

# The Healing, Teaching and Chivalric Order of St. Raphael

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The Grand Master.  
Julian K. Gunnell GCSR, GCSM

**"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."**

*"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the Elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the Prayer of Faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. .... Pray for one another, that ye may be healed.*

## **ANNUAL INVESTITURE MEETING 2018**

This year's meeting again took place at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough on 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Grand Master opened the meeting and the Grand Chancellor read out the apologies.

There were no postulants this year, and so the Grand Chancellor and Grand Prior changed the format slightly to compensate for the loss of this part of the proceedings.

**PROMOTIONS:** E Chevalier Leslie Grout was promoted in the Order of St Mark to Knight Grand Cross, Chevalier Ken Shipman and Dame Penny Bell-Wright were admitted to the Order of St Mark as Members, and E Dame Helen Neaves-Wilde was promoted to Officer. Unfortunately, Helen suffered some nasty injuries from a fall at home and was unable to travel, and the Grand Master agreed that the Grand Chancellor could present the certificate to her at home.

Lawrence Bell-Wright was then appointed as Commander of St Thomas Becket Conclave, and Grand Officer certificates presented to Penny Bell-Wright as Grand Custodian of Insignia and Helen Wilson as Grand Steward.

Following the service, the usual convivial meal took place, attended by 26 members and guests.

### **MEETING of GRAND COUNCIL**

*The Grand Council meeting took place after lunch, and items discussed were as follows:*

**GDPR:** The Grand Chancellor announced that the Order was required to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations, and letters were being sent out today to all new members requesting completion of a form. It is important that our database is kept up to date, and those officers holding a separate list must ensure that this is also kept up to date. The Grand Chancellor will send out updates of changes from time to time.

**SERVICE of THANKSGIVING:** The Grand Chancellor said that a lot of positive reports were received following the Service of Thanksgiving at Rugeley, with an informal lunch. It has been decided to make this an annual event, but to move it to locations close to one of the Conclaves each year, on a rotating basis. This would give members of the Order an extra opportunity to meet and it was hoped numbers would swell over time. It is, however, too late to do this for 2018 and so we will once again meet at Rugeley on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. A comment was made that the sound was not good in the Cathedral and the GC will ensure that we use a suitable sound system. Full details and application forms will be sent out later in the summer.

**ACCOUNTS 2018:** The new Grand Treasurer circulated a copy of the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 which had been presented to him, which showed a deficit for the year of £760.53, due mainly to donations now being made via the Conclaves, and a double year cost of the website and newsletter. The accounts had been independently examined by Dame Rhoda Ross. The new Grand Treasurer was concerned about our reducing assets, and issued a lengthy report, which can be read in full on the Order website.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS:** The Grand Hospitaller explained how we had now changed our distribution process for donations and this is now split between the Conclaves to enable them to choose and distribute to local charities. The only criteria is that the charity must have a “human healing” aspect to it, and that details of any charities chosen must be submitted to the Grand Hospitaller and Grand Chancellor for approval before the cheques are issued by the Grand Treasurer. Commanders are to invite the local press and radio to any donations to ensure a photo opportunity.

**CONCLAVE REPORTS:** Each of the three Conclave Commanders gave brief reports of their activities and are included herein. Further copies of the reports or events can be found on the website.

**ICCO:** Chevalier Steven Turner updated the meeting about the International Confederation of Chivalric Orders (ICCO) which we agreed to join last year on a trial basis. It is still early days, so we will wait another year to see what developments there have been.

**FUND RAISING:** Steven Turner also talked about the benefits of “*easy fundraising*”, which enables people shopping or searching on the internet to have a small amount donated to their charitable cause and issued instructions as to how members can support this.

**WEB SITE & FACEBOOK PAGE:** The Grand Chancellor encouraged members to view our website and Facebook pages where up to date information can be found about events in the Order. He also thanked Helen Wilson for taking photos on the day, and it is hoped that these will be published on the website shortly.

