray Saunders, Grand Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor.
6. V III Bro Keith McElligott 33o. Deputy for the Supreme Council of Scotland accompanied
by V.III.Bro. Hayden McBride Provincial Grand Secretary.
7. Rt.Wor.Bro. Bill Heading, Dep.Gr.Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Delegations

1. Most Excellent First Grand Principal Kirby Leeke of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

2. Right Worshipful Brother Campbell Denyer Grand Superintendent of Workings and Assistant Grand Master Designate Representing the United Grand Lodge of Queensland accompanied by Grand Officers.

3. Most Eminent Knight Richard Venn Pickering Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of the United Religious Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of New South Wales and The Australian Capital Territory accompanied by M E Kt Walter Charlwood GCT PGM, R E Kt Allan Elliot KCT High and Right Great Seneschal, R E Kt Don Beal GCT, V E Kt John Clark Great Sub Prior of Malta, V E Kt Douglas Beal and other Knights.

The Visitors were welcomed by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and saluted with Grand Honours.

The Grand Master then addressed the Visitors.

“A very hearty welcome to Caloundra. What a location to have our 34th Grand Proclamation. We are fortunate to have such enjoyable and safe surrounds and facilities. Your presence helps to engender the Brotherhood of Freemasonry and mankind in general and I hope you take away from here a feeling of belonging, of interest and of course satisfaction in your attendance today. Thank you for your interest, your wishes, your friendship, and please enjoy the fellowship of this Great Priory”.

Most Worthy Bro Raymond Saunders Most Worthy Supreme Grand Ruler of The Order of The Secret Monitor responded on behalf of the Visitors.

- **The Memorial Service:**

The Great Vice-Chancellor announced the names of those Brother Knights who had entered on their last Crusade since the previous meeting of the Great Priory of Queensland.

Deceased Members 4-6-2017 to 2-6-2018 including Affiliati

Bro Kt David Arikian _ Duke of Albany Preceptory No 1
 V E Kt Graham Stead Past Great First Constable – North Queensland Preceptory No 2
 Bro Kt John Moir – Beauceant Preceptory No 3
 E Kt Trevor Cecil Great Baillie – Wide Bay Preceptory No 10
 E Kt Edward Norman Blair Past Grand Masters Banner Bearer- Cooroora Preceptory N0 13

Affiliati

Gwen Jensen wife of Bro Kt Neville Jensen of Wide Bay Preceptory No 10
 Dellmae Edith Hay wife of Bro Kt Col Hay of Burnett Preceptory No 14

Bro Kts, Distinguished Guests and Visitors, Ladies & Gentleman would you please stand for a moment as we would like to honour their memory.

Announcement of Past Great Rank

During the year, NIL Past Great Rank was awarded.

- **Announcement of Re-Election of Grand Master** - By R E Kt Jack Manasserian KCT

“Brother Knights and Fratres:

In accordance with Article 51 of the Statutes, as only one nomination has been received for the Office of Grand Master of this Great Priory for the year 2018 – 2019, that of Most Eminent Knight Robert Bennett, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

I therefore proclaim Most Eminent Knight Robert Bennett, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, duly elected as Grand Master of the Great Priory of Queensland for the year 2018 – 2019, and I call upon the Great Herald to make the Proclamation”.

The Great Herald in the company of the Great Marshal then made the Proclamation.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was then saluted with 11. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master suitably responded.

Presentation of the Marilyn Langusch Administration Award.

Presented to V E Kt Clyde Jackson of Capricorn Preceptory. In the absence of V E Kt Clyde Jackson it was presented to R E Kt Des Soley KCT of his Preceptory for later presentation.

Conferral of Affiliati:

The Grand Master then requested the Great Marshal to present Courtney Louise Moffatt.

Courtney Louise Moffatt was then recognised and installed as an Affiliati of The Great Priory of Queensland with the citation reading “*Courtney has been instrumental over a number of years in supporting The Great Priory of Queensland through matters of a Financial nature and in overseeing the Registration process of our Annual Knight Templar and Malta functions. Her selfless dedication and support to the Order has been greatly appreciated by all the members*”.

Conferral of Knight Commander of the Temple:

The Grand Master requested R E Kt Peter Day KCT and R E Kt Bill Tupou to present to him V E Kt Michael Harry Luxmoore. The Grand Master then Invested R E Kt Michael Harry Luxmoore as a Knight Commander of the Temple.

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V E Kt Vernon Gilbert Flood. The Grand Master then Invested R E Kt Vernon Gilbert Flood as a Knight Commander of the Temple.

Fealty was tendered by the newly Honoured Knights individually and the newly Invested KCT's were then honoured with Seven and suitably responded.

- **Re-Appointment of R E Kt Jack Manasserian KCT as The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.**

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then announced that he had re-appointed Right Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian, KCT as The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal for the year 2018 - 2019.

The Great Herald accompanied by the Great Marshal was then called to make the Proclamation.

The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal was then saluted with 9. The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal suitably responded.

- **Investiture of Commissioned Officers: Great Prior of Malta; Great Sub Prior of Malta; Great Prelate; Great Chancellor; Great Vice-Chancellor, and Regional Great Sub-Priors and Great Marshal by the Grand Master.**

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master announced the appointment and re-appointment of the Commissioned Officers. In attendance:-

First Rank - R E Kt Barry Willett KCM as Great Prior of Malta; V E Kt John Howie as Great Sub Prior of Malta, V E Kt Stephen Murie as Great Prelate;

Second Rank –R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT as Great Chancellor; R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT as Great Vice-Chancellor;

Third Rank - V E Kt Peter Morris, R E Kt Norrie Morris GCT, V E Kt Alan Coleman, as Regional Great Sub-Priors, R E Kt Michael Luxmoore KCT as Great Marshal.

