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Grand Prior's Message

Welcome to the final Beauceant of 2015.

Already plans are well advanced for our national and local events in 2016, and I encourage you to attend as many as you can. Our national events are occasions where we make that little bit more effort to meet up with our like-minded brothers and sisters from across the country. This will be even more important as we move towards the new Grand Priory with our brothers from over Hadrian's Wall next year.

Inside you will see a preliminary notice of our first visit to Scotland, where I am sure we will be able to meet even more of the Commandery of Scotland members. It is important, that since KTEW and the Commandery have voted for unification that we embrace together, and try not to speak of "joining us" or "joining them. Our unification language has to be uniting as we remember that this is to be a new Grand Priory, inheriting the Christian Templar charitable activities and history from both sides of the border, bringing good Templar practice and enthusiasm to seeing the new Grand Priory develop and grow.

The AGA before Easter will see us agree on the name of the new Grand Priory, as well as make what will be small changes to the Constitution. As only members in good standing can exercise their vote, there is a reminder on page 5 about the importance of paying on time next year.

2016 will be the second year of the three-year cycle for all members of Chapter. For those members seeing to be elected in 2017, this year ahead is the perfect time to investigate any role that may be of interest, and to which you could serve the Order well. Officeholders are your representatives and carry out their duties to the best of their ability on your behalf. Current Chapter members are more than willing to talk

about their positions and explain what the role involves. There is nothing threatening about asking a Chapter member what they actually do for the Order and what responsibility it involves. Our Constitution (2014 version) contains a brief outline of the roles and responsibilities of all Officers of the Order, not just Chapter members, and it could be worthwhile reminding yourselves of what is involved when putting yourself up for higher office in the Order.

If you have the time and enthusiasm to have a greater involvement in the Order and its administration—now is the time to consider it and attend a Chapter meeting next year to see what goes on!

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George MacLean
Grand Prior

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The Templar Heritage Trust has a new website!

www.templarheritagetrust.org.uk

Advent Dinner 2015

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge



Knights, dames and Friends of the order assembled in Canterbury in late November for our Annual Advent Dinner. Events started off with our now usual celebration of Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral, where the Dean welcomed our Order specifically in the opening prayers and we had reserved seats in the south of the cathedral. It is great to hear our Order welcomed and prayed for in such a wonderfully historic church.

Dinner had been ably arranged by Barbara LeFevre and Catherine Comoy once again in the Cathedral Lodge and knights and dames, resplendent in evening wear and neck crosses assembled for pre dinner drinks and to welcome our special guest, Bishop Richard Llewelin, Emeritus of Dover and in Lambeth, accompanied by his wife Jennifer. Dinner got off to a good start with grace from the Bishop.

At the end of dinner, Grand Prior George thanked everyone who helped with the arrangements for the weekend and summarised the year almost ended, looked forward to events in 2016 and took great pleasure in distribution the commission brevets as Preceptor of London and Preceptor of Kent to Mavis Jacobs GCTJ and Nick Swift KTJ respectively.

The raffle at the end of the evening raised funds for TPT and THT, with prize-winners excited to have won!



Preceptor Nick Swift receives his commissioning brevet from the Grand Prior.



Preceptor Mavis Jacobs receives her commissioning brevet from the Grand Prior

Greater Birmingham Preceptory

The Preceptory of St Michael & All Angels met for the last time this year at the home of Chevalier Don and Dame Brenda Wyatt on the last Saturday in November.

We started the meeting as usual with Mid-Day prayer from our Templar daily office book, lead by Chaplain General Fr Michael Brian. Then followed the meeting with our normal course of reports and forthcoming events.

During the year 2015 the Preceptory donated to 10 charities, namely The Nepal Earthquake Appeal; St Michaels Church, South Yardley; FRRME (Canon Andrew White); Katey Holmes Trust in Chorley, Lancashire; Midlands Air Ambulance; Yardley Grange Care Home; Birmingham Children's Hospital; Teenage Cancer Trust; Derian House Children's Hospice, Lancashire and the Marie Curie Hospice, Solihull.

We had a superb "bring'n'share" lunch, with a wide variety of good food and cakes.

Our next meeting would be on the Saturday 13th February 2016 at St Michael & All Angels Church in South Yardley. During the church service on that day we will be Admitting Mike as a Novice in the Order, with the possibility of 2 others as well. We are grateful to the Vicar and PCC of St Michaels for giving us such a warm welcome into their church.

We also plan to move to a local hotel afterwards for lunch and members, Friends and families are most welcome to join us in celebration.

