Great Priory of Queensland

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

Most Eminent Knight Robert Bennett GCT
Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master

Right Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian KCT
High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal

Right Eminent Knight Barry Willett KCM
Right Eminent Great Prior of Malta

Report of Proceedings

of

Thirty Third Annual Convocation of the

Great Priory of Queensland

Held in the Ann Street Masonic Centre
311 Ann Street, Brisbane
on
Saturday 3rd June, 2017

Chancery of the Order
Very Eminent Knight Vernon Flood
PO Box 5208 SCMC
Nambour 4560
Queensland

Roll of Preceptories

Great Priory of Queensland

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**GREAT PRIORIES OF THE WORLD**

with which we are in amity.

Great Priory of New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory
Great Priory of South Australia
Great Priory of Victoria
Great Priory of Western Australia
The United Great Priory in New Zealand
The Great Priory of Canada
Great Priory of Belgium
Great Priory of Brazil
Great Priory of Finland
Great Priory France
Great Priory of the United Masonic Religious and Military Orders of the Temple for France
Grand Prieure du Togo
Great Priory Greece
Great Priory of Germany
Independent Great Priory of Helvetia
Great Priory of Italy
Independent Great Priory of Portugal
Great Priory of Spain
Great Priory of Sweden
Great Priory of Benin

**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 Installation held at the Ann Street Masonic Centre, Brisbane, on Saturday 3rd June 2017.
**Attendance – As Per Register**

- The Great Prelate, V E Kt James Wyatt entered in procession and censed the Chapter Room at 1315 hours.

- The Right Eminent Great Prior, R E Kt Dr. Donald J. Gifford GCT accompanied by Officers of the Malta Delegation entered the Chapter Room at 1320 hours.

- The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, M E Kt Reginald Samuel William Langusch, GCT, accompanied by the High & Right Eminent Great Seneschal R E Kt Robert Bennett GCT, M E Kt John W. Dann PGM GCT MSJ, and Officers of The Great Priory of Queensland, entered in procession at 1325 hours.

- At 1335 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:-**

  “M E, R E, V E, Ven Kts, Bro Kts, and Fratres, I welcome you all to this 33rd Annual Convocation of The Great Priory of Queensland.

  As this will be the fourth and final Convocation of our Great Priory that I will preside, I again thank all those dedicated members of our Great Priory who accept their responsibilities to this Great order and are in attendance here today.

  Some may not be aware but there is a Statutory Rule of Prudence which requires one to fulfill the duties and obligations of their office. I thank you for your friendship and loyalty to the Order.

  There was to have been today a donation from The Great Priory Alms Account as approved by grand Master’s Council, however when cyclone Debbie lashes the coast and damaged caused, I held that money to enable to be able to provide some assistance to any of our own Knights who may have suffered damage. Preceptories were asked, some replied, some didn’t thus resulting in no further action being taken.

  I am somewhat concerned, let me reiterate that very concerned. We have some Preceptories who have not remitted their Capitation Fees to Great Priory. The have placed me in a very serious position in respect to Statute 225.

  If I was to enact the provisions of that Statute, then a number of you here today would be required to depart. I realize that it is not your fault as you have paid your dues – the fault lies with the registrar/Secretary and Treasurer and Ven. Preceptor. Further if I enacted that statute, then we would be a laughing stock as far as the Grand Installation is concerned.

  In the interests of our Great Priory to permit the Grand Installation to proceed, I, in accordance with the provisions of Statute 53 – I invoke The inherent prerogatives of the Grand Master and permit all members of the unfinancial Preceptories to proceed with the duties allocated and to be installed into their relative positions for 2017-2018”.

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The Grand Master then requested The Great Chancellor to address the members regarding Statute 225 and Statute 53 which he did.

- Great Vice-Chancellor then called the Roll and recorded apologies.

