

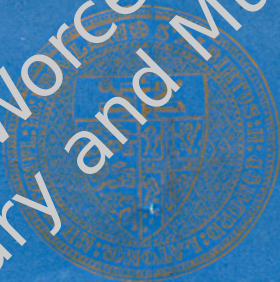
Proceedings

OF THE

Provincial Grand Conclave

Of Lancashire,

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OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND
CONCLAVE OF LANCASHIRE,

OF THE
ROYAL, EXALTED, RELIGIOUS, & MILITARY ORDER OF

Masonic Knights Templar,

Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem,
Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta,

HOLDEN AT HEAD QUARTERS IN THE EAST,

Grand Field of Encampment, Codmorden,

ON THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MAY,

A.L. 5868. A.D. 1864. A.O. 746;

TOGETHER WITH

THE MUSTER ROLL OF THE OFFICERS OF GRAND CONCLAVE;

THE NAMES OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS;

THE MUSTER ROLL OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS OF
LANCASHIRE;

THE ROLL OF ENCAMPMENTS IN THE PROVINCE;

THE ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND
TREASURER;

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND ALMONER'S ACCOUNT; AND A VARIETY
OF OTHER INFORMATION IN CONNECTION
WITH THE ORDER.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL
GRAND CONCLAVE.

- "That one of the circulars convening every meeting of an Encampment in the Province of Lancashire, be sent to the Provincial Grand Chancellor."
- "That each Provincial Grand Officer who fails to attend the Annual Meetings of Provincial Grand Conclave, be fined one guinea, unless he has previously sent, in writing, to the Provincial Grand Chancellor such an excuse as, when read to the Provincial Grand Conclave, shall be deemed satisfactory by the Knights in such Conclave assembled."

A copy of this book may be had gratis by applying to the Provincial Grand Chancellor.

Address:—W. H. WRIGHT,

Bolton.

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Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge, Bolton.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander issued his commands to the Provincial Grand Chancellor to summon the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave, to be holden at Todmorden, on Thursday, the Twenty-sixth day of May, at Twelve o'clock at noon.

Summonses were accordingly issued to all present and past Provincial Grand Officers, Eminent Commanders of Encampments, and all other duly qualified Knights Templar in the Province.

The St. John of Jerusalem Encampment was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at Twelve o'clock at noon, by Sir Knight Abraham Lord, Eminent Commander.

The Provincial Grand Officers entered in procession, marshaled by Sir Knight Roberts, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Sir Knight Merrill, Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies. The Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, after being received under the Arch of Steel, took his place on the Throne, the Deputy Provincial Grand Commander on his right. The Procession, after marching three times round the Encampment (Sir Knight Benjamin St. John Baptist Joule, Provincial Grand Organist, presiding at the organ), took their accustomed stalls.

The Provincial Grand Conclave was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at One o'clock p.m.

The Muster Roll of Provincial Grand Officers and of the Encampments in the Province were called over by Sir Knight Veevers, Provincial Grand Registrar.

PRESENT:

The Very Eminent the Provincial Grand Commander,

SIR KNIGHT ALBERT HUDSON ROYDS,

ON THE THRONE.

The Eminent Deputy Provincial Grand Commander,

SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE NEWALL.

Sir Knight Lawrence Ormerod.....	Proy. G. Second Captain.
„ The Rev. J. B. Phillips...	„ Assistant Prelate.
„ W. H. Wright	„ Chancellor.
„ William Harrison	„ Vice-Chancellor.
„ Richard Veevers	„ Registrar.
„ Stephen Smith	„ Treasurer.
„ Charles James Bannister.	„ Hospitaler.
„ Henry Fishwick	„ First Expert.
„ Henry Lord	„ Second Standard Bearer.
„ Horace Seymour Alpass ..	„ Almoner.
„ Ormerod Barker	„ Superintendent of Works.
„ William Roberts	„ Director of Ceremonies.
„ John Merrill.....	„ Assistant do.
„ Beeby Beaumont Labrey.	„ First Aide-de-Camp.
„ John Knight.....	„ Sword Bearer.
„ Thomas Lonsdale Bold...	„ First Captain of Lines.
„ John Yates	„ Second do.
„ Samuel H. Smith	„ First Herald.
„ B. St. John B. Joubert ...	„ Organist.
„ William Dawson	„ Equerry.

The hereafter mentioned Encampments were also represented :—

JERUSALEM, Manchester—by Sir Knights Benjamin St. John Baptist Joubert, E.C.; Stephen Smith, P.E.C.; John Smith, P.E.C.; Beeby Beaumont Labrey, P.E.C.; John Bolderson, Second Captain.

LOYAL VOLUNTEERS, Ashton—by Sir Knights Samuel Duncuff Lees, M.D., P.E.C.; George Mellor, P.E.C.; Samuel H. Smith, Second Captain.

ST. JOSEPH, Manchester—by Sir Knight W. Roberts.

ST. MICHAEL, Newchurch—by Sir Knights the Rev. J. B. Phillips, E.C.; George Henry Ormerod, P.E.C.; Lawrence Ormerod, P.E.C.; Henry Lord, Treasurer.

ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM, Todmorden—by Sir Knights Abraham Lord, E.C.; Richard Veevers, P.E.C.; James Helliwell, First Captain; Richard Ingham, Second Captain; James H. Sutcliff, Expert; John Ashton Stansfield, Registrar; Ormerod Barker, First Herald; John Marshall, Captain of Lines.

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, *Bolton*—by Sir Knights Stephen Blair, P.E.C.;
W. H. Wright, P.E.C.; William Dawson.

