

A BEAUCEANT!!

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Dear Brother Knights

Traditionally, December is a month of reflection and celebration and both themes are well reflected in this edition of the newsletter.

We all have much to reflect upon when we look back over the past year. An outstanding such event took place in the past month when there was an impressive and fitting Memorial Service in London at which this Province was represented - to honour the memory of Most Eminent and Supreme Knight Timothy John Lewis, who had been Grand Master of the United Orders as well as Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees and Grand Secretary at Mark Masons Hall.

Less well known in Masonic circles was the distinction which he achieved as an expert on the cultivation of Orchids and this was reflected beautifully on the cover of the Order of Service Paper by a sketch painted by his daughter Kate.

His life was celebrated at this church service in which the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Paul Raymond Clement and R E Kt Ryan Williams read from the Scriptures and we sang the Templars Hymn of course.

Celebration was also evident within this Province during November as we welcomed a number of new Knights entering the Order of the Temple and a "Magnificent Seventeen" new Knights into the Order of Malta. Both are recorded in this issue.

Now, Christmas beckons with family events and more causes for celebration and reflection and I hope that you all have a very happy and rewarding rest and I look forward to your company in the New Year.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

Paul Calderwood,
Provincial Prior



GRAND MASTER
ORDER OF THE TEMPLE
May 2011 to May 2017

Timothy John Lewis

4 October 1943 – 14 May 2022



Memorial Service

St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LL,
Tuesday, 22 November 2022
at 12 noon



THE ALMONERS POST

Christmas Greetings in the bonds of the Order from the Provincial Almoner, E.Kt. Revd. Anthony Stevens

I have received no notifications this month to be included in our list for Prayer.

Your Preceptory Almoners are keeping you well informed about those who are sick, or in need to our prayers within your Preceptories.

What more important time for us to remember in Prayer in this season of thankfulness, good will and light for the world. A time when we can look back, look at the present and to the future. As 'A Christmas Carol' reminds us, Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas yet to come.

We can remember the Christmases of the past and those that shared them with us and are now no longer with us in this world.....Those that had such an influence on our lives. As we pray this Christmas, at this time, we remember those fellow knights who are sick or in need of our prayers at this time.

As we look forward, we can pray that when recovered that may be with us and grace our preceptories once again in friendship and fellowship.

A Prayer

Dear Father God, at this time of Christmas, a time of peace and joy, as we celebrate again the birth of the prince of peace, the Christ child coming amongst us as the light of the World.....

We give you thanks for Christmases gone by, for those loved ones and friends who shared those days with us, and had such an influence on our lives. As we remember them this Christmastide, we commend them again into your care.

Today we remember those fellow knights from our own preceptory that are sick or suffering in any way. Those amongst our family and friends. May they know your presence, your healing hand upon them at this Christmas tide.

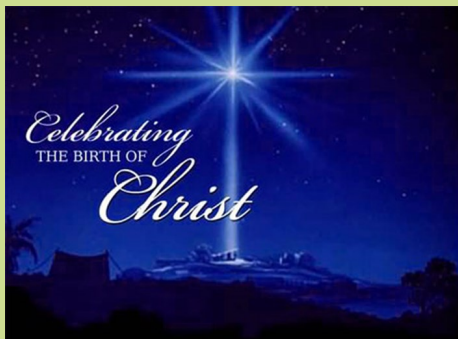
We pray as we look forward to being with them again sharing in Friendship and fellowship together.

WE pray these things in the name of the Prince of Peace and Captain of our Salvation.

Amen

If you would like Brother Knights or members of their families remembered monthly in this Post. Please send their names through. All that is needed is the name of our Brother Knight or member of the family and of course their permission. Happy to hear from you in any way that I can assist.

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A Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year to you all..... Tony Stevens

All Knights Templar are reminded to join in good wishes to their Brethren throughout the world on 25 December at 5pm GMT.

Preserve, O Lord, our Brother Knights,

By land or sea or air,

And as we hold them in our thoughts,

So keep them in Thy care.

WELCOMING MORE NEW MEMBERS



At the Sir William Marshall Preceptory meeting at Chepstow in November, a new Knight was welcomed in to the Order. It was a very happy meeting, as our photo illustrates.

