

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**ORDER OF SERVICE
AND
CEREMONY OF THE INSTALLATION OF**

**KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS
OF
THE MOST HONOURABLE
ORDER OF THE BATH**

IN

**THE LADY CHAPEL OF KING HENRY VII
THE CHAPEL OF THE ORDER**

IN THE ORDER'S 285th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

**11.15 a.m.
TUESDAY 25 MAY 2010**

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

ALTHOUGH the Order of the Bath as we know it today was created by Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal on 18 May 1725, the origins of the ceremony which takes place in the Henry VII Chapel can be traced back to the 14th Century. A pamphlet of that time refers to Knights receiving 'a Degree of Knighthood by the Bath' and describes part of the knighting ceremony thus:

'The Knight shall be led into the Chapel with melody and there he shall un-girt him and shall offer his sword to God and Holy Church to be laid upon the Altar by the Bishop'.

The original installation ceremony was based largely on that used in 1413 at the Coronation of Henry V. Candidates had to appear in the Prince's Chamber in the Palace of Westminster where they had to take their bath and were put to bed to prepare them for a long night's vigil in the Chapel of Henry VII. This was followed by an investiture and then the installation. After taking the Oath to honour God, love the King, and defend widows and orphans, Knights were seated in their Stalls.

In practice only the actual 'installing' of a new Knight took place (i.e. placing him in his Stall). Even this fell into abeyance after 1812, because of the enlargement of the Order in 1815, and the

installation ceremony was formally abolished in 1847. It was revived in 1913 in the modified form which continues in use to the present. Today the Knights are installed as a group and do not actually occupy their own Stalls during the installation.

The offering of gold and silver represents partly a surrendering of worldly treasure and partly a recognition by the new Knight of his duty to provide for the maintenance of Christ's Church on earth. The gold is represented by two sovereigns: 1872, London minted; the other in 1879, Sydney minted. The silver is represented by silver proof Twenty Five Pence, 1980, Queen Mother 80th Birthday Commemorative.

The offering of the sword, a memory of the days of mediaeval knighthood, is a reminder to each new Knight that he is to use it first to the glory of God and in the defence of the Gospel.

The admonition, which has been used at installation services since 1725, is written in the language of mediaeval devotion, and is there to remind the Knight of his duty and responsibility: to the Faith, to The Sovereign, and to the defenceless and helpless.

The Stalls of the late Knights Grand Cross, and the Knights being installed who will occupy them, are:

DECEASED STALL HOLDERS	STALL No.	NEW STALL HOLDERS
General Sir Roland Guy	North 15	Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt
Sir Richard Powell	North 9	Sir Peter Middleton <i>The late Lord Moore of Wolvercote died whilst awaiting installation</i>
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock	North 17	Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding
General Sir Charles Harington	North 14	Field Marshal Sir John Chapple
Field Marshal Sir John Stanier	South 13	Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine
The Right Honourable Lord Allen of Abbeydale	North 7	Sir Kenneth Stowe
General Sir Geoffrey Musson	North 21	Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald
Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler	South 21	Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst
General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson	North 16	Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans

The whole of the Church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey directed by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Robert Quinney, Sub-Organist.

Fanfares are played by trumpeters of the Band of The Blues and Royals under the direction of Corporal of Horse Grant Sewell-Jones, Trumpet Major, Band of The Blues and Royals.

The Band of The Life Guards plays under the direction of Captain Kevin Davies, Director of Music.

Music before the Service:

The Band of The Life Guards plays:

Suite in E flat	<i>Gustav Holst (1874–1934)</i>
Fame and Glory	<i>Albert E Matt (1861–1941)</i>
Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral	<i>Richard Wagner (1813–1883)</i>
Spirit of Pageantry	<i>Percy Fletcher (1879–1932)</i>

James McVinnie, Assistant Organist, plays:

Toccata in E BWV 566	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)</i>
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The Sub-Organist plays:

Sonata II in B flat Op 87a	<i>Edward Elgar (1857–1934)</i>
I. Introduction	
II. Toccata	
III. Fugue	
IV. Coda	

THE ARRIVAL

At 11.00 o'clock the Choir moves to places on the Quire Screen.

At 11.05 o'clock the Procession of Officers and Knights Grand Cross moves to the South Nave Aisle.

A fanfare is sounded. All stand.

At 11.15 o'clock His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Great Master of the Order, is received by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster at the Great West Door, and is conducted to the Chapel of Saint George.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

A fanfare is sounded. All remain standing to sing

THE HYMN

*during which the Collegiate Procession moves to places in the Sacrarium,
followed by the Procession of the Order to places in the Quire.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation,
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen,
All that is needful hath been,
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew,
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Choir only Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee,
Then to thy need,
He like a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

All Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
Chasing the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen,
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

melody from Praxis Pietatis Melica 1668
arranged by James O'Donnell (b 1961)

Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)
and Rupert Davies (1909–94)

THE PROCESSION OF THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER

Beadle

The Queen's Almsmen

The Cross of Westminster

A Verger

The Reverend Michael Macey
The Reverend Graeme Napier
The Minor Canons of Westminster