DUKE OF ALBANY PRECEPTORY No 1. 6
NORTH QUEENSLAND PRECEPTORY No 2. 1
BEAUCEANT PRECEPTORY No 3 2
CARPENTARIA PRECEPTORY No 4 2
CAPRICORN PRECEPTORY No 5 1
SIR WILLIAM WALLACE No 7 10
MACKAY PRECEPTORY No 8 2
WALTER DE CLIFTON PRECEPTORY No 9 2
WIDE BAY PRECEPTORY No 10 2
COOROORA PRECEPTORY No 13 13
BURNETT PRECEPTORY No 14 2
DE CONLAY PRECEPTORY No 15 1
ALPHA PRECEPTORY No 17 4
LEICHHARDT ENCAMPMENT No 18 6
IPSWICH-MORETON No 19 6
TRANSITION PRECEPTORY No 30 0
• Apologies were tendered and recorded and taken as read, for unavoidable absence on behalf of: M E Kt Alan Massingham GCT. GM South Australia, R E Kt Arnold Horne KCT, R E Kt Peter Day KCT, V E Kt’s David Hayward, Joseph Lynd and Graham Stead, E Kt’s George Blowers, Ian Morris.

**Election of One Member of Grand Master's Council.**
The Great Vice-Chancellor advised that three (3) nominations had been received for this position by the closing date for nominations. The Nominees, he advised, were as per the draw for positions on the ballot Paper – V E Kt Glenn Farrell, Ipswich Moreton preceptory No 19, V E Kt Blair weaver, Cooroora Preceptory No 13, V E Kt Clive Johnson Burnett preceptory No 14. Then followed the Ballot. The Ballot proved favourable for V E Kt Blair Weaver.

M E Kt John Dann PGM GCT MSfJ moved “That the Ballot Papers be destroyed”. Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead. Carried.

• **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 the 4th June, 2016, have been circulated.”

  Moved by V E Kt Glenn Farrell “That the Minutes of the Annual Convocation held on 4th June, 2016 having been circulated be taken as a true and accurate record”. Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead GCT. Carried.

• **Confirmation of Minutes.** The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then addressed the Convocation stating Brother Knights and Fratres, “as the Minutes of the Special Meeting of The Great Priory of Queensland held in Ipswich on Saturday 22nd April, 2017 have been circulated”.

  Moved by V E Kt Glenn Farrell “That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Saturday 22nd April, 2017 at Ipswich be taken as a true and accurate record”. Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead GCT. Carried.

• **Report of the Grand Master's Council and Approval of Recommendations 2016 – 2017** Owing to time restraints copies of the report having been distributed,

  Moved by V E Kt Glenn Farrell “That the report as distributed be taken as read.” Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead GCT. 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 a Notice of Motion arising from the report of the Grand Master’s Council to amend a Statute. It is administrative, unless any Knight wishes to discuss this amendment being an amendment to Statute 55 – inserting new 55(a).

  Moved by R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT “The Grand Master, on his sole authority, may confer the Grand Masters Distinguished Service Award upon Knights who have rendered distinguished service to the Orders. This is an award, not a rank. In order to preserve the dignity of the award no more than one such award may be conferred by the Grand Master during his first year, no more than two in a two year term, or no more than three in a three year term”. Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead GCT. Carried.
• GREAT TREASURER’S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/2017 & AUDITORS REPORT

Moved by R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT “That the Financial Report for the Year ended 31/3/2017 as distributed be received. Seconded by R E Kt John Muirhead GCT. Carried.


• Election of Great Treasurer 2016 – 2017 - No Nomination received.

• Appointment of Auditor 2016 - 2017

The Great Vice-Chancellor V E Kt Glenn Farrell advised that there was only one recommendation from Grand Masters Council that John Aronos be appointed Auditor for 2017 – 2018. Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master declared John Aronos duly appointed as Auditor for the year 2017 – 2018.

• Collection of Alms during singing of Templars Hymn.

The Alms Collection amounted to $ 74.15

GRAND PROCLAMATION

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

ADMISSION OF VISITORS


3. Honoured Lady, Kay Van Lissum Grand Royal Matron and Sir Knight Frank Van Lissum Grand Royal Patron Representing the Grand Court of Queensland Order of the Amaranth accompanied by Honoured Ladies Dot Edwards and Judy Young.


