



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.

Dear Knights & Dames,

I apologise that the newsletter is a little later than planned due to unforeseen circumstances.

The last AGM, although not very well attended was very successful as we welcomed into our Order four new candidates and there are more on the horizon. The fact that the AGM was not well attended is the primary subject of this introduction.

In the very near future, our Grand Chancellor will be circulating a short questionnaire. It will ask what you want to see from your Order, how would you increase membership and retain them in your Conclaves and what could the Conclaves do to enthuse their members? I have said before that no suggestion will be dismissed out of hand. Our Order attracts the type of person who is usually in several such organisations and the balance is to be able to support them all. Primarily we are not a charity focussed Order as some are. Rather our focus is more spiritual and focussed on healing. The charitable efforts are a good way of getting our name into the wide world but is not the be all and end all.

It has been suggested recently that small local groups could get together, possibly in private homes, to practice and/or discuss their favoured form of healing and I am all in favour of this as long as it stays with the bounds of our Christian ethic. It also has the effect of groups socialising to maintain their interest.

When the questionnaire is circulated, please return it with your thoughts and proposals.

The recent High Council agreed in principle to a couple of significant changes, namely a graduated "Order of Merit" type of jewel and the ability for me to bestow "Life" membership on deserving members. The latter is enacted immediately but the former is going to need a little more work. You will all be kept informed once the details are ironed out.

Have a lovely warm and safe summer.

Yours in the bonds etc.

Julian

ANNUAL INVESTITURE MEETING 2019

This year's meeting again took place at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough on 11th May. The Grand Master opened the meeting and the Grand Chancellor read out the apologies from Christopher Ansell, Ralph Apperley, Alan Blackstone, Andrew Charalambous, Mary Dalton, Lawrence Day, Trevor Harrison, Brian Keane, Simon McIlwaine, Melanie McLellan, Ross McLellan, Helen Neaves-Wilde, Colin Palmer, Vivian Palmer, Fiona Pestell, Richard Scott, Moira Scott, Elaine Starritt, David Starritt, Michael Stephen, Laura Tough, Ian Tough, Steven Turner, Barry Uttley, Dianne Uttley, Jeannie Wackett, Gordon Wackett and John Warham.

We were delighted to have four postulants this year, all introduced by Dame Helen Wilson, and so we welcome into the Order Antonella Honegger, Lawrence Malpas, Fabrice Magini and Andrew Stenson.

E Chevalier Leslie Grout was promoted in the Order to Knight Grand Cross and made a member of the High Council, and Dame Penny Bell-Wright promoted to the rank of Dame Commander. In the Meritorious Order of St Mark, Most Rev'd Geoffrey Robinson was elevated to Knight Grand Cross, E Dame Pamela Robinson to Dame, and R.E. Chevalier David Gibb and Chevalier Brian Everett were admitted at the rank of Member. We congratulate them all on their awards and thank them for their continued good work.

Following the service, the usual convivial meal took place, attended by only 23 members and guests.

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



- The GM welcomed our four new candidates and informed the meeting that several more are in the pipeline for next year, which is wonderful news, and thanked every member of the Order



for their contributions. He thanked the GC and GP for their work in updating the Ritual and the Constitution. He encouraged Commanders to plan ahead and to ensure that details of events are circulated by the GC and Grand Herald. He finished by thanking the new Grand Steward, Helen Wilson, for her work in organising this year's meeting and lunch.

- The Grand Chancellor gave a brief report on membership, and confirmed that this is broken down as follows:

	St Martin at Sées	St Thomas Becket	Lion Rampant	Not attached
Active member	16	21	10	2
Life member		10	1	4
Junior member			2	
TOTAL	16	31	13	6

- The Grand Chancellor had announced last year that the Order was required to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations, and responses had now been received from all but two Active members, and five Life members, who have all been sent several reminders. If no forms have been received by the end of June, then these members will no longer receive communications of any sort from the Order, and will effectively become non-members, as they will not be aware of any of the Order's activities.
- The GC proposed some changes to the Constitution. First a new award of Medals of Merit, in three stages of Bronze, Silver and Gold. This would give us an extra layer of awards to honour long serving members of the Order who have already attained the highest rank in our two Orders. We are working on a medal and ribbon for this with minimal cost. **THIS WAS APPROVED.** The second proposal was for a St Mark neck decoration for those who are Knight Grand Cross in both Orders, as these members currently have no neck decoration. The GM suggested a red collarette with gold edging could be easily obtained. **APPROVED.** Finally, it was suggested that the GM be given the power to make a longstanding member of the Order a Life Member, free of oblations, at his discretion in the event of either infirmity or financial circumstances. This would not be announced to anybody other than the member concerned. **APPROVED**
- At last year's meeting it had been suggested that the Annual Service of Thanksgiving be moved around the Conclaves to try and encourage attendance. All three Conclaves have been given the opportunity, but availability of venues, costs of travel and accommodation and poor support have meant that this idea has been put aside for the time being. We will,

however, hold another service at Rugeley this year, and the GP has reserved the Cathedral for Saturday 3rd August. It is hoped that moving to the summer months may encourage more members to attend, and we also have the added benefit of a short talk on Healing by Dame Helen Wilson before lunch. Details to follow soon.