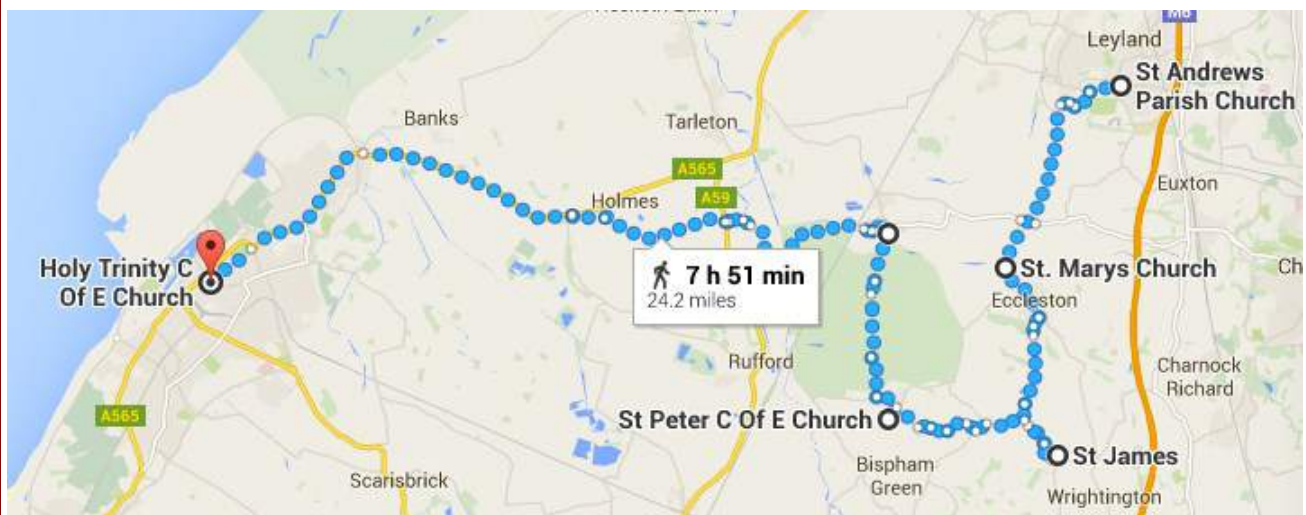
If you would like to join us on that day, starting at 12 noon and ending about 3pm, then make a date in your diary, but we will email everyone well before hand so that your booking can be taken. The cost of the 3 course lunch will be about £20.

John Harcourt.

One of our newest knights, Chev. Neale Baines has arranged a Sponsored Walk throughout several parishes in his local area. The walk will take place on Sunday 28th February and be 25 miles long.

If you feel like sponsoring this feat of winter endurance, please contact the Chancellor, Anthony Cuthbert.

Neale will be raising funds for the Templar Pilgrimage Trust (www.templarpilgrimage.org.uk)



Temple Ewell 2015

Service of Investiture Sunday 29th November 2015

Sunday morning after the Advent Dinner, many of the guests headed to Temple Ewell for Sunday Eucharist with the parish.

Fr Paul Christian invited those attending to pray the noon angelus before our Installation of a Preceptor service, where Nick Swift officially took office, followed soon after with Nick having a key role in the investiture of Novice John Chisman.

John will be a member of Kent Preceptory. Knights, dames and Friends welcomed both Nick and John to their new roles in the usual fashion before photo opportunities, presentation of brevet to John Chisman and a walk down the hill to a very enjoyable roast lunch in The Fox.



John Chisman receives his brevet as a chevalier in the Knights Templar in England and Wales.



Fr Paul joins knights and dames in congratulating John Chisman.

Everyone agreed it had been a very successful Advent Weekend indeed, and looked forward to next year.

Visit to Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian

Weekend of 09-10 July 2016

In 2016 the Grand Priory is going to experiment with a special event in Scotland - a visit to Rosslyn Chapel. Having had very little interest in last year's History and Heritage Weekend, the Chancellor, after talking to the THT, has suggested that members be able to book their own accommodation around that visit. Some would like a single night accommodation and some two nights. This should be left to the attendees to book, and only the visit to Rosslyn Chapel and lunch be organised through the Grand Priory. This early notice of the event has been suggested so that members wishing to take advantage of early booking discounts on trains and planes can make their arrangements early in the year.

Edinburgh airport is served by most regional and major airports in the rest of the UK. The easiest way to get to Rosslyn is from the west of Edinburgh, where there are many reasonably priced hotels, access to rail services and also the relatively new tram system for those wishing to explore Edinburgh on their own.

For those wishing to travel by car, parking or driving through Edinburgh is not advised and thus we suggest one of the hotels to the west of Edinburgh, near the airport, where parking is abundant.

The date of our visit is to be **Saturday 18th June 2016**. Further information will be circulated in early 2016.

Subscriptions for 2016

Our subscription year runs from 01 January to 31 December each year.

Full Members are knights, dames, chaplains and novices.

Members are reminded that in order to maintain their good standing within the Grand Priory, they should be in a position to pay before May 2016. For those paying annually or quarterly from the first quarter their "good standing" will be in force in time for the important Annual General Assembly in March, which this year because Easter is falling very early, will be on 12-13 March.

Those members who pay by cheque or other annual method, should ensure that the Grand Priory Chancellor receives these before the AGA in order to maintain their good standing voting status.

Looking ahead...

Dates for your Diary

Annual General Assembly Rothley	12-13 March 2016
History & Heritage Rosslyn Chapel	18 June 2016
Retreat & Fellowship Douai Abbey	10-11 September 2016
Advent Dinner	November 2016
Chapter Birmingham	26 January 2016

Members are reminded that they are welcome to attend and observe any Chapter meeting.

Templar Pilgrimage Trust London	15 Feb, 06 June & 26 September
Templar Heritage Trust	20 February (Birmingham) & 02 June (Leeds)
OSMTH GMC Copenhagen, Denmark	13-17 April
OSMTH GCG Sofia, Bulgaria	12-16 October

Members in good standing is welcome to attend any OSMTH meeting.