ALBERT, *Rochdale*—by Sir Knights Albert Hudson Royds, P.E.C.; Lawrence Newall, P.E.C.; Richard Veevers, P.E.C.; Henry Fishwick, P.E.C.; John Knight, P.E.C.; William Roberts, P.E.C.; Christopher Mayes Jones, Registrar; Samuel Robert Stott, Treasurer; John Wolstenholme, Expert; John Lord; John Ashworth.

JACQUES DE MOLAY, *Liverpool*—by Sir Knights Horace Seymour Mass, P.E.C.; Charles James Bannister, P.E.C.; John Newbury; J. Turner Hall.

FAITH, *Pendleton*—by Sir Knights Thomas Lonsdale Bold, P.E.C.; William Roberts, P.E.C.

The United Encampments of ALMERIC DE ST. OMER and GEOFFREY DE ST. OMER, *Manchester*—by Sir Knights Albert Hudson Royds, P.E.C.; William Courtenay Cruttenden, P.E.C.; Lawrence Newall, P.E.C.; William Henry Wright, Registrar.

HUGH DE PAYENS, *Blackburn*—by Sir Knights William Harrison, P.E.C.; John Yates, P.E.C.; James Hornby, First Captain; James Dickenson, Second Captain.

EDMUND PLANTAGENET, *Openshaw*—by Sir Knights John Merrill, E.C.; John Nield, Captain of Lines; John Hammond, Almoner.

The under-mentioned Encampments were not represented:—

ST. GEORGE, *Oldham*.

PLAINS OF MAMRE, *Burnley*.

PLAINS OF TABOR, *Colne*.

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, *Manchester*.

The under-mentioned Sir Knights were also present:—

Sir Knight William Courtenay Cruttenden, the Very Eminent the Provincial Grand Commander for Cheshire; Sir Knight the Rev. Joseph Senior, LL.D., Provincial Grand Prelate of Yorkshire.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave, holden at Openshaw, on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1863, were read by the Provincial Grand Chancellor, and confirmed.

Letters of apology for their unavoidable absence were read from—Sir Knights Thomas George Hesketh, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Sub-

Prior: George Cornwall Legh, M.P., Provincial Grand First Captain; the Rev. Edward James Bolling, Provincial Grand Prelate; John Sudlow, Provincial Grand First Standard Bearer; Robert Hankinson Barrett, Provincial Grand Second Aide-de-Camp; Edward Pierpoint, Provincial Grand Second Herald; John Bamford, Provincial Grand Banner Bearer;—which were deemed satisfactory.

Sir Knights Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Prior, and John Henry Proctor Leresche, Provincial Grand Chamberlain, being absent without any cause being assigned, were each fined one guinea.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's Accounts were audited by Sir Knights H. S. Alpass, P.G. Almoner, Ormerod Barker, P.G. Superintendent of Works, and Beeby Beaumont Labrey, P.G. First Aide de Camp, and found correct, with a balance to be carried forward to the next account, of £20 7s. 4d.

Sir Knight Stephen Smith, after having received the cordial thanks of the Provincial Grand Conclave for the very efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office as Provincial Grand Treasurer, was for the the sixth time, on the proposition of Sir Knight S. D. Lees, M.D., Past Provincial Grand Registrar, unanimously elected to that office for the ensuing year.

Sir Knight William Dawson was again unanimously re-elected Equerry for the ensuing year.

The Very Eminent and Provincial Grand Commander then appointed the Officers of the Provincial Grand Conclave for the ensuing year, and invested them, together with the Treasurer and Equerry, (who had been appointed by the Provincial Grand Conclave), with the Collars and Jewels of their respective offices.



Provincial Grand Officers of Lancashire, 1864.

Name of Sir Knight.	Rank in the Province.	Postal Address.	Private Encampment.
Albert Hudson Royds	Very Eminent P. G. Com- mander ...	Crownest Court, near Worcester ...	United and Albert.
Lawrence Newall	Very Eminent D.P.G. Com- mander ...	Wellington Lodge, Littleborough.	United and Albert.
Lord de Tabley	Prior	Tabley House, Knutsford	United.
Sir Thos. George Hesketh, Bart., M.P.	Sub-Prior	Rufford Hall, Ormskirk	Jacques de Molay.
George Cornwall Legh, M.P. ...	First Captain ...	High Legh, Knutsford	United.
Stephen Blair	Second Captain.	Mill Hill House, Bolton	St. James of Jerusalem.
Rev. John Bartholomew Phillips ...	Prelate	Parsonage, Newchurch	St. Michael.
Rev. Thomas Radley	Assistant do. ...	Stamford Crescent, Ashton	Loyal Volunteers.
William Henry Wright	Chancellor ...	Wellesley Place, Heaton, near Bolton	United and St. James of Jerusalem.
William Harrison	Vice-Chancellor.	Galligreaves House, Blackburn ...	Hugh de Payens.
Richard Veevers	Registrar ...	Fair View, Littleborough	Albert and St. John of Jerusalem.
Stephen Smith	Treasurer ...	Cross Street, Manchester	Jerusalem.
John Henry Proctor Leresche ...	Chamberlain ...	St. James's Square, Manchester ...	St. Joseph.
Edward Pierpoint	Hospitaler ...	18, Chapel Street, Liverpool ...	Jacques de Molay.
Robert Hankinson Barrett	First Expert ...	Spring Bank, Pendleton	St. James of Jerusalem

PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS—(Continued).

