

Germany Templar Contingent Attends Great Priory of France's 40th Anniversary Celebration





Avignon, once the home of the several Popes from 1309 until 1417 when the Great Schismn split the Catholic Church. The City is also notorious for Pope Clement IVth writing the letter now



known as the Chinnon parchment, exonerating the Templars of the crimes cited by King Phillip the fare.

This year, the City paid host to the 40th anniversary of the Great Priory of France. A City

of great historic relevance to our Order saw four members of the Great Priory of Germany welcomed in wonderful diplomatic form. It is of note all four came from the same Preceptory, Pilgrims No5, of whom one, Jean Coisne, a full time resident in France, and during his working career, was part of the European Space programme, attended.



Prior to the main event, RE Kt Norbert Schoen and E KT Malcolm Parnham paid a number of Masonic

visits to a Craft Lodge Marseilles area, across an aptly where the bread was

All four Great Priory at the Gala dinner on Grand Masters of Switzerland. The



and Royal Arch Chapter in the during which time, they came named Brasserie ... obviously obtained before Pilgrimage!

of Germany representatives met the Friday where they met the France, England, Greece, and following day, dressed in full

Templar regalia, the contingent waited it's turn to enter the Temple where the head of delegation, RE

Kt Schoen was S Kt Christian of ME Kt Roddy a wonderful attended. Prelate in robes form of prayer meaningful were French brother



introduced to the Grand Master, ME & Bonzi GCT where he gave the apologies Mackenzie GCT. The contingent joined meeting at which over 250 Knights Further, it was a delight to see a Grand of the Order adopting a more formal conducted in Latin, making for a more meeting. Following the meeting we wonderfully hosted to a lunch by our Knights.

Above: (Left to right), E Kt Malcolm Parham (GPvD), ME & S Grand Master Paul Clement GCT (England), E Kt Paul Busby (England) and RE Kt Norbert Schoen (Grand Secretary, GPvD).