



Provincial Prior's Bodyguard

Bodyguard Report 2018 - 2019

The Provincial Prior's Bodyguard has had a busy 2018 - 2019 season so far and this report covers the period from 01/05/2019 to 22/09/2019.

Current Strength of the Bodyguard: There are currently 22 appointed members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard.

Spring Activities 2019

Our drill and general military bearing continues to advance over the year, as in previous years, and we have received very complimentary comments on our demeanour and turnout in the Preceptories that we visit. This was exemplified by the Provincial Bodyguard's turnout at the Provincial Meeting February 2019, where a large number of visiting dignitaries offered their congratulations to the Commander and members of the Bodyguard.

Our attendances at all the Knight Templar installation ceremonies in support of the Right Eminent Provincial Prior and Very Eminent Sub Prior and at the Provincial visits, through the spring and summer periods has continued to be well attended and consistent with our aims as a Provincial Bodyguard.

Probationer Knights 2019

We welcomed five new potential probationer Knights to our ranks and hope that they enjoy being part of this select group of Knights Templar who serve the Right Eminent Provincial Prior and Very Eminent Sub-Prior whilst ensuring that the virtues of belonging to a Religious Military & Masonic Order are upheld.

They were Kt Alan Barrett Dunwich Preceptory 538, Kt Paul Davies Martyn Preceptory 544, Kt David Goode Holy Rood Preceptory 179 & Isle of Ely Preceptory 677, Kt Ian Hugget Lynn Regis Preceptory 330 and Kt Luke Loades Peter Cannon Meridian Preceptory 692.

Unfortunately, Kts. Paul Davies and David Goode have had to stand down through working abroad and an increase in work load respectively. We wish them well for the future and will welcome them back into the Bodyguard should their circumstances change.

PPBG Summer BBQ: The Provincial Prior's BBQ was very well attended this year, there was a maximum of 50 people attending and on the day 48 attended. A big thankyou to E. Kt. Robin Colton for cooking the BBQ and to the Provincial Prior Stewart and his wife Sally for hosting it.

Family Church Service Sept 2019:

The Church Service on Sunday 22nd Sept 2019, which was very well attended, and the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard paraded in and out and formed an escort for the Provincial Prior and the various dignitaries and processions at St Mary's Church Woodbridge.

The afternoon Tea was also well attended with excellent food and refreshments laid on and the whole event as usual was a great success. Although there was heavy rain on the walk between the Church and the community hall.

Twenty-two members of the Bodyguard took part in the in the Church Service as escorts to the Right Eminent Provincial Prior as he paraded in and as Provincial Officers or carried Preceptory Standards.

Provincial Bodyguard of East Anglia Bank Account:

The Commander of the Bodyguard at the moment acts as treasurer and can report that the Provincial Bodyguard of East Anglia bank account is currently showing a healthy balance in the black.

Current Bodyguard Strength as of 24/09/2019

There are 22 currently appointed Bodyguard members and 3 Probationers who are:
Comm E. Kt David Hedges Beeston Regis 667, Walsingham 497 & Peter Cannon Meridian 692
Dep Comm E. Kt Ian Gray Tancred 102, Ely 677 & Peter Cannon Meridian 692
Registrar E. Kt Mark Prince Hereward the Wake 439
Zone Commander East Kt Michael Hawkes Royal Plantagenet 80
Zone Commander West E. Kt Craig Carr Walter Short 451
Quartermaster E. Kt Roger Dor Martyn 544
Kt Alan Barrett (P) Dunwich 538
E. Kt Richard Brown Beeston Regis 667
Kt Robert Clack Cabbell 69
Kt Graham Clapperton Hereward the Wake 439
Kt Melvyn Eke Martyn 544 & Prudence 16
Kt Nigel Hood Cabbell 69
Kt Ian Huggett (P) Lynn Regis 330
Kt Andrew Klausner Beeston Regis 667
Kt Luke Loades (P) Peter Canon Meridian 692 & Lynn Regis 330
Kt Warren McShane Lynn Regis 330
Kt Nicholas Mills Peter Cannon Meridian 692
Kt Clive Oldham Lynn Regis 330
Kt Andrew Panter Beeston Regis 667

Kt Ian Phillips Holy Rood 179
Kt Andrew Seales Cabbell 69
Kt Anthony Smith Dunwich 538
Kt Stuart Smith Tancred 102
Kt Jeremy Winder Lynn Regis 330
E. Kt Antony Wooderson Dunwich 538

At the Provincial meeting in February 2020, the following Members will be standing Down from the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard.

E. Kt. David Hedges, E. Kt. Ian Gray, Kt. Warren McShane, Kt. Ian Phillips and Kt. Andrew Seals.

All have served on the Bodyguard for a number of years.

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**Yours in the Bonds of the Order
E. Kt. David B. Hedges Commander
of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard
for the Province of East Anglia**