Thomas Clough	Second Expert.	Solicitor, Blackburn	Hugh de Payens.
John Sudlow	First Standard Bearer	Princess Street, Manchester	United.
Henry Lord	Second do.	Boothfold, Newchurch	St. Michael.
Horace Seymour Alpass	Almoner	Park Road, Liverpool	Jacques de Molay.
Ormerod Barker	Supt. of Works.	Barewise Mill, Todmorden	St. John of Jerusalem.
Thos. Lonsdale Bold	Director of Ceremonies	Lord's Chambers, Corporation Street, Manchester	Faith.
John Merrill	Assistant do	Fairfield, near Manchester	Edmund Plantagenet.
John Bolderson, junr	First Aide-de-campe	Strangeways, Manchester	Jerusalem.
James Pickering	Second do	Fisher House, Orrell, near Wigan.	Faith.
James Hornby	First Captain of Lines	Bulder, Clitheroe	Hugh de Payens.
John Yates	Second do	The Park, Blackburn	Hugh de Payens.
John Knight	Sword Bearer	Woodhouse Mill, Rochdale	Albert.
Samuel Higginbottom Smith	First Herald	168, Stamford Street, Ashton	Loyal Volunteers.
John Ashton Stansfield	Second Herald	Newton Grove, Todmorden	St. John of Jerusalem.
Benjamin St. John Baptist Jole	Organist	Thorncliffe, Manchester	Jerusalem.
James Helliwell	Banner Bearer	Wellington Road, Todmorden	St. John of Jerusalem.
William Dawson	Equerry	60, Lark Street, Little Bolton	St. James of Jerusalem

The Annual Returns of Contributing Members to the under-mentioned Encampments in the Province, together with the Fees due to the Provincial Grand Conclave, were received by the Provincial Grand Treasurer:—

JERUSALEM, *Manchester.*

LOYAL VOLUNTEERS, *Ashton.*

ST. JOSEPH, *Manchester.*

ST. MICHAEL, *Newchurch.*

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, *Todmorden.*

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, *Bolton.*

ALBERT, *Rochdale.*

JACQUES DE MOLAY, *Liverpool.*

FAITH, *Pendleton.*

UNITED, *Manchester.*

ST. GEORGE, *Oldham.*

HUGH DE PAYENS, *Blackburn.*

The under-mentioned Encampments not being represented in Provincial Grand Conclave, consequently did not pay the fees:—

WILLIAM DE LA MORE, *Manchester.*

PLAINS OF MAMRE, *Burnley.*

PLAINS OF TABOR, *Colne.*

The Committee of General Purposes was then nominated in the usual manner:—Five Sir Knights by the Provincial Grand Conclave, namely, Sir Knight Horace Seymour Alpass, Provincial Grand Almoner; Sir Knight John Smith, Past Eminent Commander of the Jerusalem Encampment, Manchester; Sir Knight John Knight, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer; Sir Knight John Merrill, Provincial Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and Sir Knight Ormerod Barker, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. Four Sir Knights by the Very Eminent the Provincial Grand Commander, namely, Sir Knight George Cornwall Legh, Provincial Grand First Captain; Sir Knight Stephen Blair, Provincial Grand Second Captain; Sir Knight John Henry Proctor Leresche, Provincial Grand Chamberlain; and Sir Knight John Sudlow, Provincial Grand First Standard Bearer. The under-mentioned Sir Knights are also members of the Committee by virtue of their office: the Very Eminent the Provincial Grand Commander, the Eminent the Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, the Provincial Grand Chancellor, the Provincial Grand Registrar, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Sir Knight Stephen Smith then moved the following resolution, of which he had given due notice,—“That it is desirable that an important

Province like Lancashire should be represented in Grand Conclave, and that a sum not exceeding five guineas per annum be placed at the disposal of the Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, for the purpose of defraying the travelling expenses of a representative from this Province, when in his discretion he may think it desirable to send one,"—which was seconded by Sir Knight T. L. Bold, and carried unanimously.

Moved by Sir Knight W. H. Wright, Provincial Grand Chancellor, and seconded by Sir Knight R. Veevers, Provincial Grand Registrar, and carried unanimously,—“That the sum of ten pounds be given out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Conclave to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged and distressed Freemasons.”

It was also resolved unanimously,—“That the sum of ten pounds be given out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Conclave to the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged and distressed Freemasons, at the election of Annuitants in May, 1865.”

The Provincial Grand Almoner, Sir Knight Horace Seymour Alpass, collected the Alms from the Knights present, which amounted to £2 15s. 3d., the Provincial Grand Prelate, Sir Knight John Bartholomew Phillips, reading the offertory.

Resolved unanimously, on the motion of Sir Knight Samuel Duncuff Lees, M.D., Past Provincial Grand Registrar, and seconded by Sir Knight William Harrison, Provincial Grand Vice-Chancellor,—“That the sum of five pounds be given out of the Almoners' Fund to Sir Knight Robert Spencer, Equerry of the Loyal Volunteers' Encampment, Ashton, to be paid weekly, Sir Knight S. D. Lees having kindly undertaken that duty.”

Resolved unanimously,—“That the next Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave be held at Rochdale, under the auspices of the Albert Encampment, stationed in that town.”

Resolved unanimously, on the motion of Sir Knight J. B. Phillips, Provincial Grand Prelate, and seconded by Sir Knight R. Veevers, Provincial Grand Registrar,—“That the travelling expenses of the Provincial Grand Chancellor be paid out of the funds of the Provincial Grand Conclave, when visiting officially the Encampments in this Province.”

