

Order of St. Raphael

Conclave of St. Thomas Becket - Martyr

Report for Grand Council Meeting on 12th May 2018

1. Since May last year the Conclave held their first Annual Dinner in September.
2. In January this year whilst speaking with our Commander, E Chevalier Lawrence Day, Dame Penelope was asked to assist with the arrangements for a meeting of the Conclave as it was now over a year since the last one.

A meeting was arranged for 3rd March but got cancelled due to the "beast from the east". A new day was arranged for the 14th April. Unfortunately, E Chevalier Lawrence Day had a bad fall the day before and was unable to attend.

The meeting went ahead with our Grand Master, Julian Gunnell being able to attend.

During the meeting discussions took place and the Members were brought up to date. It was agreed to have an outing to Windsor Castle later in the year - date to be confirmed.

Also, E Chevalier Lawrence Day had indicated that he was stepping down as Commander and E Chevalier Steven Turner relinquished the position of Vice-Chancellor. The Grand Master informed the Conclave that he was appointing E Chevalier Lawrence Bell-Wright as Acting Commander and Dame Penelope Bell-Wright as Acting Vice-Chancellor. These two positions would be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of the Order in May.

Those of you who are members of the Order of St John, or any of the Knight Templar Groups will know about the Eye Hospital, but for the rest of you, the St John of Jerusalem 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 ability to pay

The Jerusalem Hospital has been operating for over 130 years. It has a large, modern outpatients department, specialist retinal, corneal, orthoptic and paediatric units, operating theatres and 24 hour emergency services. There are 3 other Hospital sites and two mobile Units.

Our Past Commander Lawrence Day requested that we donate to this cause and we have therefore donated £125.

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London Fundraising and Marketing Office
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The Children's Burns Trust are based in Victoria and are dedicated to providing rehabilitation support for burned and scald injured children and their families, as well as prevention and awareness campaigns for which there is little or no national funding.

They make a positive difference in three ways:

Raising awareness of burns and scalds to children with PREVENTION campaigns;

Working with NHS professionals to provide direct help and funding for REHABILITATION;

Giving direct financial SUPPORT to families and hospitals, providing advice on how to access burn related information.

They work with Hospitals throughout the UK

Patrons

HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO

Amanda Redman MBE

The Chairman of Trustees is Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller CBE QFSM

The Vice Chairman is Princess Marina Lobanov Rostovsky, She is a JP and a Governor of Chelsea & Westminster Hospital.

Mr Ken Dunn BSc FRCS(Lond) FRCS(plast) FRCS(ed), Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon, and others.