- The Grand Treasurer circulated a copy of the accounts to 31st December 2017 which had been presented to him, which showed a surplus for the year of £412, and he recommended that this amount be distributed to the Conclaves towards their Charitable causes. **THIS WAS APPROVED.** The accounts had been independently examined by Chevalier David Gibb. The full accounts can be seen on the website.
- Each of the three Conclave Commanders gave brief reports of their activities, and copies of the reports or events can be found on the website.
- 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 9th May. It has since been announced that the May Day Bank Holiday is being moved to Friday 8th May because of national VE Day celebrations. Please book the date into your diary early and be aware that hotel bookings may need to be made earlier than usual.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2019

Unlike last year's report, which reflected the losses over the previous two years, there has been no significant costs arising from the website and newsletter or other commitments.

I am therefore pleased to report that the Order is in a sound financial position as at the end of the Financial Year 2018, and that the accounts show an improvement of £412 over the opening balance. As the accounts reflect a more stable position I would recommend that the surplus

accrued should be passed to the Conclaves for redistribution to charitable causes.

Nevertheless, there is still need for caution. We should bear in mind the recommendations that I made at last year's AGM, that oblations should be regularly reviewed to ensure that they reflect increasing costs and commitments of the Order.

Brian D Everett, Grand Treasurer

There are three methods by which members can pay their oblation (subscription):

- 1) **On-line** banking, Pay Order Bank Account – State your name as ref **(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 St Raphael" ~ Sort Code: 30-98-74 ~ Acct. No: 03007698

Payment of 2019 subscriptions was due on 1st June. If you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible using one of the three above options.

Order of St Raphael Accounts 2018

Balance Sheet 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

<u>Balances at start of year</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Lloyds Current Account Balance	2099.43	1312.93
Lloyds Deposit Account Balance	202.31	202.43
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
Total Chapter Funds	<u>£2301.74</u>	<u>£1515.24</u>

<u>Income</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Subscriptions	1000.00	930.00
Admissions	125.00	0.00
Dining Fees	728.00	756.00
Raffle/donations	264.20	263.08
Bank Interest	0.12	0.12
Sales of regalia	354.50	18.00
Bank contra entry	0.00	563.00
Total income for the year	<u>£2471.82</u>	<u>£2530.20</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Conclaves/Refunds	980.00	597.00**
Catering	753.00	728.00
Hall Rental	0.00	25.00
Donations	127.00	0.00
Refund	0.00	28.00
Expenses/purchases	20.87	176.62
Bank contra entry	0.00	563.00
Website, newsletter	558.16	0.00
Regalia	608.32	0.00
Total expenditure for the year	<u>£3047.35</u>	<u>£2117.62</u>

<u>Balances at end of year</u>	<u>1 Jan 2018</u>	<u>1 Jan 2019</u>
Lloyds Current Account Balance	1312.93	2193.31
Lloyds Deposit Account	202.43	202.51
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00
	<u>£1515.24</u>	<u>£ 2395.82</u>

**Less uncleared cheques 244, 245, 246 468.00

£ 1927.82

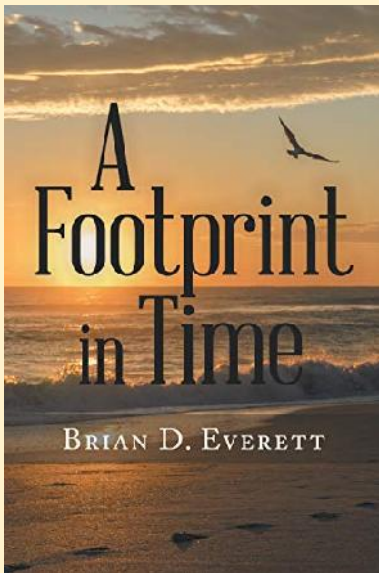


Brian Everett (Treasurer)

1st January 2019

The Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018 have been audited and found correct.