8. Very Illustrious Brother Keith McElligot 33 Degree The Deputy for the Provence of South Queensland (Metropolitan) Representing Supreme Council for Scotland 33 Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Scotland.

**Delegations**


10. Most Excellent Companion Kirby Leeke Most Excellent First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland accompanied by Grand Chapter Officers.


13. The Right Reverend Knight Dr. Donald Patrick Dezentje CBCS (Knight Beneficent of The Holy City) Visitor General for Australia Representing the Ritus Ecossais Rectifiee.


15. 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 Most Eminent Knight Walter Thomas Charlwood Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders, Past Grand Master; Right Eminent Knight Donald Beal KCT and V E Knight John Clark Great Sub Prior.

16. Most Eminent Knight Robert Collins 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 Western Australia (Inc.).
Accompanied by Right Eminent Knight Robert Axon Knight Commander of the Temple, High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.

17. Most Eminent Knight Brian Crane, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple the Most Eminent and Supreme 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 Victoria accompanied by
Right Eminent Knight Mark Allen, Knight Commander of the Temple, and
Very Eminent Knight John Michael McElvogue, GVC.

18. Right Eminent Knight Bruce Fenton Forster GCT the High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal and Grand Master Elect of the United Religious Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of South Australia.

GRAND HONOURS FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND DELEGATIONS

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

Most Excellent First Grand Principal Kirby Leeke of The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland acknowledged the welcome and salutation in due form.

- **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 4-6-2016 to 3-6-2017**

- Walter de Clifton Preceptory No 9
- Sir William Wallace Preceptory No 7 and Ipswich Moreton Preceptory no 19

| Frater Peter McIntosh | Bro Knight Denis Crilly |

**Investiture of Knight Grand Cross of the Temple**
R E Kt Norrie Morris, RGSP

**Investiture of Knight Commander of the Temple**
R E Kt William Tupou, DGM ‘A’

**Announcement of Past Great Rank**
During the year Past Great Rank was awarded to:-

| E Kt Richard Beverley Odendahl Past Great Aide-de-Camp Capricorn Preceptory No 5
| E Kt Hugh Dunlop Past Great Aide-de-Camp, Wide Bay Preceptory No 10
| E Fra James Yardley Leadbetter Hogg Past Great Sword Bearer Leichhardt Encampment No 18
| V E Kt Peter Morris Past Great First Constable North Queensland Preceptory No 2
| V E Kt Graham Stead Past Great First Constable North Queensland Preceptory No 2
| V E Kt Alan Coleman Past Great First Constable Leichhardt Encampment No 18
| V E Kt Glenn Farrell Past Great First Constable Ipswich Moreton Preceptory No 19
| V E Kt David Hayward Past Great First Constable Carpentaria Preceptory No 4 |
Merilyn Languish Administration Award for Registrars/Secretaries
V E Kt David Hayward PGt1Con – Carpentaria Preceptory No 4

Distinguished Service Award
Bro Kt Wylie Gibbons Capricorn Preceptory No 5
R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT Duke of Albany Preceptory No 1
M E Kt John Dann PGM GCT MStJ Duke of Albany Preceptory No 1

Address by The Grand Master M E Kt Reginald Samuel William Langusch GCT
Most Eminent Knights, Distinguished guests, Heads of Orders and accompanying Delegation members, Right Eminent, Very Eminent, Eminent, Venerable Knights, Bro Knights, Fratres, Affiliati’s and especially those family members in attendance here tonight.

It would be remiss of me if I did again add my words of welcome and express our appreciation on behalf of our Great Priory to all of you for your attendance here today at our Annual Convocation and Grand Installation. To those in attendance at the function last night, I again say thank you.

It doesn’t seem like three years ago that I was installed as your Grand Master, today sees the finalization of that term which in an hour or so’s time will see me join the Feather Duster Club.

Three years ago I said “The times they are a changing” and that we must meet those challenges head on and adapt our way of thinking whilst not losing our Heritage or ideals and that we must work as a Team. Overall this Order has had a good increase in membership and losses have been principally caused by death and ill-health. I thank those Knights of our Order who heeded those words and helped in the increase of their Preceptory numbers.