Resolved unanimously,—“That the fact of the banner and abacus, which was the property of our late Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, (and presented to this Provincial Grand Conclave by Hester, his widow), being in the Provincial Grand Conclave, be recorded on the minutes.”



THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT,

For the Year ending May, 1864.

At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave, held in May, 1863, I was desired by our Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, to visit every Encampment in this Province, and report to the next Annual Meeting. I have not had an opportunity of seeing the whole of the Encampments, but have visited the Loyal Volunteers, Ashton, once; Hugh de Payens, Blackburn, twice; St. Michael, Newchurch, once; Jerusalem, Manchester, twice; St. Joseph, Manchester, twice; Faith, Pendleton, twice; Edmund Plantagenet, Openshaw, once; St. James of Jerusalem, Bolton, four times; Almeric de St. Maur and Geoffrey de St. Omer, four times. The business in the whole of the Encampments was conducted in a creditable manner, still there is room for improvement. There are 16 Encampments in this Province, which returned 262 subscribing members in 1862; 214 in 1863; 229 this year, which is an indication of the steady progress of the Order. The St. George's Encampment, Oldham, I fear, does not meet regularly, for I never receive the circular which ought to be sent to me for every meeting held. The William de la More has made no return for three years, neither has it held a meeting during that period. The Plains of Manure, Burnley, has not changed its Eminent Commander (according to the returns) for the last seven years. The Plains of Tabor, Colne, has not yet sworn allegiance to either the Grand or the Provincial Grand Conclave, but I have been in communication with Sir Knight William James Carr, of Langroyd, Colne, the Registrar, and a very zealous member of the Encampment, on the subject, and I hope at the next Annual Meeting to report its allegiance. I think it very desirable that the whole of the Encampments should be visited from time to time by some influential members of the Provincial Grand Conclave, as the best means of promoting the prosperity and welfare of the Order. Since March, 1863, there have been nine dispensations granted; and since the last Annual Meeting I have prepared and sent out 22 certificates to Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, the fees for which amount to 37 15s. Od. At the request of our Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, I accompanied Sir Knight Newall, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, to London, as a deputation from this Province to attend the Annual Meeting of Grand Conclave, held on the 13th of May. I am happy to say our visit has brought forth some fruit, for we succeeded in getting ten pounds from the Alms' Fund for Sir Knight Ledward, a member of the Faith Encampment, Pendleton, and the oldest Knight Templar in this Province, who has since been elected an annuitant on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged and distressed Freemasons. The deputation are of opinion that an important Province like Lancashire ought always to be represented in Grand Conclave. The meeting of Grand Conclave was holden in the Masonic Union Hall, 14, Bedford Row, Holborn. The Grand Hall is fitted up with 72 stalls, and is in every respect worthy of the Order. Everything has been done to promote the comfort and convenience of the Knights who assemble there.

Several matters of great importance were brought before Grand Conclave, for particulars of which see Extracts from the Proceedings, at the end of this book.

Resolved unanimously,—“That the minutes of proceedings of this Provincial Grand Conclave be printed, and a copy sent to the subscribing members of every Encampment in the Province.”

There being no other business, the Provincial Grand Conclave was closed, according to ancient custom, with solemn prayer.

The Provincial Grand Officers then re-formed in procession, and conducted the Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander and his Deputy from the Encampment,—the Provincial Grand Organist presiding at the organ.

The St. John of Jerusalem Encampment was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

The Sir Knights adjourned to the Banquet, where they partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

William Henry Wright,

Provincial Grand Chancellor.

Wellesley Place, Heaton,
near Bolton.



The Provincial Grand Almoner in Account with the Provincial Grand Conclave.

Receipts.				Payments.									
				1861.									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
1857.	Alms received at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave.			1	14	6	April 3.	Voted for the Relief of Sir Knight Murphy	1	0	0		
1858.	Do.	do.	do.	...	2	0		Account Book	...	0	6		
1859.	Do.	do.	do.	...	2	0							
1860.	Do.	do.	do.	...	1	16	9	1862.					
1862.	Do.	do.	do.	...	3	4	0	May 2.	Voted for the Relief of Sir Knight Henry Knight...	...	2	12	0
1863.	Do.	do.	do.	...	2	0	0		Balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Almoner	...	11	18	0
1864.	Do.	do.	do.	...	2	15	6						
				£15	10	6					£15	10	6
				£15	10	6					£15	10	6

Horace Seymour Alpass,

Provincial Grand Almoner.

Park Road, Liverpool.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer in Account
from May, 1863,

