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COMMANDERY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Commandery Newsletter

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Dear Confreres and Conseours,

The Chancellor and officers of the Commandery would like to take the slightly belated opportunity of wishing you all a happy and successful New Year.

The Commandery enjoyed an Investiture and Promotions ceremony which was held on 26 – 27 October 2007 in London. We were honoured to welcome the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor, together with a number of other guests.



The event began with a Vigil on the Friday evening at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, which was originally the chapel of the Portuguese Embassy. A fine building, it provided a perfect venue for the traditional spiritual and

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meditative tone of a Vigil. A pennon was presented to the Commandery by the Grand Master.



After the Vigil, those present enjoyed good food and good company at an Italian restaurant.



The Investiture was held on Saturday morning at St James's Church, Spanish Place. The Rt Rev'd Mons Thomas McMahon, the Bishop of Brentwood, lead the service, and The Rt Rev'd Richard Garrard, Bishop in the Anglican diocese of Europe assisted. There were two promotions and two new members welcomed into the order. Again, the venue was perfect for the occasion, which was both joyous and atmospheric.



After the event, a luncheon was held at the East India Club, St James' Place, when members and their guests had the opportunity to meet the Grand Master and Grand Chancellor in a more relaxed environment.



The luncheon was a happy occasion and the speeches were well given and well received!



Count d'Evora gave a speech of thanks to the Grand Master, and presented the Commandery banner to him for inclusion with those of the rest of the Order.



Future Events

The Commandery Council hopes to arrange a dinner at Haslop Hall in Derbyshire, possibly in October 2008, and to arrange a Chapter meeting, to which all members will be invited.

The Council will be addressing the issue of the Order's charitable aims in the near future, and once these have been discussed then it is hoped that future events can be planned to this end.



The Grand Master, Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary before the Investiture

