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Service of Investiture, Preceptory of Australasia, 14 March 2015

It was an honour for me as Grand Prior to am sure. The enthusiasm of the attend the Service of Investiture of two Preceptory is clearly evident, and I was new knights of our Order in Australia in able to report back to the Annual General March. As with all of our investitures, Assembly of KTEW in late March that the these take place in church, reminding us Preceptory is going from strength to that we are bearers of both Cross and strength, and I am sure it will not be too Sword. Although I have been in electronic long before I have to petition the Grand communication with the members of the Commander to elevate you all to a Priory Preceptory for many years (starting with and then Grand Priory, taking your seat at my time as Chapter Clerk), this was my the table with our international brothers first face-to-face meeting with some of and sisters. our enthusiastic members.

The Preceptory is close to the hearts of the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England and Wales, being our first mentored entity. We hold the record at OSMTH of mentoring the furthest flung group of members, but distance is no object when bonds of fellowship, community and charity are so strong. Bringing two novices to the accolade of knight is

a wonderful occasion, and we were joined by not only members promoted to the rank of knight in an of the Preceptory, but also friends and atmosphere of prayerfulness and joy. distances for this occasion, earning credit I being a lovely sunny NSW day.

Rev Andrew Katay of Christ Church Inner

West - St John's Ashfield, welcomed us to this church, lovely and participated fully in our service. Our thanks and prayers are sent to him for his kindness. Although we were a small group, we did our very best with joyful singing throughout the service, praising God and adding to the solemnity of the occasion. Our two novices were thus

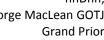


Grand Prior George MacLean GOTJ

family to witness this joyful occasion. Our Our photographic memories of the two new knights Dave Kelly (Vic) and occasion may fail to show just how windy Andrew Campbell (WA) had travelled long it was outside the church, despite this

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for discussion on the Grand Priory and our international of the resources that you need to find out what is going role as part of OSMTH. It was a pleasure to answer these on within the Order; Locally, at a Grand Priory level and questions and to see just how committed you all are to at the International level. Also available are copies of the our Order, and I left the evening content that you are current Constitution, brochures and details on the events doing a wonderful job. I look forward to future visits, as I that the Preceptory have run, and are upcoming. This is am a frequent visitor to your country.



Preceptory Promotions



In the Grand Priory Annual General Assembly, in late March, one of our long standing, and hard working members, Ken Allen was promoted to the rank of Knight Commander. This promotion is in recognition of Ken's years of service to the Preceptory, most recently as Chancellor. Congratulations, Chev Allen KCTJ.



Website and Social Media presence Operational

The Preceptory has seen a huge increase in public visibility with the development and activation of the new

At dinner later in the evening, there was plenty of time Website, and a Facebook Presence. The Website has all part of the commitment to openness and transparency in nnDnn, the Work that we do in the community; not for self George MacLean GOTJ aggrandizement, but so that we can shine a light of Grand Prior Christian Charity where it is needed.

> The Site is located jointly at www.osmth.com.au and www.osmth.co.nz so please take a look at what we are doing, as it is a great resource.

> To get access to the Facebook Page, simply do a search for 'OSMTH-Australasia' This will echo some of the information presented on the main website.





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

and Grand Commander of the International Order, among international governments, as well as Christian OSMTH. Issued on the 20th April 2015 (and available and Muslim religious leaders. Many Templar members on the website).

DEATH OF ETHIOPIAN CHRISTIANS

Christian people. Such barbaric acts call for our public denunciation, which is the policy of our Templar members (OSMTH). ISIS released a video in the last few days, which portrayed some thirty Ethiopian Orthodox grief and prayers, on behalf of our Order, for all victims Christians either shot or beheaded on a Libyan beach. The world was shocked and the Ethiopian government and barbaric acts. We call on every government, all immediately condemned the act in the strongest terms. We sent our statement to HIH Prince Ermias their differences to fight these brutal acts. Sahle-Selassie, Chair of the Ethiopian Crown Council,

The following is a press release from the Grand Master who is a friend of our Order and a well-known figure met His Highness at the fall Conference of "In Defense of Christians" in Washington D. C., who joined us at the conference. We know he will extend our concerns to We witness once again a brutal act of ISIS against his government and, if possible, to the families of these martyrs. All international Grand Priories or Priories will send their own messages to Prince Ermias through the Ethiopian Ambassador of their Nation. We extend our from every nation resulting from these kind of terrible leaders and individuals to join forces by putting aside





Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini Tuo da gloriam Psalm 115:1

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