To assist new members defray the cost of Regalia, we have the Knights Templar Trust Fund, a Trust Fund created to assist new Knights in the Order to purchase a full set of Regalia currently being supplied for the amount $275.00 without them having to pay out an arm and a leg commercially. Bro Knights please support the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund is just what s stated – it is a properly constituted Trust Fund responsible to Government procedures and works in conjunction with The Great Priory of Queensland, it is not the property of Great Priory.

Over the last three years, the careful management of our finances has realized in an increase of Great Priory funds and as a person of some years' experience in the Friendly Societies fields as a Grand Secretary/Treasurer/Registered Government Auditor, I foresee that if the same management practices are continued there should be no reason for any increase of any Preceptory charges, capitation fees etc.

It would be remiss of me if I did not place on record the assistance to this Order that my departed wife Merilyn gave. I am not a computer buff, but I knew what I wanted and she would sometimes spend hours preparing the relevant artwork for me. As we were unable to have items or photos printed in the Queensland Freemason, our own Newsletter, the A Beauceant was her idea, she produced and edited the A Beauceant for this Great Priory which was forwarded not only to our own members, but throughout Australia, New Zealand and to other various parts of the World.

Our Web Site has resulted in many inquiries about membership. The Great Vice-Chancellor has recently received inquiries from both Indonesia and Russia re the commencement of Knights Templar in their countries. Russia is most desirous that we travel to them in the near future to enable the consecration of Knights Templar therein to be commenced. I leave that now in the hands of my successor. We have commence dialogue with them and I now await the results.
April saw the recommencement of Sir William Wallace Preceptory No 7 in Gympie. Their first meeting saw Degree workings on a Candidate and it is expected that the next meeting will also see Degree workings on another Candidate.

You know Mahatma Gandhi made the statement which is relevant still today and I quote:

“A man cannot do right in one area of life, while doing wrong in another, Life is an indivisible whole, The future depends on what we do in the present”.

I appreciate the assistance given by those many Knights during visitations to their Preceptories and especially the members of Grand Master’s Council. I do not want to itemize names in case I overlook someone – those who gave exceptional service know that I am referring now especially to them and I say thank you for your support not only to me but to then Order because you followed the golden rule of not what the Order can do for you, but for what you can do for the Order and I again say thank you for your dedication.

You elected me as your Grand Master. My obligations that I undertook required me to comply with the Statutes of our Order, and that was what I did, whether some liked it or not, all I can say is that if you are going to do a job, then do it. I am what I am.

I will leave you with this thought:-

Coming Together is a beginning
Keeping Together is Progress
Working Together is Success

I thank you for the opportunity to have been your Grand Master, a servant of the Order. Thank you for your friendship over those years of service and for your attendance here today. May the Captain of your Salvation ensure you all a safe journey home.

Response by Wor Bro Cliff Isted Grand Master Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Queensland and Most Eminent Knight Richard Pickering GCT Grand Master of The Great Priory of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

- Announcement of Election of Grand Master - By V E Kt Glenn Farrell Great Vice-Chancellor:-

- Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, there has only been one nomination for the office of Grand Master of this Great Priory for the year 2017-2018 that of Right Eminent Knight Robert Bennett Knight Grand Cross of the Temple.

Announcement by The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master:

Brother Knights 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 2017 – 2018, that of Right Eminent Knight Robert Bennett, Knight Grand Cross of the Temple,

The Grand Master elect was then escorted from the Chapter Room, divested of his Knight Templar Regalia as appropriate.

The Great Marshal then announced his admission. An escort was formed and conducted the Grand Master elect back into the Chapter Room through an Arch of Steel to the tune of “Praise my Soul the King of Heaven”.

The Grand Master elect was Obligated and Invested and Enthroned.

The Grand Master's Banner was then unfurled by the Great Marshal.

The Great Prelate then pronounced The Benediction.

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

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Most Eminent Knight Robert Bennett GCT was then saluted with 11. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master suitably responded.

