



Attending the Great Priory of the Netherland Annual Muster Utrecht 2024



The call to support our Sister Great Priory was heeded on the 25th May, with three senior Knights representing the PGvD mustered in the Netherlands. A now well established location, the Oud London Hotel, located on the Eastern part of Utrecht (Woudenbergseweg) provided a great place to



muster such a fine body of Templar Knights. First to arrive was the GPvD's Sub Prior of Malta, RE Kt Ian Harper KCT who travelled over the day before by car from England.

Left: Grand Master, ME & Rev Frank Poot GCT taking a frivolous selfie with RE Kt Harper KCT at his informal reception.

Having registered he went to represent te GPvD at the Grand Master's informal reception on the Friday evening. The Grand Master and Grand Seneschal both travelling in the on the Saturday arriving in good time for the main event.

The Grand Sub Prior, also a member of the English Grand Master's Body Guard, attended the Netherland's Preceptory of the GM's Body Guard

Right: Whilst both are Grand Master, ME Knights Roddy and Frank and long standing good friends.



Saturday first thing and was delighted to be party to a display of first class Templar ritual and drill as befitting such a fine body Knights. It was his delight to extent Knightly greetings to those assembled from all Brother Knights under the banner of the GPvD, which was warmly and well received.



Left (From left to right): RE Kt Dirk Hennemann GCT, ME Kt Roddy MacKenzie GCT and ME & Rev Kt Frank Poot GCT prior to entering the Temple.

Following a very traditional light lunch, the time came to dress for the main meeting with the German contingent being assembled in order of international seniority. With the call, our Grand Master, ME Kt Roddy MacKenzie GCT GMA was led in by his Grand Seneschal and Grand Sub Prior of Malta, under an Arch

of Steel, by an escort of the GM's Body Guard and ushered to their seats in the South East. Sitting next to us, was small delegation from Yorkshire (England) whom we had the great privilege of meeting the year before. However, what struck us as one the delegates, a ruling Preceptor, was wearing a black hat adorned with the Templar badge. Very unusual, yes. Indeed, the Preceptory he hails from is the only one within the English Constitution permitted to wear a black hat, it's origins from a time before the Great Priory of England was established. It was a delight at a certain time in the proceedings, that the German contingent stood up to be formally recognised and welcomed.



Left: Very senior Brothers in Arms, Two Grand Masters (centre) flanked by their respective Grand Seneschals. Their smiles reflect the deep friendship and close connection between the two Great Priors.

The spectacle and magnificent way in which the Body Guard processed those to receive promotions and honours from the Grand Master, the ME & Rev Kt Frank Poot GCT was inspiring and a delight to behold. The closing ceremony was conducted with much style with all Great Priory Officers and guests processing out under an Arch of Steel.

Adjourning to the bar, with ice cold beers in hand, conversations and friendships were renewed and stories shared. All, basking in the after-glow of a terrific meeting under the Banner of the Beauséant. Following the meal, the only thing left was the long journey home but with a heart full of warm and happy memories ... until next year.

