



Grand Master Attends Great Priory of England Annual Muster 2023

During 2023, senior Knights from the Great Priory of Germany, led by the Grand Master, ME Kt Roddy Mackenzie GCT, made the pilgrimage to Great Queen Street to show solidarity by heading the call to the Banner of the Great Priory of England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas.



Above: E Kt John Liddle in deep conversation with ME Kt Roddy MacKenzie GCT, Grand Master of the Great Priory of Germany with Provincial Prior, The Prior of Northumberland, RE Kt Kevin Stannard, in the background in the Connaught Rooms.



The Grand Temple on both occasions was filled to near capacity with it being noted that some attendees had trekked thousands of miles from the Far East, as well as a large contingent of distinguished guests from other Constitutions overseas, including, ME Kt Roddy MacKenzie GCT accompanied by the Grand Secretary, VE Kt Norbert Schoen GMO.

During the opening ceremonies, the Province of Northumberland was for the first time, honoured to have two of its Brother Knights on duty as members of the Grand Master's Body Guard (veteran to the Body Guard, E Kt Geoff Morrison and newly appointed this year, E Kt Lt Col (Retd) Ian Harper). It was under an Arch of Steel, which E Kt Ian Harper was part of that that distinguished Knights of sister Constitutions, notably our Grand Master and his entourage processed and recessed under.



Left: The Three Amigos (Left to right: E Kts Ian Harper, Dennis Beecroft and John Tomlinson) all happily served as Preceptors at the same time in Northumberland in 2018/19, now enjoying the ambience of Great Queen Street together.

After closing the Great Priory, Brother Knights retired to a sumptuous Banquet in the Connaught Rooms, which was enjoyed by all the Knights who had attended the event. The room was full to the brim with numbers as well as good Knightly

jeer, with toasts many and conversation rich with happiness. In particular, the Grand Master of England led a toast to our Grand Master in time honoured tradition acknowledging the support from the GPvD. All to soon, the event was over and the long trek home undertaken, but lightened by joyful and happy memories.

