



**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**  
*Acting Grand Prior & Bailiff: Chevalier Dr David A. Woolf KCLJ, OMLJ*

March 2025

NATIONAL SERVICE OF INVESTITURE, SHREWSBURY – Friday 9 & Saturday 10 May, 2025

The Spring National Investiture Service of the Grand Priory will take place at The Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara-Moors, Town Walls, Shrewsbury SY1 1UE, followed by a reception and lunch at Prestfelde Preparatory School, London Road, Shrewsbury SY2 6NZ.

Prestfelde School is a short drive from the centre of Shrewsbury and parking will be available at the school provided you arrive **AFTER** 12.30pm.

For those arriving on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May a Wine-Tasting and Fork Supper has been arranged at the historic premises of Tanner's Wine Merchants, 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury SY1 1XD.

**Friday 9 May – Tanner's Wine Merchants**

**1830** – Reception: “fizz” & canapés

**1900** – Tour of historic building, followed by wine-tasting and fork buffet supper. A selection of 6-8 ‘medium to high-end’ wines will be tasted and supper is normally served about half-way through the tasting.

**Places for this event are limited to 50, at a cost of £55 per person.**

**Saturday 10 May – Shrewsbury Cathedral**

**0930** – Rehearsal in the cathedral 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. On this occasion only Senior Officers and Clergy will process.

**1000** – Service of Investiture [**Please note earlier starting time than usual**]

**Investing Officer:** The Acting Grand Prior - Dr David Woolf KCLJ, OMLJ

**Preacher:** The Right Reverend Michael Langrish, former Bishop of Exeter

**1100** – Recessional; members gather outside the cathedral for a group photograph

**1300-1330** – pre-prandial drinks reception in the Theatre at Prestfelde Preparatory School

**1330** – Investiture Luncheon

DRESS CODE:

**Tanner's Wine Tasting:** Smart casual.

**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 Shrewsbury Cathedral.

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 **£85** per person if attending the Investiture Luncheon, and an additional **£55** (total **£140**) per person if attending the Wine Tasting on Friday evening, 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 **MHOSLJ**, and replies must be received as soon as possible and **no later than Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

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

Cancellations may be made without penalty up to **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**, after which date no refund will be given.



*Tanners Wine Merchants*



*The Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and Saint Peter of Alcantara-Moors*



*Prestfelde Preparatory School*



*Prestfelde School Theatre*

<https://www.prestfelde.co.uk/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prestfelde\\_School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prestfelde_School)

**Directions to Prestfelde from the centre of Shrewsbury can be found at either of the above web pages.**