David Gibb (Auditor)



Our Grand Treasurer, Brian Everett, has written a book, the synopsis of which appears below. It is available from Amazon and other usual sources, but he is offering members of the Order a special signed copy for £10 paperback and £15 hardback. Please contact Brian direct if you would like a copy - gt@orderofstraphael.org.uk

This is an encapsulation of one person's travel through time, not necessarily meaningful in its portrayal or its outcomes but in its own small way leaving an imprint in the sands of time. It is a personal record of one who has lived through and, in some small way, participated in a few of the events that have shaped our history. It also encapsulates events that embrace family, friends, and acquaintances. At the same time, it touches on those events and locations that have also had both major and minor impacts on the world stage, in an age in which we have witnessed incredible changes in technology across a wide area of human endeavours. Developments that have seen man leave his own environment for the first time to venture into the space that lies beyond—something that our predecessors could never have dreamed possible. Changes that have also brought economic and social improvements and yet have not resolved the issues of human conflict or our responsibilities as custodians of the planet.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

All members of the Order were asked to complete a form to enable the Order to comply with the latest Regulations.

We are pleased to report that the vast majority of members have now sent in their forms, but there are just TWO members who have yet to do so.

If you are reading this and you have not yet returned your form, please be aware that after this newsletter you will not receive any further communications from the Order or from your Conclave, so you will not be aware of what the Order is doing, or what events are taking place. Could we therefore please ask you to return the completed form to the Grand Chancellor before the end of June so we can retain your valuable services.

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

COMMANDERS ANNUAL REPORT

I. A Charitable donation in 2018 was given to 'We Grow', a charity serving young people with autism. A cheque for c.£350 was presented and used for purchasing gardening equipment.

The charity is one with little admin costs. The cheque was presented at Homesands House in Southport.

2. Outings - Summer 2018. The proposed outing had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers and members prior engagements.

Winter 2018 - The Nine Lessons and Carols at Ripon Minster followed by a meal at 'Prima' was a success.

3. This year, cheques have been received from the Treasurer and banked accordingly. Charitable donations are being considered for this year.

4. All members of the Conclave have been circulated with details of both the Summer and Winter outings. Summer visit to Liverpool Albert Docks / Cathedrals (June 2019). Winter visit to Ripon Minster for Nine Lessons and Carols followed by a meal at Prima Restaurant.

Thanks for your help.

LION RAMPANT CONCLAVE

The Commander is E Chevalier Ian R. Cameron,

You can contact Ian at clr@orderofstraphael.org.uk



COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Commandery AGM took place on 16th September with nine members present, and we were able to release the sum of £1500 to St James Court as previously reported.

We are pleased to say that our Bag Pack Fund Raiser was a success with a total sum of £453.00 being raised on Monday 17th December. The funds are intended for a Defibrillator Unit to be positioned outside the Inverurie Masonic Lodge for access by the General Public. We also intend using some of the Funds towards a donation for Clic Sargent (Children with Cancer Care). At present the split is 25% towards Clic Sargent at £113 and the remainder at 75% to the Defibrillator at £340.

However, we hope to increase these amounts from our own funds and possibly other sources and will update you accordingly.

The Conclave meeting and BBQ is to be held at 1pm on 30th June at the home of Richard and Moira Scott. All are welcome to attend but please advise Elaine Starritt if you are coming. Our AGM will be held in Inverurie on 22nd September when the Grand Master will be in attendance.

Finally, we regret to announce the loss of one of our founder members, Ian Ross, who sadly passed away in January. RIP Ian.

CONCLAVE OF ST THOMAS BECKET – MARTYR

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

You can contact Lawrence at ctb@orderofstraphael.org.uk or telephone: 0208 7154206

COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT

On 22nd September we held a get together at the Civil Service Club. Although only a small group attended, the event was a success, but unfortunately it was not possible to arrange a very full list of events.

On 13th October Penny attended the Annual Service at Rugeley. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. I am told that several members of the conclave were also present.

On 19th October we went on a tour of Windsor Castle led by Leslie Grout which was excellent. We then adjourned to a local pub which was recommended by Leslie, which was comfortable with a most enjoyable meal. There were only a few of us, but we all agreed that the day was very successful, and all agreed we would on another tour so very well organised by Leslie.

Our congratulations go to my predecessor Lawrence Day, who got married last weekend and is on his Honeymoon this weekend.

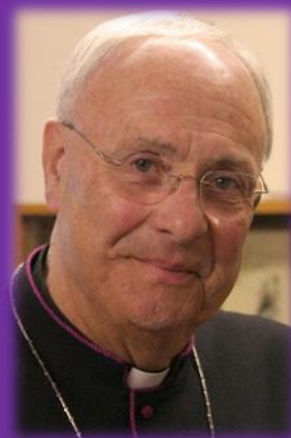
FROM THE PRIOR'S DESK

There was a time when I used to help a friend of mine surveying and restoring milestones in the countryside. For someone like me with an interested in history, it is a hobby or past-time which links me to our country's historical past more than you might think.