		Receipts.					
1863.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Balance from last Account				76	16	4
	Fees of Honor from Provincial Grand Officers.....				16	0	3
	Fees from the undermentioned Encampments:—						
	Jerusalem, Manchester	0	19	0			
	Loyal Volunteers, Ashton	1	3	0			
	St. Joseph, Manchester	0	7	0			
	St. Michael, Newchurch	0	16	0			
	St. John of Jerusalem, Todmorden	2	1	0			
	St. James of Jerusalem, Bolton	1	2	0			
	Albert, Rochdale	2	17	6			
	Jacques de Molay, Liverpool	0	9	0			
	Faith, Pendleton	0	17	0			
	United, Manchester	1	14	0			
	St. George, Oldham	0	2	0			
	Hugh de Payens, Blackburn	1	12	0			
	Edmund Plantagenet, Openshaw	1	10	0	15	16	6
	Fees for Certificates of Office in Provincial Grand Conclave.						
	Sir Knight John Yates	0	5	0			
	„ S. H. Smith	0	5	0			
	„ T. L. Bold	0	5	0			
	„ R. H. Barrett	0	5	0			
	„ E. Piernoin	0	5	0			
	„ Henry Loid	0	5	0			
	„ John Knight.....	0	5	0			
	„ John Merrill.....	0	5	0			
	„ Ormerod Barber	0	5	0			
	„ T. R. Bridson	0	5	0			
	„ George Barlow	0	5	10			
	„ Lawrence Ormerod	0	5	0			
	„ A. F. Varley	0	5	0			
	„ John Sudlow.....	0	5	0	3	10	10
	Fees for Dispensations.—						
	Jacques de Molay, Liverpool, for Masonic Ball....	0	5	0			
	St. John of Jerusalem, Todmorden	0	5	0			
	United, Manchester	0	10	0			
	Hugh de Payens, Blackburn	0	5	0	1	5	0
	Fees for Non-attendance:—						
	Sir Knight James Gorton	1	1	0			
	„ F. C. Smethurst	1	1	0	2	2	0

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Roll of Encampments in the Province of Lancashire, May, 1864.

<i>Title of Encampment.</i>	<i>No. Mems, May, 1864.</i>	<i>No. Mems, May, 1863.</i>	<i>Where Stationed.</i>	<i>When Holden.</i>	<i>Hour.</i>	<i>Date of Warrant.</i>	<i>Eminent Commander.</i>
JERUSALEM	14	16	Masonic Hall, Cooper street, Manchester ..	Second Monday in March, June, September, and December	6	1795 May, 20.	Ben. St. J. B. Joule, Thorncliff, Manchester.
LOYAL VOLUNTEERS	24	25	Swan Inn, Ashton	First Friday in February, May, August, and October	7	1766 August 12.	John Fry, Royal George Mill, Saddleworth.
ST. JOSEPH	10	8	Masonic Hall, Cooper street, Manchester ..	Third Thursday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.	6	1806 March 10.	John Bradley, 100, Market street, Manchester.
PLAINS OF MAMRE	8	8	Cross Keys Inn, Burnley	Fourth Friday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.	6	1806 March 10.	Thomas Parker, solicitor, Burnley.
PLAINS OF TABOR	8	8	Swan Hotel, Scone	First Thursday after the full moon in January, April, July and October	6	1805 Sep. 9.	Henry Croke, Barnoldswick.
ST. MICHAEL.....	16	17	Mason's Arms, Newchurch	Second Friday in January, April, July, and October.	6	1808 April 10.	Rev. John B. Phillips, Parsonage, Newchurch.
ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.	20	21	Masonic Hall, Todmorden	Friday on or nearest the new moon in January, April, July, and October.	6	1811 February 21	Abraham Lord, Wellington terrace, Todmorden.

ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM.	18	18	Swan Hotel, Bolton....	Second Friday in March, June, September, and December	9	1849 January 5.	Richard Green, Sharples, Bolton.
ALBERT	24	25	Masonic Rooms, Ann- street, Rochdale	Last Wednesday in September, November, January, and Wednesday nearest 18th March	6	1849 August 31.	Jas. Halliwell, Glen place, Wellington rd, Todmorden.
JACQUES DE MOLAY	18	8	Masonic Temple, 22, Hope street, Liverpool	Third Friday in January, September, and November, and the 11th March.	4	1850 March 8.	William Crank- shaw, 57, Egerton street, Liverpool.
FAITH	14	14	Horse Shoe Hotel, Pen- dleton	Tuesday after the full moon in March, June, September, and December	6	1853 March 13.	Jas. Pickering, Fisher House, Orrell, near Wigan.
ALMERIC DE ST. MAUR and GEOFFREY DE ST. OMER..	21	19	Palatine Hotel, Man- chester	Second Tuesday in January, February, March, April, May, October, November, and December	4	1853 October 3.	John Sudlow, 18, Princess st., Manchester.
ST. GEORGE	9	9	Angel Hotel, Oldham .	Second Friday in January, April, July, and October.	7	1854 March 11.	John George Blackburn, Oldham.
WILLIAM DE LA MORE	no return.	no return.	Queen's Hotel, Manches- ter	Third Thursday in January, April, July, and October.		1857 January.	T. B. Eveleigh, The Park, Prestwich.
HUGH DE PAYENS.....	13	16	Old Bull Inn, Black- burn	First Friday in March, June, September, and December	7	1857 October 23.	Thomas Clough, solicitor, Blackburn.
EDMUND PLANTAGENET ..	12	10	New Inn, Ashton Old road, Openshaw	Last Wednesday in March, June, September, and December	7	1859 August 9.	John Merrill, Fairfield, near Manchester.

Fees Payable by Private Encampments to the Provincial Grand Conclave.

	£	s.	d.
For Installing a Companion into the Order	0	5	0
For Joining or re-joining.....	0	2	6
For each Member annually.....	0	1	0

Fees of Honor on Appointment to Office in the Provincial Grand Conclave.

	£	s.	d.
Provincial Grand Commander	5	5	0
Deputy Provincial Grand Commander.....	3	3	0
Provincial Grand Prior, Sub-Prior, Prelate, First and Second Captains	2	2	0
Provincial Grand Chancellor, and all under	1	1	0
Half-Fees are payable for promotion from one office to another.			
Fee for Certificate or Diploma of Office	0	5	0
Fee for Dispensation	0	5	0

Any Sir Knight requiring a Certificate of the Office he now holds, or has previously held, in the Provincial Grand Conclave, may have one by applying to the Provincial Grand Chancellor, and forwarding the fee of five shillings.