- **Appointment of Great Priory Officers, and Investiture by the Grand Master and the High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.**

The appointment of the Officers occurred as in accordance with the Ceremonial Procedures together with the presentation of Certificates. The names of those Great Officers in attendance were read and those assuming higher Office assembled in two columns behind the Dep.Gt. Marshalls and were invested and presented with Certificates by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and the High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.

- **Appointment of the Malta Officers, and Investiture by the Great Prior of Malta.**

The appointment of the Officers occurred as in accordance with the Ceremonial Procedures for Great Priory Officers together with the presentation of Certificates. The names of those Great Officers in attendance were read and they assembled in two columns under the direction of the Gt. Mareschal R E Kt Michael Luxmoore KCT and were invested by the Great Prior of Malta.

- **Announcement of Banner Guards:**

The announcement of the Banner Guards was made by the Great Vice-Chancellor and the Banner Guards in attendance were assembled on the floor of the Chapter and presented with their Certificates by The Great Prior of Malta.

- **H & R.E. Great Seneschal offers fealty.**

The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal then tendered to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and the Order, Fealty of himself and the invested Great Priory Officers.

- **Appointment of Commander, Deputy Commander, and Members of Grand Masters Body Guard by Grand Master.**

The names of the Commander, Deputy Commander, and Bro. Knights appointed as Members of the Grand Master's Bodyguard were announced and those in attendance gathered on the floor of the Chapter.

The Grand Master recognised each member.

- **Grand Master's Address and Welcome to Distinguished Visitors.**

"Most Eminent, Right Eminent, Very Eminent, Eminent Knights, Knights, Fratres, Affiliati, Ladies and Guests,

A very hearty welcome to you all here today. As I begin my second year at the helm of this Order, I do so with renewed vigour and know that your support will encourage me to do even better.

I undertook the task not really knowing just how hard it would be on my wife, my life and also my friends. My commitment is still there as strong as ever and with your assistance, co-operation and enthusiasm, we can make this Great Priory even better than it is today. I did not get much of a break over the Christmas period as I was busy looking at Officer appointments, the visitation calendar and other administrative tasks. Life as a Grand Master does not stop. It became more difficult following shoulder surgery, but when difficulty besets you, continue to struggle forward and success will follow determination. My darling wife Velma deserves special mention as she tirelessly assists with my demands, my speech reader and her loving care of me over 46 years is exceptional. Thank you, darling.

I must say a big thank you to R E Kt Vernon Flood, KCT and V E Kt Steven Murie who form the base of the Secretariat following the ill health resignation by our Gt Registrar. Things have been brought up to date and we now have a digital as well as a book copy of the Great Roll. Well done.

During the past year, I attended a meeting in Brussels of the Gt Priory of Belgium for whom I am the representative in Qld. It was a very interesting meeting with 19 Great Priors represented from around the world. Good discussions were had and interesting friendships made and it is hoped to rekindle these in Milan in September at the Triennial Conference. The H and RE Great Seneschal and a couple of other Knights are also accompanying me on this excursion. During the last 12 months we have seen a steady increase in Brethren joining our Order and I ask all Bro Knights to avail themselves of the Mentor Information produced by R E Kt Norrie Morris, GCT. Well done Norrie on an excellent publication and programme.

Congratulations to all those who have accepted Office today and know that your efforts of support are appreciated. I will continue to visit the Preceptories around this State, go Interstate for Installations and Proclamations and Special Meetings. Our Knights Templar family is very important and must be strengthened by attendance.

To our Sister Great Priors, thanks for your attendance at this time. It must be great to come to the State that is Brilliant one day, Perfect the next. We will again win the State of Origin Series again and have our Qld flag fly from the Harbour Bridge.

To the Heads of Orders here today, please take away our gratitude for your attendance as part of a busy schedule. I know I cannot get to all the Installations or Proclamations, but we will have someone there to represent this Order.

To the Affiliati, Ladies, Friends and family here today, thank you for your support and encouragement. It is greatly appreciated that you care enough to come along as help make this day a great day for Gt Priory of Qld. May you all leave this meeting and weekend functions with

a feeling of belonging and satisfaction, of partaking to the fullest and a memory of good friendships and a happy time. Thank you all”.

- **Response to Grand Master’s Address.**

R Wor Bro Campbell Denyer Grand Superintendent of Workings and Assistant Grand master designate suitably responded.

- **Greetings extended from Sister Great Pories.**

M E Kt Richard Pickering GCT called upon the Representatives of Sister Great Pories to rise. Greetings on behalf of Sister Great Pories were then tendered with congratulations and best wishes to the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master and the Order.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then thanked M E Kt Richard Pickering GCT for his sincere congratulations and best wishes on behalf of Sister Great Pories and requested those in attendance to convey his personal fraternal greetings and personal regards when next in communication with their respective counterparts in each of our Sister Great Pories.

- **Closure of Great Priory by Grand Master.**

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then closed the Chapter of the Great Priory of Queensland in ample form at 1645 hours.

- **Australian National Anthem.**

The First Verse of the National Anthem was then sung.

- **Grand Masters Recession.**

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master retired in recession, accompanied by Distinguished Visitors and Officers of The Great Priory of Queensland under the direction of the Great Marshal singing the Hymn, “Onward Christian Soldiers”.

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Grand Master

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Great Vice-Chancellor

M E Kt Robert Bennett GCT

R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT

1st June, 2019