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Tabernacles in District 46

The Holy Rood No. 135

Masonic Hall, 60 Mount Vernon Road,
Edinburgh, EH16 6JQ
4th Saturday in March at 10.30am
1st Saturday in June at 10.30am
4th Saturday in September at 10.30am (Installation)

Claverhouse No. 143

Albert Halls, 79 Tullideph Road, Dundee,
DD2 2JE
2nd Saturday in March at 11.00am (Installation)
Last Saturday in June at 11.00am
Last Saturday in October at 11.00am

Forth Valley No. 175

Masonic Temple, Market Lane, Linlithgow
EH49 7AJ
3rd Saturday in February at 10.30am (Installation)
1st Wednesday in June at 7.00pm
Last Wednesday in August at 7.00pm

Kingdom of Fife No. 220

Masonic Hall, 183/185 Admiralty Road,
Rosyth, KY11 2BW
4th Saturday in February at 11.00am
1st Saturday in September at 10.30am (Installation)
3rd Saturday in November at 11.00am

Grand College Website www.knighttemplarpriests.com

District Website www.ktpscotlandeast.com

The Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom



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SCOTLAND EAST, DISTRICT NO. 46



An Exclusive Christian Order

*'Be true to the Order and more especially,
be true to yourself'*

Brief History

The Order of Knight Templar Priests goes back to the late 1700s as records exist in Ireland under the Irish Early Grand Encampment, of Knight Templars and various Craft Lodges, who got together to confer this degree.

From 1812 there was, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a Council of Knights Grand Cross of the Holy Temple of Jerusalem which included Knight Templar Priest among its Degrees.

This appears to have been operating, although gradually declining and almost becoming moribund, until in 1884 there was only one known member left. He was Henry Hotham and under the authority of one of the original Rules of the Order he admitted nine Knights into the Order, thus saving it from extinction.

The revived body, conscious that there was still no ruling body, adhered to the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees (formed in London in 1880) which gave a welcome to all unattached degrees. Thus was formed the Royal Kent Tabernacle, Time Immemorial.

From 1895 the Order prospered and in 1924 the present ruling body, Grand College, was formed in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It subsequently moved to York, where it remains today as the headquarters of the Order. From small beginnings the Order is now worldwide with around three hundred Tabernacles in the UK, Europe and as far afield as the Far East, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Brazil and Bolivia. The Order is divided into Districts, each under the control of a Grand Superintendent appointed by the Grand High Priest.

The Order of Holy Wisdom (OHW) fell into disuse due to the complexity of the ritual and the regalia. It was resurrected in 2014 as a separate but associated Order. The abbreviated ceremony now being worked retains the precepts and characterisation of the original.

Regalia

Knight Priests wear a white tunic with a red cross, a plain white mantle and a mitre with a cross on the front. High Priests wear a taller mitre with a Patriarchal cross.

Knight Priests who are members of the OHW also wear a cordelier, the colour of which signifies their rank. Mitres are not worn in OHW congregations.

The Order

To be considered for membership of this deeply significant order you must profess the **Trinitarian Christian Faith** and be:

- A subscribing Master Mason in the Craft of at least 3 years standing
- A subscribing Royal Arch Mason
- A subscribing Knight Templar

The gatherings of this delightful Christian Order take place in a Tabernacle, where the ceremony of admitting a Knight Templar Priest is worked. The Order consists of 32 degrees, but only one is worked. The remaining 31 degrees are conferred in name only in a short but impressive part of the ceremony.

During the ceremony the candidate is conducted around seven Pillars formed in a triangle. Readings are given from the Old and New Testaments and each Pillar has a word referring to the Lamb of God who opened the seven seals (Revelation Chapters 6-8) revealing the seven spirits of God.

The Symbol of the Order is an Equilateral Triangle on which are inscribed certain important letters alluding to the secrets of the Order.

The admission of aspirants into the Order of Holy Wisdom takes place in a Congregation formed within the District for that purpose.

Advancement

As in other Orders, advancement is through the various Offices of a Tabernacle to reach the Chair of High Priest. Grand College rank may be conferred two years after installation as High Priest. Officers of Grand College are appointed or promoted to Active or Past Ranks at the Annual Assembly of Grand College held in June. There are no intermediate District (Provincial) ranks, other than Grand Superintendent and High Prelate, and the officers appointed by him - District Recorder, District Treasurer and District Director of Ceremonies.