**Investiture of Knight Commander of the Temple**
The Grand Master then requested the Great Marshal to present E Kt Jack Manasserian who was invested as a KCT, and V E Kt Barry James Willett who was invested as a KCT/M.

Honours were then given and suitably responded.

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

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master then announced that he has appointed Right Eminent Knight Jack Manasserian KCT, as The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal for the year 2017 - 2018.

R E Kt Jack Manasserian was escorted from the Chapter Room where he divests himself of appropriate Knight Templar Regalia.

The Great Marshal then announced his admission and with Escort through an Arch of Steel with the Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” he was admitted.

The High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal elect was then Obligated, Invested with the Mantle of the Order and placed in his seat.

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 - V 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 Francis Murie as Great Prelate;

Second Rank – R E Kt Dr. Donald Gifford GCT as Great Chancellor; V E Kt Vernon Flood as Great Vice-Chancellor; V E Kt Ted McCauley as Great Registrar and Bro Kt Peter Gow as Great Historian.

Third Rank - V E Kt Peter Morris, R E Kt Des Soley KCT, V E Kt Arthur Hawthorn, R E Kt Norrie Morris GCT, V E Kt Alan Coleman, as Regional Great Sub-Priors.

Fourth Rank - V E Kt Michael Luxmoore 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 in two columns behind the Dep.Gt. Marshals 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 and the Great Sub Priory 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 V.E.Kt. Michael Luxmoore and were invested by the Great Prior of Malta and the Great Sub Prior of Malta.

Announcement of Grand Master’s Bodyguard.
The Grand Master announced the names of the members of his bodyguard and presented them with a Certificate of their appointment.

Announcement of Banner Bearers.
The Grand Master announced the names of the banner Guards and presented them with their Certificates of appointment.

• High and Right Eminent 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.

• Grand Master’s Address and Welcome to Distinguished Visitors.
Bro Knights, Fratres, Affiliati, Ladies and guests,
What an auspicious day for this Great Priory and especially for me. If you had asked me five years ago what will you do as Grand Master, I would have looked at you askance. However, I now am the Grand Master and look forward to the next year/s of challenge. When I

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entered Great Priory this afternoon to be installed I was carrying my mentors on my shoulders. I refer to some past members of this Order, R E Kt’s Nev Jensen, GCT and Len Ellerington, KCT. They lifted me up at the Altar after the Obligation. Thank you to all of you who have attended this 33rd annual meeting of the Great Priory of Queensland. I especially thank my wife Velma, without whose support, love and encouragement I would not be addressing you today. To the Heads or Representatives of the other Masonic Orders here today, I trust you have enjoyed the proceedings and that you will carry away a favourable opinion of our Order.

To our Sister Great Priories in Australia and New Zealand, your support and dedication to Templar Masonry is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Your attendance is recognition of the family atmosphere we have in the Great Priories of Australia and New Zealand. That encourages me to visit your Proclamations or Installations. Thank you for your attendance and support on this 33rd Installation Meeting in Queensland at which I became the twelfth Grand Master.

To the Officers of Great Priory, congratulations on your appointment to your Office. I will be looking to you not only for support but also your ideas on where we should be going. Do not feel out of it, but your suggestions will keep this Order on the path to happiness, cooperation and of course enthusiasm. This also applies to the members who are not able to be here today due to many reasons. Your support is encouraged and expected.

Three years ago, ME Kt Langusch said in his address that the times they are a changing. They have not stopped changing and we must either meet that change or surrender. The question is where to from here? Do we continue to be a 20th century order or do we enter the 21st century? We must examine our aims, objectives, and philosophy to meet the challenges we now face. To do that we need to examine what we are doing, improve what and how we do it and keep our thoughts on the big picture of Templar Freemasonry.

Membership is undoubtedly an issue but it is not insurmountable. Do not just ask someone to join, give him a week after handing him the brochure and sit with him in a neutral place, e.g. a coffee lounge, cafe, park or beach and discuss the Order. Make sure you have a proposition paper with you and a pen.

My aim in the next twelve months is to visit every Preceptory once, as will the High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal and the Great Prior of Malta. To those who live in the country, you have as much right to see us as the other Preceptories in and near Brisbane. We may be far flung but you are the backbone of the Order. Thank you for your interest and dedication.

