

the province of middlesex



The Head of the Order is Right Eminent Provincial Prior, Right Eminent Knight John Roberts (left). He is assisted (right) by the Provincial Sub-Prior, Very Eminent Knight Silverio Ostrowski and the Provincial Executive.

In the Province of Middlesex we have 12 Preceptories which meet at various centres as follows:

Preceptory	No.	Centre
Staines	253	Twickenham
Herga	268	Harrow
Twickenham	388	Twickenham
Uxbridge	394	Uxbridge
Southgate	429	Southgate
Gauntlet	449	Harrow
All Hallows	450	Twickenham
Lanfranc	485	Harrow
Middelseaxe	518	Twickenham/ Harrow
Mount Lebanon.....	573	Twickenham
Arch of Steel	591	Twickenham
Thomas Dunckerley	627	Twickenham

Preceptories meet two or three times a year.

provincial bodyguard

The Provincial Prior's Bodyguard is made up of representatives of most of the Preceptories. Membership is by invitation and initially a period of probation is served. The duties of bodyguard members are to attend on the Provincial Prior when he formally visits a Preceptory, at the Annual Meeting and at the Service of Praise and Thanksgiving.

preceptories of improvement

The Preceptory of Improvement or POI, is held at three locations and provides an opportunity for knights to develop their skill and knowledge in a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere.

joining

It is a pre-requisite for joining this Order that prospective candidates are both Craft and Royal Arch Masons and must practice the Trinitarian Christian Faith.

If you would like more information about joining this wonderful Order please contact the Provincial Vice-Chancellor via our website www.ktmiddx.com.



A Knight speaking to a Knight Hospitaller at a port in the Holy Lands.

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas



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Eminent Knight Terence Michael O'Neill



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The Origins

The Order was founded around the year 1119 by two French Knights, Hughes de Payens and Godfrey de St Omer, primarily to protect pilgrims in the Holy Land on their travels to and from the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Originally known as the *Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ*, the Knights were of aristocratic or 'gentle' birth and took monkish vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. They were granted buildings on Temple Mount, or Mount Moriah, within the religious grounds that once had enclosed the Temple of Solomon. Later, the name changed to the Knights of the Order of the Temple, more commonly known as "The Templars".

At its peak they were the most powerful military force in the world, richer than any single country and on political matters only answered to the Pope. However, after just 200 years of defending the Christian faith, Philip IV struck them down. On Friday, 13th October 1307 the Templars were arrested, charged with numerous offences and the majority were brutally murdered.



The Ordination of Jacques de Molay in 1265 at the Beune commandery. Painting by Marius Granet 1777-1849.



about the order today

The Order makes no claim to any direct link to the original Knights Templar. However, during the ceremony of Installation the candidate symbolically embarks on a crusade, culminating with him being elevated to Knighthood.

The headquarters of the Order is based at Mark Masons' Hall.

The Ceremonies

The ceremonies are very realistic and the regalia spectacular, being based upon that worn by the medieval knights.

There are in fact two interrelated degrees that are worked. That is, the Knights Templar and Knights of Malta degrees. Each ceremony is both intriguing and stimulating.



regalia

The regalia of the Order is most striking and is based on that of the medieval Knights. The regalia for 'K.T.' comprises of:

- Cap and badge
- Tunic and Sash
- Mantle
- Knights Templar Cross and Star
- Belt and Frog
- Sword and Scabbard
- Black gloves



Although some Knights wear their Temple regalia at Malta meetings, the majority present wear the distinctive regalia of a Knight of Malta. This regalia comprises of some of the regalia for K.T. however, the cap is made of black material and there is a different cap badge. The tunic is red with a white cross on it whilst the mantle is black with a white Maltese cross, hood lining and tassels. A Malta jewel completes the regalia of a Knight of Malta.

In the gallery section of our website are a number of photographs of Knights wearing Knights Templar and Knights of Malta regalia. Temple meetings are held more frequently than Malta meetings. For this reason, usually, only Temple regalia is worn in the early stages of membership.

The Provincial Warden of Regalia may be contacted in terms of purchasing new and previously worn regalia.