## **THE DATE FOR THE 2019 INVESTITURE IS SATURDAY 11TH MAY**

### **Promotions**

*E Chev. Leslie Grout*

*Chev. Ken Shipman*

*Dame Penny Bell-Wright*

*E Dame Helen Neaves-Wilde*

*E Chev. Laurence Bell-Wright*

*Knight Grand Cross (GCSM)*

*Admitted as a Member (MSM)*

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*Officer (OSM)*

*Commander, St Thomas Beckett Conclave*

*Order of St. Mark*

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### **Presentations / Grand Officer Certificates**

*Dame Penny Bell-Wright*

*E Dame Helen Neaves-Wilde*

*Grand Custodian of Insignia*

*Grand Steward*

***Photographs of the event can be viewed in the Gallery on the website.***

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## **Grand Treasurer's Report May 2018**

The report presented reflects the position set out by my predecessor David Starritt as at 1 Jan 2018 and audited by Rhoda Ross at the end of January 2018. It reflects the accurate position as at the time. As the incoming Treasurer, however, I have to advise you on how I perceive the accounts in regard to our future as they show a continued deficit in 2017, following a similar loss in 2016.

As you will note the position at the end of 2016 showed a deficit of £524.66 and this was followed by a further deficit in 2017 of £760.53. The latter reflecting two aspects. Firstly, the transfer of £960 to the conclaves. Secondly, new costs of £558 for the website and newsletter.

Whichever way these figures are addressed, one obvious message remains, we are living beyond our means. For example, our income from subscriptions is £1,000 and yet we transfer £980 of this to the Conclaves at the same time as our assets are reducing. I understand the explanation given but it seems to be a strange way of transferring funds. Moreover, it raises the question as to why the Conclaves are not recovering subscriptions and raising their own funds.

Clearly there is a need to offset some of the administrative costs arising from the Grand Council of the Order, but the individual membership aspect and fund-raising activities should be controlled by the individual Conclave.

If we continue with this trend of expenditure, in 4 years' time we will run out of funds. I would advise that this aspect needs to be urgently addressed by the Grand Council. I'm also of the view that it would be prudent to increase subs by £5 and to review this on an annual basis. This would result in a modest increase of about £265 on our current membership, which would go some way to covering the central administrative costs. Whatever decision is taken, we must either find ways of increasing our income or cutting back on expenditure. We are existing on the earlier contributions made by those who are now life members - 14 in total, whilst the remaining 53 must fund the organisation through their subscriptions, aided by other donations.

I would suggest that the costs of running the Order must be separated from the support costs of the Conclaves or reliance on charitable donations. Membership subscriptions should rest with the Conclaves and part of this, an amount to be agreed, should be passed on to support the central administration of the Order, not the reverse way around. There should also be greater encouragement to grow the membership if the organisation is to become financially viable;

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen shillings and sixpence,  
result happiness.  
Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds and sixpence,  
result misery"

Charles Dickens.

**CHEVALIER BRIAN EVERETT, GRAND TREASURER**  
MBE, KSR, BA, FRAeS, FIMgt, FCIPS, MCIT, MSOE, MIRTE

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**To-date, we have three methods by which members can pay their oblation  
(subscription) for the current year.**

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- 1) **On-line** banking, Pay Order Bank Account – State your name on payment **(A.N. Other ~ Sub/2018)**
- 2) **Standing order** ~ ask me for an STO form and give it to your bank.
- 3) **OR** ~ Send a **Cheque** to the address detailed below

Brian Everett, MBE, 4 Mowden Hall Drive, Darlington, DL3 9BJ.