I raise the question now as you will have noticed that we have three Great Priory meetings a year since the 700th anniversary of Jacques De Molay’s death. Do we need to have two Malta meetings a year, or can we have one with alternate years of Scottish ritual and Qld ritual? When do we have it, March, or December as we currently do? Your input would be invaluable in solving this issue. Each Preceptory will be asked in writing to decide what they feel is the Month and then communicate your thoughts in writing to the Great Vice Chancellor. Grand Master’s Council will then assess the responses and deal with it accordingly.

Another point to consider is what we do with our Alms collection. I am in favour of donating it to a very worthwhile charity such as Guide Dogs Qld. Your input is again encouraged. Let us make a difference, small as it may be. I do believe from discussions with the CEO of Hand, Heart, Pocket, the Charity of Freemasons Queensland, we would be able to get $4$ subsidy. What do you think?

I have asked our retiring Great Prior of Malta, R E Kt Donald Gifford GCT to commit to paper his addresses he has delivered at the Gt Priory of Malta meetings over the last 6 years. He is also considering some of the points of the Temple Degree that need explanation. These addresses will be available to all Preceptories and RGSP’s and be published on the web site so that a Venerable Preceptor will never be short of something to do at a meeting with no Candidate.
Once again, enjoy your Freemasonry, your Preceptory membership and above all, excite the new members and mentor them.
Thank you.

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

R Wor Bro Harper of UGLQ, Right Reverend Knight Dr. Donald Patrick Dezentje CBCS M E Kt
Brian Cliff GCT suitably responded.

- **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation**
  The Grand Master thanked and made a presentation to the Organist for the ceremony
  Mr, ... also V W Bro and V Ex Com. Terry Wilkinson.

- **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 1745 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.
Regional Great Sub-Priors Reports

Regional Great Sub Prior Report – South West

During my tenure as the RGSP South West, I had a very pleasant time visiting the listed Preceptories in my official capacity, all Preceptories were very happy with the members always well, presented & great company they always made myself and all other visiting knights welcome to my observations.

1: Beauceant # 3: This Preceptory has gained several new Knights and has also lost some because of work comments and transfers, some to Age, some have passed to the great priory above. The work has always been delivered from the heart, followed with a happy gathering at the festive board.

Ipswich Morten # 19: This preceptory at the beginning was all hands-on deck but as time passed membership fell away, also some members had moved for work, and did not attend lodged an apology at each meeting. Some had passes to the Great Priory above. Followed by a great time had by all during the great spread put on by the ladies

DeConlay # 15: This preceptory has gained one Knight in my time and is the only one on my list where there was some internal disagreement during my tenure which was resolved by Grand Committee. the Preceptory has always been a happy bunch of Knight. Followed with wonderful times at the festive board, prepared & presented by the ladies after the meeting.

Leichhardt Encampment # 18: the preceptory since moving to Ipswich has gained, a number, of new Knights, the meetings are always well carried out. The members are a very happy bunch of Knights which really comes to light at the festive board in the anti-room after the meeting.

Please note: all Preceptories have a verity of equipment used in the Temple and Malta degrees all of which is in the main in reasonable order there is a couple of banners could do with an upgrade otherwise all suitable and presentable for use.

In the Bonds of the Order
Barry J Willett

Regional Great Sub Prior Report – South East

Re-appointment
Commenced at the Grand Proclamation of M E Kt Reginald Langusch GCT ME&SGM, on Saturday 4th June 2016 in the Ann Street Memorial Masonic Centre, Brisbane.