On one such occasion, we set off and picked up the road from Barrowford to Gisburn. Along that road we passed a Toll House, numerous milestones and even some Eighteenth Century boundary stones. I suppose with just a little imagination of times past, we may even be able to visualise farmers using the same route to take their animals to market in Gisburn, and fleeces for processing down to the Mills in Colne.

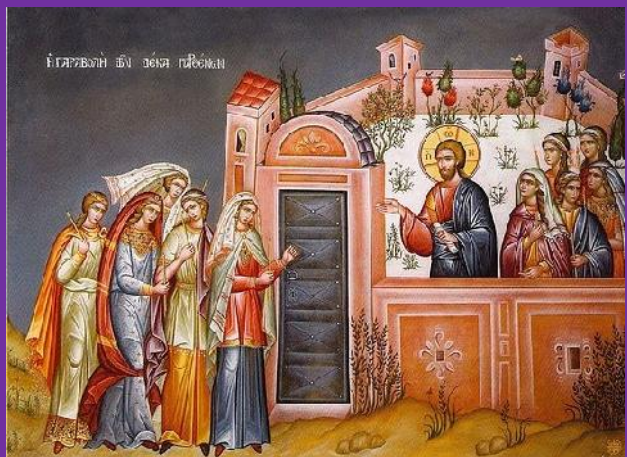
I have to confess that for me the highlight of those days was enjoying very pleasant lunches in some of the local hostelries. Occasionally though, we came across a damaged milestone, and had to make a decision - should we simply record the damage and move on, or should we try some remedial treatment.

Well, more often than not we decided to repair it; and so the salvage process began. Into the back of the car the damaged milestone went for transportation to Leyland, where all the preparation work for its eventual restoration would be undertaken.



Preparation is an important process in many areas of our lives; for example, think of the hours we may have spent preparing to pass examinations, or even the preparation work in renovating a house, in order to make it into a home. Yes, preparation is a very important ingredient in all our lives.

I wonder if anyone knows the Bible story called “The Parable of the Ten Virgins”, where we can read: *“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The*



bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ““No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to

those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Jesus told this story to his disciples – and it is a very important lesson for each one of us today; who should also spend time in preparation.

How often have we heard people say: *‘O we didn’t go to church last Sunday, we were on holiday’*. Or saying: *‘I go to church when I can, because I have such a busy life’*. And all too often these days we hear: *‘O I don’t go to church; I can’t be bothered with all that’*.

Quite frankly, the choice is our; but if we are like the foolish bridesmaids and please ourselves in this life, we run the risk of the heavenly doors being locked against us at the time of our death. So, let us take to heart the teaching contained in the parable of the *‘Wise and Foolish Virgins, and as Sacred Scripture says: ‘Stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour’*.

I don’t know about you, but whilst there is still time, I would prefer to prepare for what lies ahead: How about you?

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

Members of the Order are encouraged to purchase and wear the items of insignia appropriate to their rank but this is not mandatory.

Regalia

Breast Star (Silver or gold {GCSR})	£20.00
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
Pocket torch	£3.00
Order ballpoint pen	£1.00

Prices are as of 2019 and subject to change as stock is replenished, so please check with Dame Penny before placing any orders.

CONTENT FOR NEWSLETTERS

Is there anything that you would like to see in the newsletter? Have you held events and could send in reports or photos to share with other members?

Please contact the Grand Chancellor (details below) with any ideas.

At the Annual Meeting, the Grand Master announced his Officers for the forthcoming year, which are as follows:

Grand Officer post held	Title	Forename	Surname
Grand Prior	R.E. Most Rev'd	Geoffrey	Robinson
Grand Chancellor	R.E. The Chevalier	David	Haywood
Grand Marshal	R.E. The Chevalier	David	Gibb
Grand Treasurer	Chevalier	Brian	Everett
Grand Hospitaller	R.E. The Chevalier	Ian	Tough
Grand Almoner	Dame	Helen	Neaves-Wilde
Grand Registrar	R.E. The Chevalier	David	Starritt
Grand Herald	Chevalier	Ian	Cameron
Grand Lecturer	R.E. The Chevalier	Leslie	Grout
Grand Director of Music	Chevalier	Clive	Warham
Grand Steward	Dame	Helen	Wilson
Grand Custodian of Insignia	E. Dame	Penny	Bell-Wright
Grand Deputy Marshal	Chevalier	Simon	McIlwaine
Grand Sword Bearer	Chevalier	Mike	Boxall
Grand Cross Bearer	E Dame	Pamela	Robinson
Grand Banner Bearer	Dame	Dianne	Uttley
Captain of the Guard	E The Chevalier	Steven	Turner

The three Conclave each appoint their own officers.

In the survey sent to members, we have asked if you would like to be considered for any of the Grand Officer posts. If you require further details of what is involved, please visit the website where you can find job descriptions.

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