

OSMTH
GRAND PRIORY OF AUSTRIA

GRAND COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVENT

Vienna, 25th – 28th October 2000
(Version October 25th)

Dear Members and Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the International Convent of the Order. I hope it will be an interesting and enjoyable experience for all participants.

If you have any questions or problems please call

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Those who are staying at other hotels, please check with our welcome desk re latest information.

With all best wishes,
Wolfgang Odelga
Grand Prior, OSMTH Austria

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER

Welcome desk opens

16.00 Hotel De France - Front Hall

Our member Katja Seeböhm will be at the OSMH welcome desk.
Please complete your registration, make your payment if not already paid,
and receive your envelope containing schedule, city-map and conference badge.
A list of participants will follow on Thursday.
There is also some information about restaurants and cafes, the Palaces- and
Lionheart tours as well as the “Kaiservilla” of our honorary member Archduke Markus
Habsburg-Lothringen, whom you will meet during the convent.

18.30 De France - Atrium

Austrian Templars will be introduced to Grand Master and Grand Commander.

Welcome Gathering

19.00 De France - Atrium

Grand Master, Grand Commander and Grand Prior of Austria will be present to
welcome members and guests (cash bar). Evening: Independent activity.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th

Please be aware that this is a Bank Holiday.

If necessary, the Hotel will change smaller amounts.

Note that the Buffet breakfast (from 7 to 11) is included in the room rate .

The Palaces Tour

09.15 De France - Front Hall

Gathering for the Palaces Tour. Bus leaves to Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Habsburg Emperors. Our members Erika Barty-King and Ulrike Habsburg-Lothringen will guide you through the palace, the park and the Carriage-Museum.

Lunch or a small snack will be available in the palace restaurant or one of the buffets at your own expense.

- 13.30** Bus will take you from Schönbrunn to Albertina in the City. Disembark and take all belongings with you, because most of the Inner City is a pedestrian zone. Tourist buses are not permitted.
In the city you will visit the Hall of the Imperial Library, one of the grandest Baroque buildings in the world.
Next site is the "Heldenplatz" where you will have a panoramic view over the new (19th century) Palace, the Imperial Museums, the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burgtheater.
Then you will proceed to the Imperial Tableware Collection in the Old Palace.

Those who are tired could now return to the hotel. It is only about eight minutes walk from the palace. Those who are still in good condition, may walk through the main shopping area, have coffee at "Demel", the historic pastry-shop, visit St. Stephan' Cathedral and return to the hotel afterwards.

Vienna's nightlife happens at the "Heurigen"

Upon request a visit could be arranged to the popular village Grinzing, a typical Viennese winery with simple fare. The best way to get there is on the streetcar number 38, right from the hotel. The last streetcar back to the hotel leaves Grinzing around midnight, taxis are available at all times.

- 10.00 Grand Priors and Magistral Officers will not go on the Palaces tour** but will meet in the Belvedere Room of the hotel at 10.00 am for information and consultation. Representatives of related organisations (Confederation, St. Bernhard, SMOTJ, and MTS) may join after 03.00 pm. Katja Seeböhm will be standing by for secretarial services.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th

The Core Program with the Grand Council Meeting, Investiture and Grand Dinner.

Grand Council Meeting

09.00 De France – Baccarat Room

Grand Council Meeting: All members and guests are invited to attend.

Please see the attached agenda.

Coffee and mineral water will be available in the room during the meeting.

After the meeting, at about 12.30, there will be a break until departure for the investiture. Lunch could be taken in the Bistro of the hotel or in restaurants nearby.

Investiture

14.10 De France – Front Hall

Gathering for the investiture and service.

Dress code is dark suit or uniform, adequate dress for the ladies. **Mantles !**

Bus leaves for the Anglican Church. (Jauresgasse 17 in the third district – opposite the British Embassy). The bus will park on Rennweg. Participants without mantles please proceed straight into the church. Participants with mantles please gather in the Vicars' office on Salesianergasse No.24. Our staff will guide you. Copies of hymns and prayers will be available in the church.