Preceptories :-
Duke of Albany meeting at Stone’s Corner & Eight Mile Plains Masonic Centres
Sir William Wallace meeting at Gympie Masonic Centre = Reconsecration 1st April 2017
Cooroora meeting at Maroochydore Masonic Centre
Alpha meeting at Kedron Masonic Centre

Visitations :-
Duke of Albany 14 9 2016 {Joint meeting with Ipswich Moreton No. 19 at the Booval Masonic Centre} 26 11 2016, 25 2 2017 {Joint meeting with Ipswich Moreton at Brisbane Masonic Centre Eight Mile Plains}

Sir William Wallace Re-consecrated 1 4 2017, 4 5 2017
Cooroora 30 7 2016, 29 10 2016
Alpha 2 8 2016, 1 11 2016, 7 2 2017, 2 5 2017

Duke of Albany No. 1
The first joint meeting with Ipswich Moreton was held at Booval Masonic Centre to assist each Preceptory who at the time did not have a full complement of officers to satisfactorily hold
meetings individually. On this occasion both Preceptors conducted their administrative business and then shared the work of the evening. Conducting the first part of the Templar Degree with a pro-tem Brother Knight from Cooroora Preceptory was beneficial and a good initiative to maintain the continuity of standards. The next meeting of both Preceptories was at Stone’s Corner and a candidate for Duke of Albany received his Templar Degree, being a welcome addition to membership of a very attentive candidate.

After much discussion the decision was agreed upon to relocate “The Duke” to Eight Mile Plains Masonic Centre, commencing in February 2017. During the year respect was paid for the passing of M E Kt Milford Eyres GCT PGM, and the resignation of members due to ill health. A new member and two affiliates were welcomed into the Preceptory. It has now been resolved when joint meetings are held the host Preceptor conducts the meetings and the visiting Officers assist by filling vacant positions.

**Sir William Wallace No. 7**
This Preceptory was originally consecrated in Wynnum in 1934, later moving the Charter to Ipswich where it went into Dormancy in 2001. A very successful and historic day in the Gympie Masonic Centre commenced with the entry of M E Kt Reginald Langusch GCT Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master, accompanied by R E Kt Robert Bennett GCT Great Seneschal, M E Kt John Dann PGM GCT MSTJ, RE Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT Great Prior of Malta, attended by Great Priory Officers and witnessed by Ladies, Gentlemen and Master Masons in attendance. The Preceptory was re-opened by the Grand Master who then welcomed the Affiliati, delegations from interstate Great Priories, and heads of several Associated Grand Orders as well as local Lodge Masters or their representatives. The Venerable Preceptor was elected and those signing the expression of interest were declared members. The re-consecration ceremony was then performed by the Grand Master and the assisting Great Priory Officers, followed by the installation of Venerable Preceptor, investiture of officers and dedicating of Banners. Those in attendance were given a brief overview of a Scottish Preceptory and history of the Chapel by M E Kt John Dann PGM GCT MSTJ. During the ceremony VE Kt James Hogg, a former member, provided several items for the new Preceptor that were previously used when meetings were held in Ipswich. The Fratres have been well accommodated at the new venue. All other items to be used were carefully restored prior to this special day. The celebrations were concluded with a well provisioned banquet provided by Mrs Marina Taylor and her dedicated assistants. The regular meeting was held the following month with the Installation of the first candidate taking the Pilgrim and Squire Degrees. This is an excellent start for the Preceptory as a further name was mentioned for a future meeting.

**Cooroora No. 13**
The election of Venerable Preceptor and Prior as well as other elected officers and those to be appointed commenced the year for 2016 – 2017. The Great Prior of Malta gave a comprehensive address describing Rhodes and the history of the involvement of the Knights who suffered greatly before taking refuge in Malta. The last meeting for the year placed the Preceptory in the capable hands of Ven Kt Geoff Shires and the investiture of his officers in the presence of the GPM R E Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT, on this occasion representing the Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master. Ven Kt Lee was invested with the Interim Past Preceptors Jewel and E Kt Blowers with his Past Preceptors Jewel. The new Preceptory Banner, depicting the highlights of the area with Cooroora Mountain central on the banner and a strong emphasis of features of the Order, was unveiled by Bro Kt Dalgarino and presented to the Venerable Preceptor.
The Preceptory has been unfortunate to lose a number of members due to personal reasons, but names and applications have been presented to increase membership.

