



House of the Dean

Monument not open to the public.

Its name derives from its role as the residence of the dean of the collegiate church, the dean being the highest authority in the church council of a collegiate church.

The building was built in 1647 on the site of two houses by the IV Duke of Pastrana, originally as the Saint Michael Hospital. At the end of the 18th century it ceased to be used as a hospital and the Duke gave it to the dean for his personal residence. Its palatial structure enabled the duke to also stay here on several occasions, thus avoiding the inconvenience of staying for only a few days at a time in the neglected Palacio Ducal.

The architecture of this two-storied building follows the typical palatial model in having a central patio with wooden columns and footings and a large central balcony. On its façade we see a lintel doorway made of cushioned ashlar, as well as a sundial that bears witness to the passage of time.

These days the Casa del Deán houses the Medical Centre. Next to this building is the hermitage of Saint Ana, once the dean's private oratory, now used as a cultural centre dedicated to music.