



## Provincial Priory Of Cheshire And North Wales

### THE PROVINCIAL TRAVELLING CUP OF MEMORY

#### Script for a Challenge at a Priory Meeting

Immediately after the Collection of Alms, the Challenge is made by a Delegation of not less than three Knights of the Challenging Preceptory, all of whom shall be Knights of Malta and one of whom shall be the current or a past Preceptor/Prior. (Preferably the Knights of the Cohort will be seated together and next to the Challenging Preceptor/Prior).

Although the Summons may recite that the Priory is to Receive a Challenge for the Cup, the Eminent Prior does not announce this.

Upon Alms having been collected:  
**EP** or **Mar.** Brother Knights, be seated.

The Challenging Preceptor/Prior then stands, draws his sword, brings it to the recover by way of salute to the EP, returns to the carry, and addresses him.

**CP.** Eminent Prior, the Preceptory to which this Priory is attached holds the Provincial Travelling Cup of Memory, and I demand of you that it be surrendered to the Knights of the . . . . Preceptory.

**EP.** By what authority do you make this impudent demand?

**CP.** Knights of the Cohort, to Order.

[The Knights accompanying the CP stand, draw their swords and bring them to the carry - they do **not** salute the EP.]

**EP.** I mean by what **lawful** authority do you make this demand?

**CP.** By the authority of the Right Eminent Provincial Prior - to whom **all** Knights of this Priory owe allegiance.

**EP.** We acknowledge the powerful aid by which you seek the Cup; do you, Brother Knight, vouch that the necessary conditions have been met in full?

**CP.** I do, Eminent Prior.

**EP.** Then the Cup shall be delivered to you and your Cohort at the Festive Board - and we look forward to the **pleasure** of your company.

CP salutes EP in the same manner, returns to the carry and directs the Cohort:

**CP.** Brother Knights, be seated.