**& Cheques payable to:** "Order of Saint Raphael" ~ Sort Code:30-98-74 ~ Acct. No: 03007698

**Payment of 2018 subscriptions was due on 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible using one of the three above options.**

**Accounts of the  
Order of St Raphael  
2017**

	2016	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	1020.00	1000.00
Admission fees	50.00	125.00
Sales of regalia	358.00	354.50
Donations	435.81	264.20
Dining fees	1792.00	728.00
Interest	0.12	0.12
	<u>3655.93</u>	<u>2471.82</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
To Conclaves	190.00	980.00
Regalia	1376.89	608.32
Donations	700.00	127.00
Catering	1857.00	753.00
Bank charges	0.00	0.00
Postage, stationery	64.70	20.87
Website, newsletter		558.16
	<u>4188.59</u>	<u>3047.35</u>
 Drop in value of stock	 -8.00	 185.00
 Surplus (Deficit) for the period:	 -524.66	 -760.53

**Balance sheet as at 31st December**

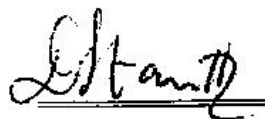
Balances as at 1st January	curr a/c	3313.51	2099.43
	dep a/c	202.19	202.31
	cash	0.00	0.00
regalia	float	48.57	33.87
almoner's	float	0.00	0.00
	assets	2509.80	3213.80
Add surplus (deficit) for year		<u>-524.66</u>	<u>-760.53</u>
		5549.41	4788.88

**Represented by:**

**Assets**

Insignia stock		2401.00	2216.00
Ceremonial cushions, sword, and gavel		62.00	62.00
Chains of office		750.80	810.80
Closing balances	curr a/c	2099.43	1312.93
at 31st December	dep a/c	202.31	202.43
	cash	0.00	0.00
regalia	float	33.87	134.72
almoner's	float		50.00
		<u>5549.41</u>	<u>4788.88</u>

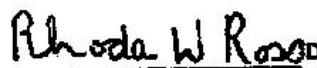
*I, the undersigned submit this statement of accounts as a true and accurate record of the accounts of the Order for the year ending 31st December, 2017*



David R. Starritt, K.C.S.R., G.C.S.M., Grand Treasurer

Dated: 27th January, 2018

**EXAMINERS REPORT:** *I have examined the books and vouchers of these accounts, and am satisfied that the above is a true record of the accounts and funds for the year ending 31st December, 2017*



Dame Rhoda W. Ross, D.S.R., Examiner of Books

Dated: 30th January, 2018

# Around the Conclaves - News & Events

## CONCLAVE OF MARTIN AT SEES

The Conclave Commander is E. Dame Pamela Robinson, DCSR, CSM

You can contact Helen at [csm@orderofstraphael.org.uk](mailto:csm@orderofstraphael.org.uk)



### ORDER OF ST RAPHAEL – CONCLAVE OF ST MARTIN AT SÉES COMMANDERS ANNUAL REPORT

1. On the 18th October 2017, the St Martin's at Sees Conclave received a letter of thanks from "We Grow", which is a social enterprise run by Autism Initiatives, a national charity with its head office in Sefton. Autism Initiatives supports people with autism and Asperger syndrome throughout their education, living and work. Our charitable donation of £310 enabled the charity to buy equipment for their garden nursery in Churchtown, Southport.
2. We are planning a visit to Burscough Priory where prayers will be offered prior to a meal at a local Eatery in Euxton.
3. An autumn or pre-Christmas visit to Chorley Market would be a seasonal treat followed by a visit to Botany Bay Shopping Centre. Alternatively, Afternoon Tea followed by a group visit to Ripon Minster for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.
4. In Spring 2019 we could consider a visit to Chetham's School of Music in Manchester or alternatively a visit to Samlesbury Hall; a beautiful Stately Home in Lancashire.

