

Priory of Brittany  
Feast of St John and Investiture  
June 24, 2017

From June 23rd to 25th, the Knights and Dames of the Priory of Brittany met at the Cistercian Abbey "Our Lady of Joy" for the feast of Saint John for new investitures and to organize some meetings.

On Friday 23rd we held the General Meeting of our " Association des Oeuvres Sociales et Hospitalieres de l'Ordre Régulier de Saint Jean de Terre Sainte en Bretagne " which is supervised by some members of the Priory. We approved the financial results and heard the activity reports of the directors of our 6 institutions (3 medico-psycho-educational Centers for children and 3 work Centers for disabled

In the evening we had the Vigil of Arms or the Vigil in the chapel of the ancient ceremony we had the meanings of the Priory of Brittany, to the meanings of Saint John, the four the four chivalric justice, strength and



*Investiture ceremony*

had the "Veillée Watch". It was held in abbey. This is an have conserve in the where focus is drawn the Cross of Saint branches representing virtues, prudence, temperance, and the

eight points representing the eight Beatitudes. The postulants are asked orally to justify before the assembled Knights and Dames the reason for wishing to become a part of the Order. Then they receive the ancient "Règle" of the Order and the prayer of the Order. At the end of the ceremony, the capes and insignia are transferred to their mentors for safekeeping until the next day. The Vigil of Arms is an important moment in the preparation for the investiture that allows everyone to reflect on his commitment to the Order.

Saturday June 24th, we held The General Chapter of the Priory. Unfortunately our Prior Eric Bihan was away for family reasons. The chapter was held by our former Prior Bernard Lévêque. We approved the financial results and reviewed participation to local activities.

Our brother Patrice de Gail's Grand Hospitaller makes a summarize of the international activity of the Order. He also gave us information about the next Sovereign Council to be held in 2018 in Finland.



*Jean-Philippe investiture*



*Jean-Luc investiture New Knights jean-Philippe, Jean-Luc with Bailiff Patrice de Gail*



In the afternoon we had the Investiture Ceremony. Two new Aspirants joined The Order: for the Commandery Nantes-Pays-de-Rez, Mr Jean-Philippe GUILLARD and for the Commandery of Leon-Cornouaille, Mr Jean-Luc COTTIN.

After our Marshal Jose Dayot gives a brief review of the History of the Order, the mass was celebrated by Father Jean-Pierre the chaplain of the abbey.

At the end of the mass, the Grand Hospitaller Conventual Bailiff Patrice de GAIL, member of the Regency representing the Grand Master, dubbed Jean-Philippe GUILLARD and Jean-Luc COTTIN.



*In the garden of the abbey*



*cocktail*



*Gala dinner at the Roi Athur*



*Lunch at the abbey*

We were honored to welcome H.E. Bailiff Grand Prior of Germany Martin Marschner von Helmreich and his wife, Jacqueline, Commander of the Commandery of Monaco in Formation, Dames and Knights of the Monaco Commandery in Formation as well as Grand Conservator Conventual Bailiff Dag Von Schantz and Priors of Brittany, H.E. Pierre Le Moine and Bernard Leveque.

In the evening we all gathered for a gala dinner at the Hotel King Arthur.

On Sunday, after mass and lunch together, everyone parted in the afternoon.