



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 of the Annual Meeting of The Great Priory of Queensland and Grand Proclamation held at the Caloundra Masonic Centre, on Saturday 4th June, 2022.

Attendance – As Per Register

The Great Prelate, R E Kt Stephen Murie KCT entered in procession and censed the Chapter Room at 1400 hours.

The Right Eminent Great Prior, R E Kt William Tupou KCM accompanied by Officers of the Malta Delegation entered the Chapter Room at 1403 hours.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, M E Jack Manasserian GCT accompanied by the High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal Right Eminent Knight Edward Ruska KCT and Officers of The Great Priory of Queensland, entered in procession at 1405 hours.

At 1410 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:-

Brother Knights and Fratres, I welcome you all to this Annual Convocation of The Great Priory of Queensland and thank you for your attendance and interest
Bro Knights and Fratres all, I salute you and say sincerely thank you.

Great Vice-Chancellor called the Roll and recorded apologies.

DUKE OF ALBANY PRECEPTORY No 1	6
NORTH QUEENSLAND PRECEPTORY No 2	0
BEAUCEANT PRECEPTORY No 3	4
CARPENTARIA PRECEPTORY No 4	1
CAPRICORN PRECEPTORY No 5	4
SIR WILLIAM WALLACE No 7	1
MACKAY PRECEPTORY No 8	4
WALTER DE CLIFTON PRECEPTORY No 9	0
WIDE BAY PRECEPTORY No 10	4

COOROORA PRECEPTORY No 13	18
BURNETT PRECEPTORY No 14	2
DE CONLAY PRECEPTORY No 15	0
ALPHA PRECEPTORY No 17	6
LEICHHARDT ENCAMPMENT No 18	1
IPSWICH-MORETON No 19	0

Apologies - Apologies were tendered and recorded and taken as read, for unavoidable absence on behalf of:-

M E Kt John Dann GCT PGM DSA MStJ, M E Kt Reginald Langusch GCT PGM , V E Kt's David Hayward, Les Keane, Noel Mapes, Clive Johnson, David Lauder, E Kt's Ian Reid and Dennis Britten, Grand Master of Western Australia M E Kt Robert Axon GCT.

Confirmation of Minutes 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 held on Saturday 5th June 2021 having been circulated I will take them as read. If you think they are true and accurate record of that Convocation's proceedings. Moved by R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT and Seconded by R E Kt Stephen Murie KCT. Carried. Those Minutes are confirmed.

Report of the Grand Master's Council and Approval of Recommendations 2021 –2022

Owing to time restraints copies of the report having been distributed,

Moved R E Vernon Flood KCT "That the report as distributed be taken as read". Seconded by R E Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried.

GREAT TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/2022 & AUDITORS REPORT

Moved by R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT that the Financial Report for the Year ended 31/3/2022 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 31/3/2022 as presented be adopted. Seconded by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA. Carried

Election of Great Treasurer 2022 – 2023

The Great Vice-Chancellor, R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT 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.

The Grand Master duly declared R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT duly elected as Great Treasurer for the year 2022– 2023.

Appointment of Auditor 2022 - 2023

The Great Vice-Chancellor R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT advised that there was only one recommendation from Grand Masters Council that of John Aronis be appointed Auditor for 2022 – 2023,

The Grand Master duly declared John Aronis duly appointed as Auditor for the year 2022 – 2023.

Alms amounting to \$207.80 was collected during singing of the Templar's Hymn.

GRAND INSTALLATION

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 were then admitted.

Delegations:

Representing the Grand Council of Knight Masons in Australia

Deputy Grand Superintendent for Australia, Right Excellent Sir Knight Alan Coleman.

Representing the Supreme Council 33 Degree of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Freemasonry in Australia the Regional Commander Most Illustrious Brother Gregory Goding.

Representing the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland

The Most Excellent First Grand Principal Most Excellent Companion Colin Oswald Mander
Accompanied by a delegation.

Representing the United Grand Lodge of Queensland Right Worshipful Brother Christopher Pyke.