Officers, members and guests in mantles will enter the church in procession, conducted by our Master of Ceremonies Richard Vaughan-Rowlands. After the first hymn the Grand Master Sir Roy Redgrave will invest ten Austrian, three German and one American Postulants. Several elevations will follow.

A Photographer will be present to take pictures, which will be for sale later at the Pallavicini Palace after dinner.

After investiture, the Grand Chaplain Bishop Niskanen – together with the Anglican vicar Rev. Canon Curran and Rev. Ruotsalo – will celebrate mass with communion. After service at about 16.00 please return to the bus, which will take you back to the De France.

The Dinner

The dinner will take place in the Pallavicini Palace on Josefsplatz 5.

It is within walking distance (approximately ten minutes) from the De France, opposite the Imperial Library. (Please consult your city map)

Dress code: White tie with decorations or black tie (or dark suit). Ladies long evening dress. No mantles !

It is advisable to leave the hotel at about 19.40.

20.00 Arrive at the Pallavicini Palace. The cloakroom is on the right on the ground floor.

The reception rooms are on the top floor. Grand Prior Wolfgang Odelga and the hostess of the evening, Countess Erzsi Karolyi, will welcome you at the door. Please be so kind as to introduce yourself.

Photos will be taken on arrival, which will be obtainable, by the end of dinner.

Drinks will be served first. At about **20.20** the dining room will open.

You will find your name on the board in the anteroom, as well as the number of your table. In the dining room, please look for the table with the corresponding number. Each table will be presided by an Austrian host/ess who will look after your well-being.

When all guests are seated, Grand Master Sir Roy will say a few words before the first course is served.

Afterwards there will be a military ceremony: RADM Carey has been authorized to re-enlist Commander Mendoza (OSMTH Japan) into the US Navy.

After the second course (at **21.20** at the latest) the children's theatre – founded and directed by our member Sylvie Rotter - will perform a few sketches. We hope you will enjoy the show. Those who have not already given a donation for the children are kindly invited to do so.

When coffee is served, the seating arrangement will be lifted, allowing all dignitaries of the order to mingle freely with other members and guests at their tables.

From about 22.00 on, the photographs will be for sale and viewable on boards in the anteroom.

At about **22.30** return to the hotel. Taxis can be called on request.

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER

The Lionheart Tour

Please take warm clothing with you for the Boat-trip on the Danube!

09.30 De France – Front Hall

Meet in Front Hall to get on the bus to the Benedictine Abbey of Melk. Our member Gottfried Thiery will be your guide through the most interesting parts of the abbey: the Reception Room, the Library, the Church, and the Garden-Pavilion.

13.00 Return to the bus. The bus will bring you to the boat-jetty. In a 90-minute trip, the boat will take you to the picturesque town Dürnstein, where Richard Lionheart was imprisoned some 800 years ago. The ruins of the fortress are still visible.

You may have drinks and a snack on board, but save your appetite for the “Jause” in the Lionheart Inn, which has belonged to Gottfrieds’ family for centuries.

After a short walk from the jetty through the little town, you will arrive at the Inn and the “Jause” (snack) will be waiting for hungry guests.

At about 17.00 the bus will meet you in Dürnstein outside the town walls and take you back to Vienna. The bus should arrive at the De France before 19.00 o’clock.

This ends the official program of the Templar meeting, but the organisation committee will be in the hotel to assist you with your individual activities.

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GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

Vienna, 25th – 28th October 2000

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 9.00 – 12.00
in the Baccarat Room of the Hotel De France

AGENDA

1. Introduction by the Grand Commander
2. Summary of salient points from previous meetings
3. Creation of Companionate of Honour and Cross of Merit
4. Report of Magistral Treasurer
5. Report of Magistral Secretary (Locum Tenens GP De Picciotto)
6. Reports from Grand Priories (Progress, Good Works)
7. Brief Lecture: Views on Templarism by Paul McGowan, MTS
8. Brief Lecture: History of the Order by Deputy Grand Commander Nicolas Haimovici
9. Fifteen minutes open floor
10. Re-Election of Magistral Chancellor Ron Manguim

Note: There will be a fifteen-minute break between 10.30 and 11.00.