

Tentative Schedule for Oxford Investiture Weekend

(All times are subject to change. Please check the schedule
Included with your welcome packet for official times.)

Thursday, September 13, 2018:

10:00AM – 7:00PM – Investiture Registration – Registration will take place in the St. John's Room of the Macdonald Randolph Hotel.

6:30PM - 9:30PM - The Ashmolean Museum – Welcome to Oxford reception. The museum is directly across from the front door of The Randolph Hotel. No transportation will be provided. The passed canapés will be very substantial and it will be possible to have your evening meal while visiting the museum.

Dress is coat and tie for the men, and dressy casual for the ladies.

Friday, September 14, 2018:

Daytime is free for most Investiture registrants.

2:00PM - 4:00PM - Dais Party Pre-Rehearsal - Wesley Memorial Church which is a four-minute walk from The Randolph Hotel. No transportation will be provided. The members of the dais party will be notified of their selection before they arrive in Oxford.

5:00PM - 6:00PM - Conservation Lecture by Mr. Shane Mahoney - St. Aldates Hall
(Across from Christ Church College)

6:00PM - 7:45PM Cocktail Reception. Christ Church College Quad or Garden

7:15PM - 7:45PM Blessing of the Hunt Church Service. In Christ Church Cathedral.

7:45PM - Dinner in the Christ Church College dining hall.

Coaches will transport OB's and guests from hotels and return them after dinner. The venues for the lecture, the reception, church service and dinner are steps away from each other.

Dress is coat and tie for the men and cocktail attire for the ladies.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

8:00AM - 9:00AM - Dais Party Rehearsal - Wesley Memorial Church - (Four minutes from The Randolph; no buses,)

9:00AM - 11:30AM - Full Rehearsal for Squires and Ordensbrothers - Wesley Memorial Church. (Small coach(s) will bring OB's and Squires from The Spires Hotel)

Dress is coat and tie and attendance is mandatory. No bus from The Randolph Hotel.

3:30PM – Depart for Investiture. OB's and squires board coaches at their hotels for trip to St. Mary Magdalene Church in Woodstock. Dress is white tie and cape.

4:15PM – Spouses and guests depart for Investiture. Spouses and guests board coaches for trip to St. Mary Magdalene Church in Woodstock. Dress is evening gowns for the ladies and black tie for male guests.

4:45PM - OB's and squires form procession outside St. Mary Magdalene Church.

4:50 PM - Spouses and guests enter church and take their seats.

5:00PM – Investiture begins. Investiture procession commences to start ceremony.

6:00PM - Investiture ends and OB's, spouses and guests board coaches for Blenheim Palace.

6:30PM - Arrive Blenheim Palace. All OB's move to the west side of the Palace for the group picture.

7:15PM - Cocktail reception begins in The Great Hall of the Palace.

8:00PM - All will move to The Long Library for dinner and remarks by the Grand Master.

10:30PM - Dinner adjourns and coaches deliver everyone back to their hotel in Oxford.

Unlike the Investitures held in the USA, there will be no Sunday brunch due to many early departures for London Heathrow Airport.