**Alpha No. 17**

With the absence of Candidates the exemplification ceremony of Knights Templar degree has been carried out a number of times for the interest and continuity of work for the officers. August was the month for election of Officers for the installation in November, at which the Great Seneschal R E Kt Bennett GCT installed Bro Kt Matson followed by the installation of Prior by the Regional Great Sub-Prior. The Affiliati, Ladies and Master Mason were invited in to witness the Venerable Preceptor invest his elected and appointed Officers and the closing. It was an added pleasure that a former work colleague and Bro Knight from Mackay and Knights from Bundaberg were in attendance to give support to the newly installed Preceptor and Prior. The Venerable Preceptor commenced his year with an open book “walk-through” for the Templar Degree.

A constant visitor and supporter of the Preceptory, Affiliati Mrs Anne Demaine advised that ill health has now prevented her from attending in the future. The Preceptory is looking at a strategy to encourage the non-attending members to again renew their former interest as well as ways to attract new members.

**Comments**

It is encouraging to have two Preceptories working together with a representation of officers and members attending each meeting to fill the void for some positions and strengthen their fellowship within the Order. I recommend this to other Preceptories to make it a joint effort and assist each other at meetings where possible.

With the re-opening of Sir William Wallace No. 7 the Lodges in the Gympie District now have the opportunity to become members of a new Order to their area. Lodge Secretaries have been provided with information regarding the Order.

My thanks are extended to the Knights in my region for their friendship during this past term. The Preceptories are to be commended for their invitations to the Affiliati and Ladies to attend the refectories.

I thank M E Kt Langusch GCT ME&SGM for my appointment during his term and wish him well on the completion of his three years leading this Order.

I look forward to contributing to the Order and supporting the new Grand Master.

R E Kt Norrie James Morris GCT RGSP SE
20th May 2017

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**Regional Great Sub-Prior's Report - The Centre**

It is a personal disappointment to me that, because of health reasons, I have not been able to make as many visitations to the Preceptories in this region as I would like during the year. But, that is behind me now!

However, I am pleased to report that Walter de Clifton Preceptory had a good year with several new knights being installed. However, the downside is that, for health reasons, several of the
long-term members have had to curtail their attendances somewhat. The dedication of several long-term members, together with the enthusiasm of newer members, augers well for the future of this Preceptory.

Wide Bay Preceptory is perhaps the strongest of the Preceptories in this Region with several new knights being installed. Perhaps the highlight of the year for this Preceptory was the presentation of Past Great Priory rank to Ven. Kt. Hugh Dunlop who has been a stalwart of this Preceptory for many years.

Burnett Preceptory, having the fewest number of members in this Region, is having problems with attendances as older knights find it more difficult, either for their or their spouses health, to attend. It was envisioned that a move from day to evening meetings would facilitate others to join, but alas, this has not eventuated. What is good to be aware of is that, although these Preceptories have not always had work, they have been having practices, sword drill and educational discussions, all aimed at enhancing their knowledge of our Order. There has also been some visiting among the Preceptories in spite of the distances involved.

It is with mixed feelings that I hand this function to a new incumbent and I wish him well.

Clive Johnson
R.G.S.P. The Centre.

Grand Master’s Council
Term 2016-2017

M E & S Grand Master M E Kt Reginald Langusch GCT
H & R E Great Seneschal R E Kt Robert Bennett GCT
Great Prior of Malta R E Kt Dr Donald Gifford GCT
PGM M E Kt John Dann GCT DSA MSTJ
Great Chancellor R E KT John Muirhead GCT
R G S P R E Kt Norrie Morris GCT
R G S P R E Kt Alan Coleman
Great Vice-Chancellor V E Kt Glenn Farrell
Deputy Great Vice-Chancellor E Kt John Spooner
Great Treasurer R E Kt Kirby Leeke KCT
Great Registrar V E Kt Ted McCauley
Great Marshall V E Kt Michael Luxmoore
Elected Past Preceptor V E Kt Clive Johnson

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17. ALPHA (SOUTH-EAST)
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The Templars’ Hymn
For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confess’d
Thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
       Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor’s crown of gold.
       Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
       Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day,
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array,
The King of glory passes on his way.
       Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.
       Alleluia!