Most Eminent Knight Allan Elliott Knight Grand Cross of the Temple 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 a delegation of Great Priory Members.

Right Eminent Knight Mark Allen KCT Past Great Vice Chancellor of The Great Priory of Victoria

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

Most Excellent Companion Colin Mander of The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland 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 5-06-2021 to 4-06-2022

GIBBONS, Wylie Bro Kt DSA

Capricorn Preceptory and Cooroora Preceptory
2nd August, 2021.

CHILDS, Harold Edwin Bro Kt Mackay Preceptory No 8 27th July, 2021.
RUFFLES, Brian Anthony Bro Kt Alpha Preceptory No 17 17th July, 2021
YOUNG, Abraham Ian Ven Kt N Q Preceptory No 2 5th November, 2021
WHITEHORN, John E Kt Cooroora Preceptory 18th June, 2021

Affiliati

BARNES, Hazel Affiliati Duke of Albany Preceptory No 1. September 2021.
Bro Kts, Distinguished Guests and Visitors, Ladies & Gentleman would you please stand for a moment as we would like to Honour their memory.

Church Service

Under the direction of the Great Prelate R E Kt Stephen Murie KCT and E Kt Fr Iain Furby the Church Service was conducted.

Presentation Marilyn Langusch Administration Award for Registrars/Secretaries

Presented to V E Kt Peter Horn of Beauceant Preceptory.

Announcement of Election of Grand Master - R E Kt Edward Ruska KCT Great Seneschal-Chancellor: - advised "There has only been one nomination for the office of Grand Master of this Great Priory for the year 2022-2023, that of Most Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian Knight Grand Cross of the Temple .Brother Knights and Fratres, in accordance with Article 51 of the Statutes, I therefore declare that Most Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, duly elected as Grand Master of this Great Priory for the year 2022-2023".

The Grand Herald E Kt Raymond Saunders accompanied by the Great Marshal was then called to make the Proclamation.

The Grand Master was then saluted with 11. The Grand Master then suitably responded.

Investiture of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple:

The Grand Master then requested that M E Kt Robert Bennett GCT PGM and R E Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT DSA present R E Kt Edward Ruska KCT who was invested as a Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, fealty tendered and seated.
Honours were then given and suitably responded.

Investiture of Knight Commander of the Temple:

The Grand Master then requested that R E John Smith KCT and R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT to present V E Kt Clyde John Jackson who was invested as a Knight Commander of the Temple, fealty tendered and seated.
Honours were then given and suitably responded.

Appointment of R E Kt Edward Ruska GCT as The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then announced that he had appointed Right Eminent Knight Edward Ruska GCT as The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal for the year 2022 - 2023.

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 William Tupou KCM as Great Prior of Malta; V E Kt John Howie as Great Sub-Prior of Malta and V E Kt Fr Iain Furby as Great Prelate;

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

Third Rank - R E Kt Lester Dunstan KCT, R E Kt Clyde Jackson KCT, V E Kt Geoff Shires, V E Kt Peter Horn, as Regional Great Sub-Priors,

Fourth Rank :- R E Kt Michael Luxmoore KCT as Great Marshal.

Appointment of Great Priory Officers, and Investiture by 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 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 and were invested by the Great Prior of Malta.

Announcement of Banner Guards:

The Great Vice-Chancellor was then called upon to announce the names of The Banner Guards.

High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal offered fealty.

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

Announcement of Grand Master's Bodyguard:

The Great Vice-Chancellor was then called upon to announce the names of the Grand Master's Bodyguard.

Grand Master's Address and Welcome to Distinguished Visitors.

Response to Grand Master's Address.

Most Eminent Knight Allan Elliott GCT Grand Master of The Great Priory of NSW and ACT suitably responded.

Greetings extended from Sister Great Pories.

R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA 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 R E Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT DSA 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 1700 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 at 1710hours.

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Grand Master

M E Kt Jack Manasserian GCT

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Great Vice-Chancellor

R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT

3rd June, 2023