Great Priory of Malta



Minutes of the Annual Malta Meeting of the Great Priory of Queensland, in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, held within the Rockhampton Leagues Club, Rockhampton on Saturday 4th December, 2022.

Entry of the Great Prior of Malta:

The Right Eminent Great Prior of Malta, Right Eminent Knight William Tupou KCM and attended by Officers of the Pentagonal and Octagonal Tables entered in procession under the direction of the Deputy Great Mareschal at 1400 hours.

Entry of the Grand Master:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian GCT, accompanied by the M E Kt R Bennett PGM GCT, and attended by Great Priory Officers entered in procession under an Arch of Steel at 1405 hours.

Salutation:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Great Mareschal. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master suitably responded.

Welcome by The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master delivered a welcome to all Brother Knights and Fratres of the Order. He sincerely thanked all present for their attendance and continued support to the Great Priory of Queensland at this Annual Meeting of the Great Priory of Malta.

Business of Great Priory:

The Grand Master then advised that for the position of Elected Past Preceptor on Grand Master Council for the Term beginning June 2022 there had been only one nomination at the closing date that of V E Kt Donald Davey in which case V E Kt Donald Davey will be the Elected Past Preceptor on Grand Master's Council for Term 2022-2023.

Opening:

By Command of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master the Great Prior of Malta, Right Eminent Knight William Tupou KCM opened a Priory of Knights of Malta at 1415 hours.

ROLL CALL:

A Roll Call of members present by Preceptory was then conducted.

DUKE OF ALBANY PRECEPTORY No 1. 5

NORTH QUEENSLAND PRECEPTORY No 2.

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BEAUCEANT PRECEPTORY No 3	1
CARPENTARIA PRECEPTORY No 4	1
CAPRICORN PRECEPTORY No 5	12
SIR WILLIAM WALLACE No 7	2
MACKAY PRECEPTORY No 8	3
WALTER DE CLIFTON PRECEPTORY No 9	1
WIDE BAY PRECEPTORY No 10	2
COOROORA PRECEPTORY No 13	12
BURNETT PRECEPTORY No 14	2
DE CONLAY PRECEPTORY No 15	1
ALPHA PRECEPTORY No 17	5
LEICHHARDT ENCAMPMENT No 18	1
IPSWICH-MORETON No 19	0
TRANSITION PRECEPTORY No 30	0

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Great Priory of Malta held at the Caloundra Masonic Centre, on Saturday 21st March, 2021 were taken as a true and accurate record of that meeting and confirmed by the members present and duly signed by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, The Great Prior of Malta and The Great Chancellor.

Apologies:

Apologies were received and recorded from:

M E Kt's Reginald Langusch, Allan Elliott, R E Kt's Edward Ruska, Peter Burke, John Clark, Don Beal, V E Kt's Blair Weaver, David Hayward, Donald Davey, Peter Horn, JJ De Kock, John Howie, E Kt's Rick Gill, Samyo Dalgarno, Raymond Saunders, Arthur Trass Kt's Dale Atkinson and Clem Plath.

Degree of Knight of St. Paul:

The Degree of Knight of St. Paul was then conferred, and the Mediterranean Pass communicated.

Malta Degree:

The Candidates admitted were: -

Bro Kt	Alan William Todd	Capricorn Preceptory
Bro Kt	Pieter Barend Oelofse	Capricorn Preceptory
Bro Kt	George Dunn	Cooroora Preceptory
Bro Kt	David Sykes	Mackay Preceptory

Under the direction of the Great Mareschal they were escorted through the Degree Ceremony.

The degree work was car	ied out as follows:
Obligation	Right Eminent Knight Stephen Murie KCT Great Prelate.
Accolade	Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Most Eminent Knight Jack
	Manasserian GCT.
Grip Word and Signs	Great Prior of Malta William Tupou KCM assisted by the Grand Master,
	M E Kt Jack Manasserian GCT, R E Kt Norrie Morris P Gt Seneschal
	GCT and R E Kt Donald Gifford GCT DSA.

Historical LectureR E Kt Norrie Morris GCTAddress at the Pentagonal and Octagonal TablesR E Kt Norrie Morris GCT

The Candidates were then presented with their Respective Certificates and their Bibles by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and the Great Prior of Malta.

Address:

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master addressed the Knights in attendance during which he appointed

Bro Kt Clive Russell Marsden of Carpentaria preceptory as Great Herald

Bro Kt Craig Munro as Great Aide-de-camp and

Bro Kt George Clarendon as Great Chamberlain and presented each with their Certificates.

Address by Great Chancellor of Great Priory:

R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT DSA then gave a short lecture on the history of Rome.

<u>Alms:</u>

Alms were collected amounting to \$126.60.

Closing:

Following permission from Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, the Chapter of the Great Priory of Malta was closed by the Great Prior of Malta at 1550 hours.

Recession: Then followed the procession of Recession.

Grand Master:	Great Prior of Malta:	Great Vice-Chancellor:		
M E Kt Jack Manasserian GCT Grand Master	R E Kt William Tupou KCM Great Prior of Malta	R E Kt Vernon Flood KCT Great Vice-Chancellor		
Confirmed the 4th Day of March, 2023.				
Bro Knights and Ladies attending the Meet and greet 51				

Bro knights attending the ceremony	44
Ladies attending the afternoon tea	25

Bro Knights and Ladies attending the Banquet 61