**E. Dame Pamela Robinson DCSR, CSM.**  
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## LION RAMPANT CONCLAVE

The Depute Commander is E Chevalier Ian R. Cameron,  
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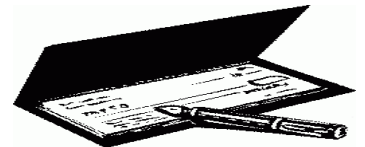
### **Lion rampant Conclave Commander's Report 2018**

Since last May,

We have held a meeting at the home of Chev. Ian Cameron, where we conducted some business and were treated to a fine spread,

We held our AGM in Inverurie, where we welcomed R.E. Chev. David Haywood, and he conducted a ceremony of admission and the conferring of knighthood on two new members,

We gathered at a local supermarket at Christmas and packed bags for customers, and raised about £500 for our Charity work,  
We then put on a fizzy tea afternoon thereby raising another £1000,



We visited the St James's Court run by the charity, Inspire, and gave them a donation of £500. We shall visit them again very soon to see how well they have used that money, and to decide if they shall continue to be the beneficiaries of our donations, and we are preparing for our next gathering which will take the form of a picnic. Despite two new members, our numbers remain small, and I find this somewhat concerning.

Yours in the bonds of the Order,      David Starritt      Commander

Since this report, David has stood down as Commander and has kindly agreed to take on the Office of Marshall, His driving force and attention to detail was the inevitable success in the founding of the Lion Rampant Conclave. I am sure that whoever takes on the Commanders role will have both the challenge of keeping up the profile of the Conclave and also the help and support of David in the background.

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE CONFIRMATION OF OUR REQUEST FOR A BAG PACKING SLOT AT CHRISTMAS 2018 FROM MORRISONS OF INVERURIE.



## **CONCLAVE OF ST THOMAS BECKET – MARTYR**

The Conclave Commander is **E. Chevalier Lawrence Bell-Wright**, KCSR, GCSM

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### **Report for Grand Council Meeting on 12th May 2018**

Since May last year the Conclave held their first Annual Dinner in September.

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.

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## In the Spotlight

### GRAND HERALD: CHEV. IAN R. CAMERON.

*I said I would attempt to bring new and interesting items and articles along with thought-provoking content to the Order of St. Raphael Newsletter.*

*If you feel that there is some aspect of your Conclave that helps promote the Order or have some ideas on this newsletter and its format, please contact myself in the first instance, either by Telephone or e-mail and I will be more than happy to discuss and review your comments or suggestions.*

*I personally do quite a bit of Landscaping at our Converted Farm Steading including Dry Stone Walling, Fencing and also restoration of Horticultural Machinery so, I thought the following pictures would be of some interest.*



*Work in Progress*



*Not so much progress*

*This year I was fortunate to attend this Luncheon along with Sabina ( My Wife ) and it was very enlightening on the First aid treatment in both the Boer War & WW1*



# The Northern Light

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## Priory Luncheon

The seventh Priory of Scotland luncheon was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Aberdeenshire Cricket Club. The event was organised by Dame Commander Beverley Graham who arranged for Mr Tom Scotland to speak about his book "The Life and Achievements of Henry Gray". Tom, a retired orthopaedic surgeon is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, a war historian and expert in military surgery.

The subject of Tom's presentation was Aberdonian Sir Henry Gray, widely regarded as the best "hands on" military surgeon of his generation. Gray made vital contributions to the treatment of wounded soldiers during the First World War pioneering the operation of wound excision, a procedure based on systematic removal of all devitalised and contaminated tissue, leaving only healthy bleeding tissue behind. Gray is little known in his native city and Tom hopes to alter grand Prior that through his book and his wonderful presentation.

There was a great turnout for the luncheon, with guests and members of the Aberdeen Burns Club and the Order of St Raphael also present.

The Doric Grace was provided by our good friend Charles Sherriffs. After luncheon, Tom provided a fascinating insight into the life of Henry Gray and his remarkable work during the First World War. Afterwards Tom managed to sell quite a number of his books.

Lorraine Mudie, another good friend of the Priory, gave a recitation in Doric of the humorous poem "Flechy Eck".