Form of Application for a Dispensation.

DEAR SIR KNIGHT,

I am instructed by the Eminent Commander and Knights of
the [Encampment, meeting at] *to request you*
to procure for us a Dispensation, to authorize the Knights Templar to appear
in the costume of the Order, at a []

(Signed).

To William Henry Wright,
Wellesley Place, Heaton,
near Bolton.

The Dispensation should be applied for at least a week before the day on which it will be required, to give the Provincial Grand Chancellor time to draw out the same and send it to the Provincial Grand Commander for signature. The application must in all cases be accompanied with the fee of five shillings, in stamps or post-office order.

The Provincial Grand Chancellor begs to suggest to the Eminent Commanders and Knights of the Encampments in this Province, that they should, if possible, inaugurate the Eminent Commander in March or April, that the names of the Eminent Commanders and newly-appointed officers may appear in the return sent to the Provincial Grand Chancellor before the Annual Meeting in May. If the Eminent Commanders are inaugurated after the meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave, or between the return being made and the meeting, the names of the past instead of the present Eminent Commanders will appear on the Roll of Encampments published with the Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Conclave.



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Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar.

MUSTER ROLL OF GRAND OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 13TH MAY, 1864.

Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master:

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM STUART.

Very High and Eminent Deputy Grand Master:

SIR KNIGHT COLONEL G. A. VERNON.

Grand Seneschal	...	...	...	Sir Knight the Right Hon. Lord
				Londesborough.
Grand Prior	...	...	...	W. D. Harvey.
Grand Sub-Prior	...	...	...	Capt. N. G. Philips.
Grand Prelate	...	...	...	Rev. Edward Moore.
First Grand Captain	...	...	...	Col. Goddard.
Second Grand Captain	...	...	...	Cap. Layton.
Grand Chancellor	...	...	...	J. H. Law.
Grand Vice-Chancellor	...	...	...	M. H. Shuttleworth.
Grand Registrar	...	...	...	D. H. Stone.
Grand Treasurer	...	...	...	J. Newton Tomkins.
Grand Chamberlain	...	...	...	David Peacock.
Grand Hospitaller	...	...	...	Rev. C. A. Davey.
Grand Director of Ceremonies	...	...	...	W. J. Meymott.
Ast. Grand Director of Ceremonies.	...	...	...	F. Binckes.
Grand Superintendent of Works	...	...	...	H. W. Spratt.
Grand Constable or Mareschal	...	...	...	J. Yarker.
Grand Provost	...	...	...	J. Gibbs.
Grand Almshouse	...	...	...	C. Rodda.
Grand Warden of Regalia	...	...	...	H. J. Thompson.
First Grand Expert	...	...	...	C. C. W. Griffiths.
Second Grand Expert	...	...	...	C. H. Low.
First Grand Standard Bearer	...	...	...	F. G. Irwin.
Second Grand Standard Bearer	...	...	...	Lieut. Cox.
Third Grand Standard Bearer	...	...	...	T. Mills.
Fourth Grand Standard Bearer	...	...	...	J. Stohwasser.
First Grand Aide-de-Camp...	...	...	...	G. Lambert.
Second Grand Aide-de-Camp	...	...	...	L. S. Foster.
First Grand Captain of Lines	...	...	...	W. S. Wallace.
Second Grand Captain of Lines	...	...	...	E. Pierpoint.
First Grand Herald	...	...	...	J. H. Thompson.
Second Grand Herald	...	...	...	W. Lean.

Grand Organist	Sir Knight	M. Cooke.
Grand Sword Bearer	"	L. Lemanski.
Grand Banner Bearer	"	W. Paas.
Grand Equerry	Fr.	G. Smith.
Assistant Grand Equerry	"	J. Hoare.

Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commanders.

Devonshire	Sir Knight	Rev. John Huyshe.
Staffordshire and Warwickshire	"	Colonel G. A. Vernon.
Cheshire	"	William Courtenay Cuttenden.
Canada	"	Colonel W. J. Bury Mc.Leod Moore
Madras, E.I.	"	Lieut.-Col. Wm. Pitt Macdonald
Dorsetshire	"	Charles John Vigne.
Worcestershire	"	Henry J. Vernon
Somersetshire	"	James Randolph.
Kent	"	H. J. Hinxman, M.D.
Nottinghamshire	"	The Earl of Lincoln.
Oxfordshire	"	Henry Atkins Bowyer.
Hampshire	"	W. W. B. Beech, M.P.
Essex... ..	"	Major Hugh Somerville S. Burney.
Bengal, E.I.	"	Hugh D. Sandeman, C.S.
City and County of Bristol ...	"	Samuel Bryant.
Gloucestershire	"	Samuel Bryant.
Northumberland and Berwick.	"	Rev. Edward Chaloner Ogle.
Berkshire	"	Col. Alexander Gordon, R.E.
Nova Scotia, St. John's, New- foundland, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island.	"	The Hon. Alexander Keith.
West Yorkshire	"	Gustavus Septimus Judge.
Bombay, E.I.	"	Francis Thomas Gell.
Australia, Melbourne, Victoria	"	A. H. Roysds.
Leicestershire	"	George Francis.
Hertfordshire	"	B. B. Cabbell.
Norfolk	"	P. H. Delamere.
West Indies	"	Samuel Rawson.
China	"	The Rt. Hon. Lord Londes- borough.
North and East Yorkshire	"	George Harcourt, M.D.
Surrey	"	



Extracts from the Proceedings of Grand Conclave.

