



**The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem**  
*Grand Master: His Excellency, Don Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg GCLJ*

**The Grand Priory of England and Wales**  
*Grand Prior: The Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian PC, GCLJ, KC, DL*  
*Bailiff: Chevalier Dr David A. Woolf KCLJ, OMLJ*

August 2024

CHAPTER-GENERAL & NATIONAL SERVICE OF INVESTITURE, CARDIFF – Friday 11 & Saturday 12 October, 2024

The Grand Priory of England and Wales invites Postulants, Members of the Order and their guests to these important events, the programme for which appears below.

The Chapter-General will be held at the Cardiff and County Club, Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1DA.

The Investiture Service will take place at the Cardiff Oratory Church of St Alban-on-the-Moors, Swinton Street, Splott, Cardiff, CF24 2NX, followed by a reception and lunch at The Cardiff and County Club.

Two Mailline coaches have been booked to take members and their guests from the centre of Cardiff to The Oratory for the Investiture Service and back to the Cardiff and County Club for Luncheon afterwards. The coaches will depart at **10.00am sharp** from outside the National Museum, Gorsedd Gardens (Civic Centre), CF10 3NP. You are strongly advised to use the coaches, as parking at the Oratory is very limited and the city centre of Cardiff is not traffic friendly.

**Friday 11 October – Cardiff and County Club**

1500 (Westgate Room) - joint meeting of the Commandery Chaplains and Commanders (chaired by the Bailiff and Chaplain-General)

1500 (Card Room) - joint meeting of The Saint Lazarus Charitable Trust and Commandery Hospitallers (chaired by the Chairman of the Trust and the Grand Priory Hospitaller)

1600 (Billiard Room) - Chapter-General

1630 (Westgate Room) – Reception: selection of superior canapés and prosecco

**Saturday 12 October**

1000 – coaches depart as detailed above

1015-1020 – coaches arrive at the Cardiff Oratory Church of St Alban-on-the-Moors, Splott. Members of the Order not involved in the ceremonial of the service please assemble in the neighbouring parish rooms

1030 – rehearsal in church for those taking part in the service (including ceremonial officers, postulants, promotees and those receiving awards). All investees must also report first to the Custodian of Insignia, then to the Marshal

1050 – members of the Order form up in procession under the direction of the Deputy Marshals, leave the parish rooms and wait in the narthex at the west end of the church

1100 – Service of Investiture

**Investing Officer:** The Grand Prior - The Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian PC, GCLJ, GCMLJ, KC, DL  
assisted by the Bailiff, Dr David Woolf KCLJ, OMLJ

**Preacher:** His Grace the Archbishop of Cardiff - The Most Reverend Mark O’Toole GCMLJ

1200 – recessional; members gather on the piazza at the west end of the church for a group photograph

1230 – coaches depart The Cardiff Oratory for The Cardiff & County Club

1245-1330 – pre-prandial drinks reception in the Club bar

1330 – Investiture Luncheon

DRESS CODE:

**Chapter-General:** Jacket and tie. No decorations.

**Investiture Service & Luncheon:** Mantles of the Order, neck decorations and **full size** insignia. Gentlemen are requested to wear Morning Dress/Uniform of the Order/Military Uniform/Highland Dress or a dark lounge suit with the tie of the Order. Cordons may be worn with Uniforms or Highland Dress, and also with Morning Dress but not with lounge suits. One breast star only to be worn on Morning Dress; breast stars must not be worn on lounge suits.

Ladies should wear dark formal dress of three-quarter length or longer, with sleeves. Mantilla and black gloves may also be worn. Ladies may wear cordons if their rank entitles them to do so.

A collection will be taken during the service for the Cardiff Oratory.

An envelope collection will take place during lunch in support of The Saint Lazarus Charitable Trust.

Please send your booking form, with a cheque for **£98** per person if attending the Investiture Luncheon, and an additional **£30** per person if attending the Reception following the Chapter-General on Friday, to:

**H.E. the Chev. Gareth Vaughan GCLJ, 2 The Glove Factory, Montacute Road, Tintinhull, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 8SL** or by email to [ewsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ewsecretary@gmail.com) (if making online payment).

Cheques should be made payable to **ORDER OF ST LAZARUS** or **MHOSLJ**, and replies must be received as soon as possible and **no later than Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**.

*Please note that numbers are limited to ninety (90) for lunch. Priority will be given to those being admitted, promoted or receiving awards.*

Cancellations may be made without penalty up to **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, after which date no refund will be given.



*National Museum, Cardiff*



*The Cardiff Oratory Church of St Alban-on-the-Moors*



*The Dining Room, Cardiff & County Club*