Members donated many raffle prizes as a result of which, with profit from ticket sales, a total of £417.00 was raised for our 2018 charity appeal.



*Dame Commander Beverley Graham  
and Guest Speaker Mr Tom Scotland*



## INSIGNIA

Dame Penny Bell-Wright reminds members that a variety of gifts and insignia are in stock, and that orders are now being taken. The price list appears below, and pictures of the various items appear on the website. Penny can be contacted on 0208 7154206 or at penny\_b\_w@yahoo.co.uk

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## Regalia

|                                      |        |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Breast Star                          |        | £40.00                   |
| Collarette & Jewel                   | (KSR)  | £34.00                   |
| Bow & Jewel                          | (Dame) | £38.00                   |
| Collarette                           | (KSR)  | £10.00                   |
| Collarette                           | (KCSR) | £18.00                   |
| Collarette & Jewel                   | (KCSR) | £40.00                   |
| Bow only                             | (DCSR) | £20.00                   |
| Miniature Jewel (Mark & Raphael)     |        | £18.00 (Ladies bow also) |
| St Mark Breast Medal                 |        | £20.00                   |
| Rosette with flashes (Silver)        |        | £ 2.00                   |
| Mantle Cross                         |        | £20.00                   |
| Mantle (Direct order from suppliers) |        | £117.50 Inc. VAT         |

## Miscellaneous

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Cuff links       | £15.00 |
| Lapel Pins       | £ 3.50 |
| Tie of the Order | £16.00 |
| Paper weight     | £15.00 |

Prices are as of 2016 and subject to change as stock is replenished, so please **check** with Dame Penny before placing any orders.

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The Newsletter Editor is Grand Chancellor R.E. Chev. David Haywood

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Rt Rev'd Dr Geoffrey S Robinson CJ MA PhD ThD DMin DD, Grand Prior

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In our thoughts and Prayers:

**SICK:**

Beryl Anderton ~ Paul Shaw ~ Sheila Hogarth ~ Ruth Barr ~ Kathleen Roberts ~ Lesley Fudge ~  
Thelma Thompson ~ Marlene Addy ~ Tania Walker ~ Lidia Flemming ~ Paul Sheridan ~ Roy  
Howard ~ Albert Jones ~ Charlotte Park ~ Nicole Vendettuoli ~ Ivor MacFarlane ~ Shaun  
Humphries ~ Lucy Riding ~ Veronica Hawcroft ~ Amelia Radomski ~ Mary Flannigan ~ John &  
Mary Howard ~ Ida Simpson ~ Clarice Shaw ~ Julie Stelling ~ Diane Beresford ~ Tony Kirby ~  
Delia Serman ~ Sally Hayes ~ Nick Brooks ~ Bishop Gerard & Pam Crane ~ Ruth Moody &  
family ~ Brigitte & Brian Duffett ~ Norman Dutton, Archbishop ~ Keith & Joan Warren ~ Jean ~  
Maureen Bohanna ~ Eileen Duffy ~ Antonia ~ Carole Armistead ~ Charlotte Collins ~ John  
Langham ~ Anne-Marie Solley ~ Marjorie Hooley ~ Yvonne Doyle ~ Pamela Masih (pronounced  
- Massey) ~ Harry Shaw ~ Ray Pope ~ Derrick Hawkins ~ Doreen Morgan ~ Ian Weatherall ~  
Lilian King ~ Benedicta Bocaoco ~ Magdi Abdel Sayed ~ Luish Sao ~ Mary Park ~ Helen Neaves-  
Wilde ~ Fr Vernon Sexton ~ Deacon Matthew ~ Rodrigo Miranda ~ Roy Grainger ~ Grace  
Haywood ~ Edgar Bottomley ~ Norman Offield

**RIP:**

Irene Haggart 13.6.2018 ~ Margaret V Heald 6.6.2018 ~ James Calder 8.6.2018 ~ Helen Myra  
Leach 22.6.2018