After the report of the Committee of Grand Conclave had been read, Sir Knight Colonel Clerk moved, and Sir Knight H. Burchell Home seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that the report just read be received, and entered on the minutes.

Sir Knight Meymott, Grand Director of Ceremonies, a dressing Grand Conclave, said, having at the request of the Committee taken upon himself the labour of re-editing and arranging the Statutes of the Order, he would shortly explain the effect of those alterations, which the Committee had sanctioned to be discussed in the Grand Conclave. These alone were of importance. He would premise, however, that there were many alterations in the newly-printed copy of the Statutes which he had made and which the Committee had sanctioned,—they consisted almost entirely of corrections and additions made by order of Grand Conclave since the last edition was printed; and of corrections in composition and re-arrangement of sentences; the addition of a preface and a table of contents.

The four principal and important alterations which Grand Conclave would now be called upon to confirm or disallow, were—1st, a new statute allowing a Master Mason to be exalted to the degree of a Knight Templar, who had not taken the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Secondly, that a Knight should be eligible for election to the office of E.C. of an Encampment, if he has served for the space of one whole year the office of Prelate, although he has not served that of a Captain commanding columns. Thirdly, that P. P. G. Commanders shall rank next to P. G. Commanders, and wear the insignia of, and be considered Members of Grand Conclave. Fourthly, the insertion of a permissive statute upon the subject of Costume, in addition to the present statutes, defining what the Costume is to be.

Sir Knight the Rev. John Huyshe stated several objections against the proposal to do away with the Royal Arch membership as a Knight Templar. He said that Grand Conclave had no power to make such a change; that Knights Templar are, at present, actually protected by an Act of Parliament; that it would, instead of more closely uniting, tend to sever Freemasonry and Templary; and concluded by a powerful appeal to the M. E. and S. G. M. as to what he thought on the subject in conjunction with his own obligation?

The M. E. and S. G. M. had first thought favourably of the proposition, but since then he had changed his opinion. He had received memorials not to lower the standard of qualification; and, although he was told it would tend to increase their numbers, he would ask, was that desirable or what they wished? The maintenance of the Royal Arch qualification did certainly tend to secure, in some measure, the respectability of the Order,

and to prevent it from being flooded by mere numbers; and consequently he felt opposed to the change suggested.

Sir Knight the Rev. John Huyshe proposed "that so much of the Report as related to the alteration of the Order, conferring the degree upon a M.M. and not necessarily upon a R.A.M., be not confirmed."

The V.H. and E.D.G.M. seconded the proposition; he said he thought it was a very important question, and perfectly coincided with the decision of the M.E. and S.G.M. He should be sorry to contribute to any severance of either of the degrees of Freemasonry; and it did appear to him necessary to maintain the connection with the Royal Arch, although he could not see that the latter was more holy or peculiarly respectable than Craft Masonry.

Sir Knight F. Binckes considered that a M.M. should be eligible for installation as a K.T. without taking the degree of a R.A.M., but that it should be after a probation of twelve months from the date of taking his third degree, and he proposed an amendment to that effect.

Sir Knight Lambert seconded the amendment.

A long and interesting discussion then ensued.

Sir Knight Newall, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander for Lancashire, thought that as the Supreme Grand Council in their degrees of knighthood ignored the Royal Arch degree, he did not see the necessity of retaining it as a *sine qua non* for knighthood in Templar Masonry.

Sir Knight W. H. Wright, Provincial Grand Chancellor for Lancashire, said as Grand Lodge had formerly relaxed the strings by abolishing the necessity of passing the chair before taking the Royal Arch, why could not they act in a similar way? He knew of several Knights who, in order to become Templars, had taken the Royal Arch, but who never had entered a chapter since the day of their exaltation.

Sir Knight Spiers warmly supported the amendment, arguing, from his knowledge of Oxford, that many were deterred from Templar Masonry because they had to wait twelve months before they took the Royal Arch, which was really not necessary, and therefore, he urged should not be imposed. In Oxford many were unable to take the superior degree before they left; and if it was desirable to induce men of high position and liberal attainments, he thought one month was quite sufficient time to elapse between taking the degree of Master Mason and becoming a Knight Templar.

Sir Knight Barker said the old encampments where the Rose Croix was conferred, never gave the latter but to a Knight Templar; but now, finding the Supreme Grand Council gave the former to Master Masons, he had heard no argument adduced why that which was done by one of the great powers in Freemasonry should not be done by another.

Sir Knight C. H. Low, E.C., of the Baldwyn Encampment, said that his fraters felt strongly on the subject, and because the Rose Croix was given now to Master Masons they could not discern that that was any reason why Knights Templar should do so; and, should it be carried, it

would be a matter for his encampment to consider if they should not enact a bye-law to declare that none but Royal Arch Masons should be admissible as Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Captain Griffiths said in four months it was impossible any one could become qualified to take any degree; and he often lamented how deficient brethren were who came up to take the third degree.

Sir Knight Spratt said if they considered that the Master Mason's degree was only completed when he took the Royal Arch, the sooner Master Masons were perfected the better; and as they lived in an age of progress—the Supreme Grand Council having shown the road—so let them keep up with the spirit of the day.

The amendment of Sir Knight Binckes was then put to Grand Conclave, and there were 27 votes in favour of the amendment, and 35 against it.

Sir Knight Spiers then proposed, as another amendment, that a M.M., after one month's probation, be eligible for installation as a K.T., without having taken the degree of a R.A.M.