The Canons' Verger

The Reverend Dr Jane Hedges
The Reverend Robert Reiss
Canons of Westminster

The Reverend Dr Nicholas Sagovsky
The Senior Canon, carrying the Bible in his right hand

THE PROCESSION OF KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS

Knights Grand Cross to be installed

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans
GCB CBE

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst
GCB DL

Sir Peter Middleton
GCB

Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine
GCB GBE

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald
GCB

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple
GCB CBE DL

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir Peter Harding
GCB

Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt
GCB LVO DL

Sir Kenneth Stowe
GCB CVO

Knights Grand Cross

General Sir Richard Dannatt
GCB CBE MC

Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy
GCB CBE DSO ADC

Admiral Sir Jonathan Band
GCB DL

The Right Honourable The Lord Janvrin
GCB GCVO QSO

Sir David Omand
GCB

Admiral The Lord West of Spithead
GCB DSC

Sir Hayden Phillips
GCB DL

The Lord Wilson of Dinton
GCB

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Squire
GCB DFC AFC DL

General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie
GCB OBE DL

The Right Honourable The Lord Fellowes
GCB GCVO QSO

Sir John Chilcot
GCB

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns
GCB KCVO CBE

Sir Anthony Battishill GCB	Sir Peter Gregson GCB
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock GCB KBE	General Sir John Wilsey GCB CBE DL
General Sir John Waters GCB CBE DL	Sir Clifford Boulton GCB DL
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon GCB CBE	General The Lord Ramsbotham GCB CBE
The Lord Butler of Brockwell KG GCB CVO	Admiral Sir Jock Slater GCB LVO DL
Field Marshal The Lord Inge KG GCB	General Sir Brian Kenny GCB CBE

Knights Grand Cross who have been installed

Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Kennedy GCB AFC*	
Sir William Fraser GCB FRSE	Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Craig of Radley GCB OBE
Sir Brian Cubbon GCB	General Sir George Cooper GCB MC DL
The Lord Armstrong of Ilminster GCB CVO	Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi GCB
General Sir Robert Ford GCB CBE	Admiral Sir James Eberle GCB
Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans GCB CBE	General Sir Peter Whiteley GCB OBE DL
Field Marshal The Lord Bramall KG GCB OBE MC JP	Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach GCB DL
Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe GCB DFC AFC	Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett GCB DFC AFC

The Dean's Verger

Major General Charles Vyvyan CB CBE
The Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod

Lieutenant Colonel
Alexander Matheson of Matheson, yr.
The Deputy Secretary

Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE
The Registrar and Secretary

Admiral The Lord Boyce GCB OBE DL
Bath King of Arms

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall
The Dean, carrying the Oath and the Admonition fairly engrossed upon Vellum

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
KG KT GCB OM AK QSO ADC
The Great Master

Major William Mackinlay
Equerry to The Prince of Wales

The Great Master proceeds to his Stall.

All remain standing. The Choir sings

EXSURGAT DEUS

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning: lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel: his worship, and strength is in the clouds.

O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places: even the God of Israel; he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

George J Elvey (1816–93)

*Psalm 68:
1, 3–5, 32–35*

All sit. The Dean reads

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4–8

REJOICE in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The Minor Canon and Choir sing

THE LESSER LITANY

*music by Douglas Guest (1916–96)
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1963–81*

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

Give the Queen thy judgements, O God.
And thy righteousness unto the Queen's son.
Make thou her officers peace.
And her exactors righteousness.
Let all her people praise thee, O God.
Yea, let all her people praise thee.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
He that hath clean hands and a pure heart.
Wash our hands in innocency, O Lord.
And so let us go to thine altar.

The Minor Canon continues:

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech thee to pour thy blessing upon our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and upon all those who are called to serve her by sea or land or air, at home or abroad. Grant unto the members of this Most Honourable Order of the Bath that they may ever contend valiantly for the faith, succour the defenceless, protect the weak, and, in the maintenance of their Sovereign's right and honour, constantly uphold the cause of equity and justice among all her peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE beseech thee, O Lord our God, to write thy law upon the hearts of thy people that it may bind the nations also in a covenant which cannot be broken; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand as the Minor Canons and the Canons move eastwards to their appointed places through the South Lantern and Ambulatory; the Minor Canons on reaching the Chapel of the Order stand at the West End.

The Great Master, preceded by the Dean and accompanied by the Knights Grand Cross and the Officers of the Order, leaves the Quire and passes through the South Lantern and Ambulatory. The Procession moves eastwards to the Chapel of the Order.

When the Procession has passed behind the High Altar the Congregation sits.

Music during the Procession to the Lady Chapel of King Henry VII:

Imperial March

Edward Elgar

During the Installation Ceremony in the Chapel the Choir sings:

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God: sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises every one that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Psalm 47: 1–2, 5–8

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death.

William Walton (1902–1983)

Song of Solomon 8: 6–7

LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

George Friderick Handel (1685–1759)
from Messiah

Psalm 24: 7–10

THE CEREMONIES

The Great Master, on entering the Chapel, is conducted by Bath King of Arms to his Stall, ascends, and sits.

