



New Great Priory Collars Presented



Following the promotions last year, two Officers were not correctly installed with the collars of their office. Since then work has been undertaken behind the scenes to have the collars refurbished and given a new lease of life. Unbeknown to the two officer, this was about to change

Right: Grand Master, addresses the meeting prior to investing his two Officers with the collars of their office. Immediately to his right, the Great Prior of Malta checking all is well prior to the investiture.



Rather than wait until June at the Annual Muster, the Grand Master decided, unbeknown to all present, to present the two Great Priory collars at a suitable time during Pilgrims Preceptory No.5's meeting in March. At his chosen moment, the Grand Master took centre stage and asked RE Kt Ian Harper KCT, to stand and be presented. RE Kt Harper, standing, very much perplexed, was then ceremonially conducted to the Grand Master.



With a mischievous smile, he pronounced, " RE Kt Harper, you are incorrectly dressed, I am pleased to say, however, I have the offending item here, your collar of Office as the Grand Sub Prior of Malta. It has been personally repaired and refurbished by the Grand Prior of Malta."

Left: The Grand Master invests his Grand Secretary, VE Kt Norbert Schoen GMA with the collar of his office.

Following this, the Marshall, VE Kt Norbert Schoen GMA was then asked to step forward and was invested with the collar of the Grand Secretary of the GPvD which had undergone major repair and refurbishment. Both Great Priory officers then retired to the Preceptory offices, relieved but delighted at what had just occurred. The next outing for the regalia being at the GPvD annual Muster in Hamburg.