The Rev. Prelate seconded the amendment.

After further discussion, in which Sir Knight Huyshe, Dr. Harcourt, Capt. Layton, and others took part, the amendment was put, and 24 voted for it, and 36 against it.

The original motion of Sir Knight Huyshe was then put and carried by 50 against 19.

As to the second point—

Sir Knight Huyshe said he considered the alteration was not necessary, although much had been urged before the Committee upon the subject, in favour of the proposed alterations. He, however, was unwilling to allow the Prelate of an Encampment, in all cases, to be elected the E.C., but would propose to confine such alteration to encampments in the Colonies, which generally had not so many members as encampments in England had. He therefore begged to move, that the 25th Statute, under the head "*Of Private Encampments*," at page 41 of the new work, be altered by erasing the words "of Prelate or," after the words "have served for the space of one whole year the office," and substituting after the word "Encampment," the words "except that in the Colonies, any one who has served the office of Prelate for one whole year shall be eligible for the office, and in all cases the G. M. may give a dispensation to a member to be eligible for the office.

This was seconded by the Rev. Prelate; and after some discussion on the part of Sir Knights Spiers, Low, Binckes, and others, was carried unanimously.

As to the third point—

Sir Knight Huyshe said, that although the Committee had sanctioned this point to be discussed in Grand Conclave, yet he thought Grand Conclave had nothing whatever to do with the subject; for by altering the statute as suggested, Grand Conclave would be taking from

the M.E. and S. Grand Master part of his prerogative. Any P.G. Com. would, perhaps, most inadvertently, be giving office and rank in Grand Conclave to a frater, not sanctioned by the Grand Master. As the senior P.G. Com., he did not desire such power; and he thought Grand Conclave had better not sanction the alteration.

The V.H. and E. Deputy Grand Master quite agreed with what had been said by Sir Knight Huyshe, and thought the subject had better not be further discussed. If the alteration were not sanctioned it would not be made, and the statute would remain on this point as it was, which was the better plan.

Nothing further was said upon this point; and the alteration, therefore, was not made.

As to the fourth point—

The V.H. and E. Deputy Grand Master said, as to this proposal, he could not give his sanction to it. He would prefer a regulation costume to a permissive one. He could not say he admired every variety of costume he now saw present.

Sir Knight Barker seconded the non-adoption of this permissive statute. Masonic millinery was totally beneath the dignity of Knights Templar. He hoped the dress would remain as it was.

Sir Knight Matthew Cooke had counted twenty-seven different costumes in the hall, not one of which were of regulation pattern.

Sir Knights Col. Clerk and Capt. Layton, addressed Grand Conclave on the subject.

Sir Knight Bincker said it was a question of importance to many who, in the hope of a permissive statute being carried, and bearing in mind the military organisation of the Order, had adopted a costume suitable and appropriate, and as he did not think Grand Conclave could properly discuss the question at that advanced hour, moved that the subject of costume be referred back to the committee to report upon to next Grand Conclave. A course that was unanimously approved of.

Upon the motion of Sir Knight Newall, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander for Lancashire, a donation of £10 was voted to Sir Knight Leeward, of Penleton, Lancashire.

The Hall, which upon the occasion of the last meeting of Grand Conclave in December last, had been hastily arranged for the day in a tasteful but temporary manner, upon this occasion presented a more permanent and very handsome appearance, the Hall being surrounded on the East, North, and South sides with carved oak stalls, from each of which banners were suspended, while the West was yet in an incomplete state, with an open-worked oak organ gallery. The stalls at the upper end of the Hall were raised higher than those on the North and South sides, and were appropriated to the Provincial Grand Commanders. In the centre of these stalls was the throne, of very handsome proportions and ornaments, raised on five steps, while on either hand were the lesser thrones for the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Prelate. The heraldic decorations of the ceiling and the walls above the stalls were unfinished. The floor covered with crimson carpet, and the new furniture of Grand Conclave, presented on the whole a very effective appearance.

Regulations

For the Order of Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

Statutes.

The Order is governed by the Statutes of the Order of Knights Templar.

Grand Officers.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, K.T., is ex-officio Grand Master of the Order of Malta.

The Deputy Grand Master, K.T., is ex-officio Grand Prior of the Order of Malta.

The following Officers take equal rank in both Orders :

Grand Prelate.	Grand Chancellor.
Grand Vice-Chancellor.	Grand Registrar.
Grand Treasurer.	

Provincial Grand Commanders are also Provincial Grand Priors.
Knight Commanders of Templar Encampments are also Priors of Priors of Knights of Malta.

Coat of Arms.

Surcoat of White Camlet, with a Red Passion Cross on the breast.

Belt or Baldric similar to that of Knights Templar.

Mantle of Black Serge, with a White eight-pointed Cross on the left shoulder.

Jewels.

PRIORS — White eight-pointed Cross, charged with a Cross Pattée Gules, surmounted by a Celestial Crown, to be worn suspended from the neck by a Syrian ribbon.

COMPANIONS — White eight-pointed Cross, to be worn on the left breast, suspended by a Red Ribbon.

Guison.

Red eight-pointed Cross on a white field.

The authorized Ritual of the Order of Malta is now ready, and may be obtained by application to the Grand Vice-Chancellor. Price One Guinea.

New Certificates of the Order of Malta will be issued by the Grand Vice-Chancellor to all Knights of the Order. Fee One Shilling and Sixpence each.

A new Jewel for Deputy Provincial Grand Commanders has received the sanction of the Grand Master, and drawings may be inspected at any masonic jewellers.