



## ORDER OF SAINT STANISLAS

### PRIORY OF SCOTLAND

#### INVESTITURE WEEKEND – DETAILED ITINERARY

FRIDAY 15 MAY – SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026 (WITH OPTIONAL EDINBURGH EXTENSION)

#### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in Dumfries unless otherwise arranged. A small number of members and guests may be accommodated at Buittle Castle by prior arrangement. Accommodation recommendations and preferential rates may be found at [ostsinvestiturescotland2026.co.uk](http://ostsinvestiturescotland2026.co.uk).

#### DRESS (GENERAL GUIDANCE)

- **Friday evening:** smart casual (unless otherwise stated).
- **Saturday Investiture:** uniform, Morning Dress, or business dress (Dinner Jacket with daywear tie acceptable for those whose luggage will not accommodate several changes of clothing), with appropriate decorations; mantles for members as applicable.
- **Saturday evening Gala Dinner:** uniform or evening dress / dark suit, with decorations.
- **Sunday:** smart but informal.

## FRIDAY EVENING, 15 MAY

Most members and guests will arrive in Dumfries this evening and check into their accommodation.

### **19.00 - Optional Dinner: The India Palm (Dumfries)**

- **Dress:** smart casual.
- This is an informal meal for those who have arrived. Those attending will be expected to cover the cost themselves (£15-25 per person)
- Please confirm attendance so we can notify the restaurant of numbers.

### **20.00 - Postulants' Vigil, Dumfries Cathedral**

All who wish are welcome to attend this quiet, contemplative service.

## SATURDAY, 16 MAY

### **Day of the Investiture and Gala Dinner**

**Morning: Breakfast** at hotel (arranged individually).

### **11.00 - Investiture Service, Dumfries Cathedral**

- **Dress:** uniform, Morning Dress, or business dress (Dinner Jacket with daywear tie acceptable for those whose luggage will not accommodate several changes of clothing), with appropriate decorations; mantles for members as applicable.
- It is possible (where permitted) to leave mantles and certain belongings in the Cathedral / adjacent facilities for later collection (details to be confirmed closer to the event).
- Members and guests should aim to arrive in good time for seating.

### **12.30 - Informal Luncheon and Activity (choose one option)**

Following luncheon, members and guests may take part in one of the optional afternoon activities below. Both options are designed to be gentle and unhurried, allowing time to return to accommodation, rest, and change before the evening programme at Buittle.

#### **Option A - Dumfries: Robert Burns (walking-distance cultural visit)**

**12:30 - Luncheon at La Dolce Vita, followed by a private guided visit: Robert Burns House & the Burns Mausoleum. Transport from the Burns Statue (in front of Dumfries Cathedral) to Buittle Castle will be at 17.00**

- This option keeps travel minimal and finishes in good time for changing and rest.

#### **Option B - Bainloch Deer Park (light excursion)**

**12.30 – Travel (from Dumfries Cathedral) for Bainloch Deer Park**

- **Deer safari tour; luncheon and transport included.**
- Onward Travel to Buittle Castle.
- On arrival at Buittle, **time at leisure** to change and rest before the evening programme.

**18.00 – Drinks Reception**

**19.00 – Gala Dinner in the Great Hall**

- **Dress:** uniform or evening dress / dark suit, with decorations.
- **Musical entertainment** will be provided.

**22.30 – Return transport to Dumfries**

**SUNDAY, 17 MAY**

**Dumfries House Excursion**

**Morning:** Breakfast at hotel.

**10.30 – Liturgy at Dumfries Cathedral (optional)**, followed by sandwiches or pub luncheon.

**12.30 – Transport to Dumfries House**

**14.00 – Private tour of Dumfries House, followed by Afternoon Tea**

**16.00 – Transfer onwards to Glasgow or Edinburgh**

Attendees may choose either:

1. to extend their stay into the week in Edinburgh; or
2. to travel home by rail or air.

**Optional Edinburgh extension (Monday 18 May – Tuesday 19 May)**

For members and guests who wish, arrangements will be made for rooms to be available for one (or two) nights at the **Royal Scots Club**, the Prior's Edinburgh club.

**Monday evening : Dinner in The Abercrombie Room.** A visit from the **Polish Consul General** is anticipated (to be confirmed).

In Edinburgh, guests are welcome to be at their leisure; however, specific activities will be arranged for those who wish to participate (e.g. **Rosslyn Chapel** or the **Palace of Holyrood**).

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## **Fixed Costs**

**Saturday only:** £150

**Saturday and Sunday:** £250