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Grand Prior's Message

Welcome to the final edition of Beauceant for 2014!

Our Order goes from strength to strength, with new members joining throughout 2014, and more in the pipeline. We have a range of excellent events planned in 2015, including the THT sponsored History and Heritage Weekend and this year we will focus on the 700th Anniversary of the Magna Carta. We will not be alone in celebrating this anniversary, as there are non-Order events planned throughout the country and throughout the year. If you are unable to attend our own event, it might be worthwhile looking at what is happening in your area.

This edition focuses on our Advent Dinner (again hosted by Kent Preceptory) and our Admission Service which followed the next day. I am sure you will enjoy the images of both events, and for those not in attendance, imagine the laughter and fellowship which highlighted both days.

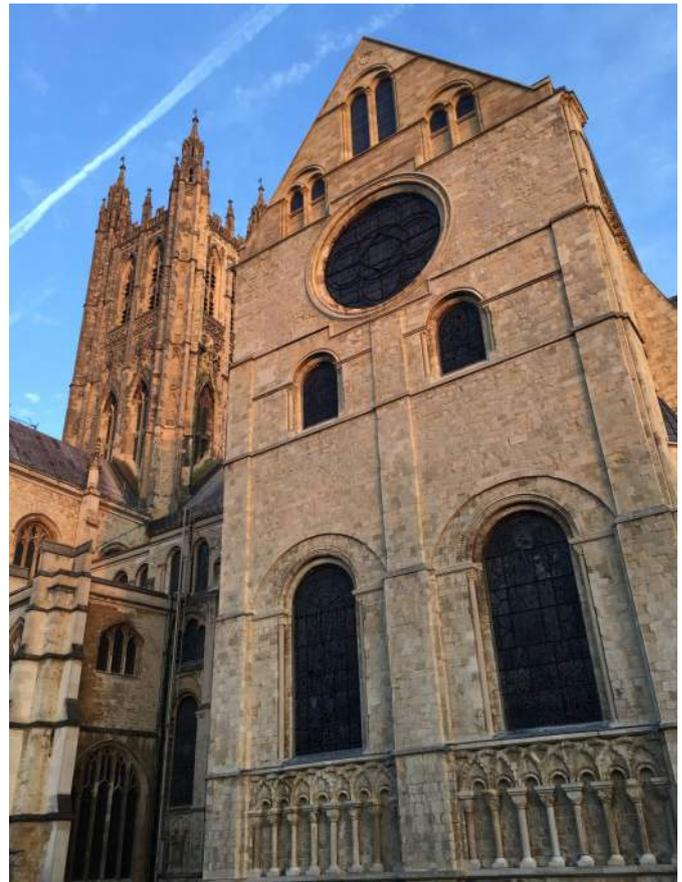
Just ahead of AGA 2015 (see "Dates for your Diary" for information), I will be traveling to Australia, meeting up with our mentored preceptory of Australia and New Zealand. I shall take the opportunity when there to award the accolade of Knight of the Order to some ANZ Novices. I look forward to sharing news from our bothers "Down Under" with you all at the AGA.

This edition should be with you in early January 2015, so it will not be too late for me to wish you all a very happy New Year, with peace and good health for you and your families.

nnDnn,
George MacLean
Grand Prior

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Brilliant blue sky outlines Canterbury Cathedral as knights, dames and Friends assemble for Evensong on Saturday 29th November 2014.

Advent Dinner Saturday 29th December 2014

Our Annual Advent Dinner was again a huge success, thanks to the arrangements made by our hosts, the Preceptory of St Augustine, Kent, in Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. The day began with knight, dames and Friends being made very welcome at Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral, where we were warmly welcomed by the Dean, who also added our Order to the Intentions of the day. After Evensong, it was time to get ready and assemble for pre-dinner drinks. The chefs at the Cathedral Lodge never fail to impress and this year was no exception. At the end of dinner it was time for the raffle, which always raises a smile, and more importantly raises funds for our two Trusts - The Templar Pilgrimage Trust and the Templar Heritage Trust. Simon Le Fevre, Chair THT, and Rev Canon Peter Norwood, Chair TPT outlined the recent activities of their respective Trusts, after which the Grand Prior thanked them for all their hard work during the year, and reminded those in attendance that both Trusts will always need our prayers and financial support.

After the raffle was completed, some knights and dames and Friends stayed up until the wee small hours enjoying convivial company in the Library, marking the end of another successful Advent Dinner.



Advent Dinner Saturday 29th November 2014



Chaplains, knights, dames, novices, Friends and honoured guests do their very best to stand still for the obligatory group photograph at the end of a successful Advent Dinner, and below, Dame Catherine sells some tickets for the raffle.



Shared Eucharist and KTEW Admission Service Sunday 30th November 2014

Revelers awoke in Canterbury to thick fog, but nevertheless made good headway to attend morning Eucharist at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Lydden.

We joined with the parishioners in this lovely 12-13 century church and were made most welcome. After the service, tea and coffee were served and this



allowed us to meet the locals and to thank Fr Paul for his welcome.

Some of the parishioners stayed behind to see our Service of Admission, which is good publicity for our Order as none of our events are held in secret.

This was a special day for our postulant, John Chisman, as he was welcomed into our KTEW family. John will be part of the Preceptory of St Augustine, Kent, and I am sure that I speak for all of you that he is a welcome addition to our Order.



A rare opportunity for two of our valued Friends to be the subject of a photograph! Here Ceri Strickland and Denis Commoy, normally busy taking images for our Beauceants and Website, are flanked by Webmaster Andy Strickland and Grand Prior George MacLean in Lydden Church.

To the right, our St Mary the Virgin Admission group assemble after John Chisman is welcomed officially as a new Novice of the Order.

