



## **THE ORDER OF ST STANISLAS**

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Dear Chevaliers, Dames, Friends and Supporters

**By kind permission of the Grand Regent, the Chancellor for Europe and the Grand Prior of Great Britain, Malta and Gibraltar, we will be holding several events over the week end of the 29<sup>th</sup> March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 to celebrate the Orders 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All members, family, friends and supports are all cordially invited.**

**As this is such an important event, with dignitaries and members attending from our worldwide St. Stanislas community. We are asking all of you to please ensure, that we have a good representation from the United Kingdom**

**The events dates, times and costs are given below:**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**There are two options available:**

**Option 1 – 8.00pm** – Guided City Walk Tour of Jack the Ripper places in London

**Option 2 – 9.30pm** – The Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London (limited 10 places)

**This event is for the people who have never attended the ceremony**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**The Order's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Investiture Service will be held**  
**At the Church of St. Anseim & St. Caecilla, Kingsway,**  
**70 Lincoln's Inn Field, London WC2A 3JA**  
**Followed by the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Ball at the**  
**Imperial Hotel, 38-51 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DG**

The Service of Investiture will take place at 2.00pm in the Church of St. Anseim & St. Caecilla, Kingsway, 70 Lincoln's Inn Field, London WC2A 3JA. All post holders and members attending, are requested to be in the church at 1.30pm for the rehearsals. The nearest underground station for the Church is Holborn on the Central Line. Directions are provided below if required. There is a pub for refreshments and meals if required before the service next to the church.

The Investiture planned program is as follows:

- 1.30 pm – 2pm** Practice for Service.  
All members taking part in the Service must attend.
- 1pm** Postulants assemble at the Church – Please report to the Secretary General – Dame Diana Causton
- 1pm – 1.20pm** Postulants Vigil Service
- 1.15pm** Members assemble at the Church where robing can take place
- 2.00pm – 3.30pm** Service of Investiture
- Travel by Bus, Underground, Taxi or walk to:  
The Imperial Hotel, 38-51 Bedford Way, London – WC1H 0DG
- 18.30pm** Reception at The Imperial Hotel – Barbarella Bar
- 19.00pm** Dinner in the Elizabethan Suite followed by Dancing

## **The Banquet and Ball:**

- 18.30- 19.00** Meet and greet in the Bar.  
You can purchase your drinks at the bar.
- 19.00- 21.30** Banquet – Includes a 3 course meal with wine.
- 20.30 – 23.30** There will be a 5 piece group with a singer to entertain us and for dancing the evening away.
- 21.30- 23.00** Open bar facilities.
- Please Note:** There will be 2 bottles of wine on the table, but there is a cash bar for any drinks you may wish to purchase, during the evening

**Dress Code:** **Investiture:** Mantles, medals and regalia  
**Gentlemen:** Black tie, uniform, highland dress and gloves or dark lounge suit for the Church Service.  
**Ladies:** A suit or dress, preferably three quarter length and sleeves for the Church Service.

**Any overseas companions are welcome to bring their National and/or Regional flags for display and use at the Investiture.**

**Banquet:** **Gentlemen:** Evening or lounge suits with ties and mess kit.  
**Ladies:** Cocktail or evening dress.  
**Miniature insignias can be worn for the evening**

*Will all those Companions whether attending or not, please complete the form and return it to me as soon as possible, with their cheques, if appropriate, by 4<sup>th</sup> March at the latest to allow for catering. A phone call text or email in advance would be appreciated.*

There is a raffle during the meal to raise funds for St. Stanislas Charities. Please can you donate a raffle prize to help us with our Fundraising. Thank you very much for your generous donation, help and support, it is much appreciated.

### **Travel Arrangements below:**

- a. To get to the Church – Underground Central Line to Holborn. Exit Holborn underground station and turn left into Kingsway. The church is about 5 minutes walk down the road.
- b. To the Imperial London Hotel - Underground Central Line to Holborn. When you exit Holborn underground station, you turn right into Upper Southampton Row. Keep to the right hand side of the road, until you come to the Imperial London Hotel.
- c. To the Royal National Hotel - If your overnight accommodation is at the Royal National Hotel, you exit Holborn underground station and turn right into Upper Southampton Row. Keep right and you walk past the Imperial London Hotel, to the next set of traffic Lights. Cross the Road and turn right where you will see the Royal National Hotel. There is a car park, but you will have to pay to use it.
- d. You can also walk from the Church to the Royal National Hotel, if you are fit and well. However, I must warn you that it is a trek, especially if you are not used to walking, or have any kind of disability. I have done the walk and found it challenging.
- e. Alternative route to the Royal National Hotel - Underground on the Piccadilly Line to Russell Square. Exit at the station, turn left, cross the road at the traffic lights, turn right and you will see the Royal National Hotel.
- f. If you fancy a walk and are energetic, you can also walk from Euston Station to the hotels. I have not done the journey, so I am unable to give any advice on this route.
- g. There are frequent buses to both the Imperial London Hotel and the Royal National Hotel. Please make sure you get the Bus that goes in the direction of Upper Southampton Row, to both the Hotels. The bus stop can be found opposite Holborn underground station. There are also taxi's available for hire.

**Please Note: If you have booked to stay overnight, checking into your room at the Hotel is after 2.30pm. You will need to book directly with the Imperial London Hotel or the Royal National Hotel for overnight bookings. Both have different room prices so please check before you book.**

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

Private guided tour of Windsor Castle  
(Lunch not included in the overall weekend price)

**10.00 am** A private (52 seat) coach will pick up attendees booked for Windsor Castle at the Royal National Hotel  
Expected return to the Hotel by 7pm

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

Thames River Cruise to Greenwich Painted Hall  
(Lunch not included in the overall weekend price)

**11.00 am** Everyone attending this event meets at the entrance of the Royal National Hotel  
We will take a bus or share taxis to the Embankment to catch the boat.  
Expected return to the Hotel by 6pm

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

Everyone leaves for home after breakfast at the hotel

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**TOTAL COST FOR THE FULL WEEK END**

**£200 per person**

**To be paid in advance to the Secretary General**

**NOTE: If you are only attending the Investiture  
Banquet and Ball the cost is £100 per person**

**Please Note: This price does not include overnight accommodation**

Accommodation can be booked directly on line or by telephone:

+44(0)207 692 3650

The Imperial Hotel, 61-66 Russell Square, London WC1B 5BB

The Royal National Hotel, 38-51 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0DG

**TO CELEBRATE THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT**

There is a special limited edition medal being produced, which can be purchased in advance, on the evening or after the event.

Details and costs to follow.

The Grand Prior and the Grand Priory Council are really looking forward to seeing all of you and thank you in advance, for your help and support in making this weekend event special, so that we can all remember the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for our Order.

With all good wishes,  
Confraternally

Dame Diana Causton CSSStS  
Secretary General to the Grand Priory of Great Britain, Malta and Gibraltar

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