



Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314

International Accolade at Rosslyn Chapel

On Saturday the 22nd September 2007 the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314 played host to the Grand Priory of France OSMTH incorporating eight countries, GPF came to Rosslyn Chapel to carry out the coveted Accolade to seventeen Postulants.

In attendance were eighty Knights and six guests, this included our Commandery's own Knights, the evening started with a procession from the start of Chapel Loan down to Rosslyn Chapel. The procession was led by the Jacques de Molay 1314 Commander his SE. Chev. George Stewart. KGCTpl. FSA Scot, he was followed up by a Piper, Sword Bearer, and Commanding Officer Chev. Ron Sinclair. KCTpl. FSA Scot, and the remainder of the Scottish Knights, followed by the main International group of Knights and Postulants.

Prior to the procession and Accolade, the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314 set out the Chapel for the service, His SE. George Stewart ushered everyone to their correct places so that the event would be carried out flawless, it was wonderful to see the Chapel full again the second time within five months for an Accolade.

The Knights Altar was opened and closed by the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314. The Commanding Officer started the proceedings and the Sword was presented, then the Cleric, Chev Ashley Cowie. KOTpl. FSA. Scot., lit the candles and offered prayers. The Scottish Knights then carried out their Templar salutation to the Altar; finally his SE. George Stewart handed over the Commandery's Baton to the Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of France allowing him to carry out the Accolade

The Accolade service was carried out wonderfully by the Grand Prior of France and his Officers; this was achieved with great humility and serenity, each of the candidates knowing their role and position throughout the Accolade. Although the International service is very different to that of the Scottish one, the Scottish Knights knew exactly what was going on throughout, the only barrier was the language but we are sure one day we will overcome that.

It was such a joy to see the happy faces of the past Postulants. knowing that now that after all their hard work they were now Knights of the Grand Priory of France OSMTH , Following the Accolade, the Grand Prior of France handed back the Baton to his SE. Chev George Stewart to close the Altar and end the proceedings. The Scottish Knights congratulated the new International Knights; this was followed by a photo shoot by all those who were in possession of a camera.

Once again a great friendship event has taken place within the International Templar world, and the Jacques de Molay Commandery 1314, has kept its promise to help all Templars in their quest of coming to Scotland. Once the photo shoot was complete the party of Knights travelled to the Original Roslin Hotel for a formal dinner. This gave an excellent opportunity

to renew old friendships and to make new ones. An excellent meal was enjoyed in enjoyable company, who could ask for anything more?