



THE AUTONOMOUS GRAND PRIORY OF SCOTLAND

ACCOLADE

Balgonie Castle

8th May 2010

Saturday the 8th May 2010 saw one Postulant made up to Squire, and four Squires made up to Knights.

Due to illness in the family SE. Chev. George Stewart. KGCTpl. was unable to carry out the ceremony. He handed over this duty to SE. Chev. Euan MacPherson. KGCTpl, the ceremony went without any hitch considering SE. Chev. MacPherson was only given two days notice.

The Knights Altar was opened in the usual way by Chev. Ian Morrison. KTpl (Sword Bearer) then Chev. Robert Hunter. KCTpl, (Cleric), then each Knight in turn made his salutation to the Altar, after the opening of the Knights Altar the proceedings began.

Mr. David Young was raised up to the rank of Squire, he was ably brought into the Chapel by Chev. Ian Morrison. KTpl who was also David's Knight Proposer, having attested to the good character of David the black Mantle of a Squire was placed around David Young's shoulders.

Three of our Squires who come from the Czech Republic were to receive the coveted Accolade, The Squires were, Petr Vojtíšek, Svatopluk Haugwitz and Hanuš Trykar, these gentlemen along with their most able Interpreter Miss. Klára Botková travelled to Frankfurt Haan to catch their Plane. Another Squire receiving the Accolade is from our own home base, Squire Kevin Dixon. They all show true dedication to the Order, these young men and many others like them in our Order, they also show great humility in all they do for our Order working hard to achieve their aims.

The four young Squires were brought before the Knights Altar, SE. Chev. Euan MacPherson KGCTpl then carried out his oration as to what is expected of a Knight, Chev. Archie Young. KCTpl (Chancellor) read out the rules to the four candidates. After this was done the four Squires knelt before the Knights Altar and were Knighted separately in the true Knight Templar fashion, each took their oath answering " I Do For God And Scotland ".

Each Squire was adorned with their eight pointed Neck Cross, then their white Mantles with the large eight pointed Cross on the left breast was place around their shoulders, again they took their oath, " I Do For God And Scotland ".

This is such a wonderful occasion for anyone deserving the Accolade, they have suffered a lot of hard work, blood sweat and tears to achieve this, Chev. Petr Vojtíšek. KTpl. Chev. Svatopluk Haugwitz. KTpl. and Chev. Hanuš Trykar. KTpl can now start their own Preceptory in the Czech Republic, God willing and their hard work it will grow in strength.

Now the Autonomous Grand Priory of Scotland will soon have another Preceptory in Europe, all due to these young determined Brothers of ours, we are thankful to them for showing their great determination and willingness to work.

Chev. Kevin Dixon. KTpl has shown his true dedication at home, his willingness to carry out work no matter what has shone through, Kevin like his three other Brothers deserved the Accolade.

The ceremony then came to an end by the closing of the Knights Altar by Chev. Robert Hunter KCTpl. (Cleric), Chev. Ian Morrison. KTpl (Sword Bearer) then passed around the assembled Knights with the Sword, each Knight in turn placing his fingers to his mouth then touching the Sword.

Afterwards congratulations were given to the new Squire and our new Knights, the Knights, Squire and visitors then proceeded outside for a photo shoot. After a while everyone assembled in the Castles Great Hall for a Banquet, speeches and toasts were made by Chev. Archie Young. KCTpl (Chancellor), the Laird of Balgonie Chev. Raymond Morris KGCT and SE. Chev. Gordon MacGregor Comrie KGCT. OSMTH. After an excellent Banquet we had a small raffle run by Chev. Kevin Dixon. KTpl, the prizes were two bottles of Whisky and two Sword Kilt Pins.

Our special thanks go to, the Laird and Lady of Balgonie, Stuart the Younger of Balgonie, Ernie Melville. KGOT. of Balgonie and John the Piper of Balgonie.

We thank SE. Gordon MacGregor Comrie. KGCT. OSMTH and his party of Knights for their support, this shows that certain Knights Templar Orders can work together in harmony in Scotland.

A vote of thanks to our wives who support us in all we do for the Order, and their support at our functions.

We also thank Miss. Klára Botková for being a wonderful and excellent interpreter to our fellow Brothers from the Czech Republic, she is a blessing in disguise in both parties liaising with each other.

Chev. Archie Young. KCTpl. FSA Scot
(Chancellor to the Order)