It shows (left to right) Eminent Preceptor, E Kt Steve Davies, together with the candidate, Companion Wayne Charles Jones (centre) and E Kt Anthony D Jones who together with E Kt Roger Thompson was invited to conduct the ceremony.

A similarly warm welcome greeted Companion Luke Giles who was admitted at Gwent Preceptory in Newport and was so impressed that-within days - he was out visiting another Preceptory and taking on temporary KT duties there.

The photo shows him (centre) on his visit to Neath where he acted as Herald at the meeting of Castell Nedd Preceptory.



He is accompanied by E Kt Anthony D Jones (left) and E Kt Roger Thompson



At that meeting in Neath, an enthusiastic reception also awaited Companion Michael Anthony Woods when he too was admitted to the Order of the Temple

Kt Anthony is seen here in the centre of the photo . On the left is E Kt Anthony D Jones (who acted as Eminent Preceptor for the meeting) and on the right is E Kt. Peter Gilbert, the Preceptory Marshal.

Malta meeting attracts 17 Candidates



An exceptionally large attendance at the Provincial Malta meeting in mid November was opened with a moving and solemn act of remembrance - in memory not only of our late Queen Elizabeth II but of course for all those who had died in warfare and to remember family members and friends who had died since the start of the pandemic.

Last year a much more spacious venue was chosen for the Malta meeting - in order to attract members who might be anxious about social distancing. It was such a success that the meeting this year was also held at the same venue, namely Penarth – but this time under the banner of Temple Slebech Priory of Provincial Bodyguards No 602.

At this meeting the new Malta Officers of the Province were invested in the traditional manner by the Provincial Prior, R E Kt Dr Paul Calderwood, who said how good it was to see old patterns being re-established after the turbulence caused by the pandemic in recent years.

A remarkable 17 Candidates took the Malta Degree at this event and they were supported by more than 60 other Knights. Our picture shows the candidates with the Provincial Prior. They are Knights:

Edley Wright - Morgannwg Preceptory No 200
Adrian Hooper and Peter Taylor - Sant Madoc Preceptory No 547
Steve Lovett, Meirion Davies and Richard Jones -
Castell Nedd Preceptory No 577
Phillip Popp, John Sebury, Steven Slade and Gerald Williams -
Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No 579
Steven Hampson - Fforest Preceptory No 582
Richard Ackroyd and Paul L Jones -
Brecknock Castle Preceptory No 704
Niraj Ratna, Nat Board, Mark Wilcox and Richard O W Edwards -
St John of Cardiff Preceptory No 712

The ceremony was conducted by E Kt David Court, Past Provincial Sub Prior - assisted by E Kts John Everett, Terry Jones, Peter James and the Provincial Prior.



A visit to the Eye Hospital in Jerusalem

Readers of *A Beauceant* may recall that in January 2020, two Knights from our Province, Kt. Antony Bailey and E.Kt. Ian McLean, PProvStB (VB) had the opportunity to visit the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem as part of the Knights Templar Pilgrimage to the Holy Land organised by the Province of London.

It made a deep impression on both of them and so in November, this year, E.Kt. Ian McLean seized an opportunity to make a second visit to the Eye Hospital.

As members know, the Eye Hospital Group is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, treating patients regardless of ethnicity, religion or their ability to pay.

The flagship hospital in East Jerusalem has been operating for 140 years and also has facilities in Anabta, Hebron and Gaza plus the Mobile Outreach Programme, which travels across the West Bank bringing eye care to isolated communities.

St John Eye Hospital has a large outpatients department, specialist eye units, operating theatres and 24-hour eye emergency services. There is also a walk-in clinic at the Muristan in the Old City of Jerusalem for those who cannot get to the main hospital.

Ian kindly sent us these and other photos which he took during his second visit.

They show the outside of the main building in East Jerusalem, the tree of Swifts in the garden, a plaque acknowledging the generous support provided by members of our United Orders and, as Ian wrote:

“On my last visit, work was progressing on the specialist children’s ward, but due to the Covid pandemic, completion and opening was delayed. During this visit, we were able to see the completed ward, which is now about to receive its first patients”.