The Knights Grand Cross and Officers, on entering the Chapel, move to their appointed places and, when The Great Master is seated, sit.

Bath King of Arms then bows to those Knights Grand Cross to be installed, who ascend to their Stalls and remain standing.

Bath King of Arms proceeds to the Altar, and then, with the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod on his right, and followed by the Dean and the Senior Canon holding the Bible, proceeds to the middle of the Chapel where all four bow to The Great Master.

The Great Master descends from his Stall and, attended by the Dean, proceeds to the Stall of the Senior Knight Grand Cross to be installed. The Great Master delivers the Book of Statutes to the Senior Knight. The Dean administers the Oath to the Knights to be installed, who repeat the words of the Oath simultaneously, the Senior Canon holding the Bible.

The Oath is administered in these words:

YOU shall honour God above all things; you shall be steadfast in the Faith of Christ; you shall love The Queen, your Sovereign Lady, and her and her right defend to your power; you shall defend maidens, widows and orphans in their rights and shall suffer no extortion as far as you can prevent it; and of as great honour be this Order unto you as ever it was to any of your progenitors, or others.

The Great Master then performs the Act of Installation by seating the Knights in the Stalls; during which ceremony the Knights concerned bow to The Great Master and are then seated.

All the Knights Grand Cross having been installed, The Great Master, preceded by the Dean and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod, returns to his Stall and sits. The Dean and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod return to their places at the Altar. Bath King of Arms receives back the Statutes from the Senior Knight Grand Cross newly installed. Bath King of Arms then proceeds to the middle of the Chapel and summons to positions near the Altar all the Knights newly installed. The Knights descend to the middle of the Chapel.

All in the Chapel stand. Those in other parts of the Abbey remain seated.

Bath King of Arms and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod wait upon The Great Master who proceeds to the Altar, kneels, and makes his Offering of gold and silver. Then, rising up, he returns, attended as before, to his Stall and sits down.

Bath King of Arms and the Registrar & Secretary wait upon the Senior Knight newly installed, who proceeds to the Altar, kneels, and makes his offering of gold and silver; then, standing and drawing his sword, he offers it to the Dean who receives it and lays it upon the Altar. He then redeems it of the Dean, who restores it with the Admonition:

I EXHORT and admonish you to use your Sword to the Glory of God, the Defence of the Gospel, the maintenance of your Sovereign's Right and Honour, and of all Equity and Justice to the utmost of your Power.

Each Knight newly installed turns towards the Altar, partially draws his sword, holds it forward, hilt towards the Altar, and then returns it in unison with the Senior Knight.

The ceremonies in the Chapel being concluded, the Procession returns to the Quire through the North Ambulatory and Lantern.

As the Procession enters the North Lantern, a fanfare is sounded. All stand.

The Band of The Life Guards plays:

Nimrod from 'Enigma' Variations Op 36

Edward Elgar

The Minor Canons and the Canons return to the Sacrarium; the Knights and Officers move to their places in the Quire. The Dean moves to his place in the Sacrarium. The Great Master moves to his Stall in the Quire.

The Congregation remains standing while the Choir sings

JUBILATE DEO

O BE JOYFUL in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

William Walton

Psalm 100

All kneel. The Minor Canon leads the Congregation in saying together

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men;
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Dean says

LET us give thanks to almighty God for many years of distinguished service to Crown and Commonwealth rendered by the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Silence

- V. Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: we bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, who being members of this Most Honourable Order of the Bath have left to us the fair pattern of valiant and true Knighthood. We beseech thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; and to grant unto them, with all the faithful, peace, light and life eternal. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

MAY the merciful Lord grant unto them, with all the faithful, peace, light and life everlasting. **Amen.**

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory: through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sir Francis Drake (c. 1540–1596)

GOD save our Gracious Sovereign, and all the Brotherhood of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Dean says

THE BLESSING

GOD grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all mankind peace and concord, and to us sinners, life everlasting, and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A fanfare is sounded.

All sing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

GOD save our gracious Queen,	Thy choicest gifts in store
Long live our noble Queen,	On her be pleased to pour,
God save The Queen!	Long may she reign.
Send her victorious,	May she defend our laws,
Happy and glorious,	And ever give us cause,
Long to reign over us:	To say with heart and voice,
God save The Queen!	God save The Queen!

All sing

THE HYMN

during which the Collegiate Procession, followed by the Procession of the Order, moves through the North Lantern, the North Quire and Nave Aisles to the west end of the Abbey. The Knights continue through the South Nave and Quire Aisle to the East Cloister Door.

FOR all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confess'd,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.

Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.

Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia!

Choir only

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!

All

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia!

Ralph Vaughan Williams

William Walsham How (1823–1897)

After the service the Band of The Life Guards plays:

Spitfire Prelude

William Walton

An Original Suite

Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)

Crown Imperial

William Walton

The Bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE REQUESTED
TO REMAIN IN THEIR SEATS UNTIL DIRECTED TO
MOVE BY THE STEWARDS**