



ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2022-JUNE 2023.



**Supporting educational
programmes**



**Delivering medical
and humanitarian aid**



**Working with
services charities**



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FORWARD FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Members and Friends,

May I respectfully introduce you to the International Knightly Order Valiant of St George's Annual Report for the year June 2022 to June 2023.

I hope that you will find it informative and interesting.

The many contributions herein reflect the wonderful and very useful contributions that our Order makes to communities and proves how a modest charitable organisation can deliver so much good both nationally and internationally to so many of our fellow human beings.

I think you will agree that our contributions are truly impressive.

This report forms part of a complex and innovative management initiative which purpose is to set the Order in good stead for a growing membership which reflects our Magisterium Officium's vision target of 1000 members by 2030.

The initiative is based on three principle themes as follows:

Definition

- Who and what we are and how we do it
- How we are accountable and to whom
- Always monitoring and reviewing all that we do

Growth

- Working to a well-constructed plan nationally and internationally
- Great Communication externally and internally
- Transparency and Inclusiveness

Attractiveness

- Ensuring our Order is first choice for those wanting to join a Chilvaric Order

A short report from the Trustees along with a supporting publication of the Annual Accounts for the year are also included which I hope will prove useful to you.

I do hope you enjoy reading this report and please do let me know any comments you may have.

Yours Under the Banner of St George,
Roger

Chev. Roger D'Elia GCStG MMStG
Grand Secretary General
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Chev. Roger D'Elia, left,
with Chev. Alex Shypka,
from Ukraine.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As Chairman of the Charity trust, I have been impressed with the fundraising activities of the Order of St George over the past year.

The Order works with the Charity Trust to raise funds in line with the strategic fundraising objectives of the Trust, and the trustees have been satisfied that proper accounting has been evidenced, in particular that any expenses are modest and fully vouched.

We have maintained proper oversight of the collection of funds thus raised and ensured they have not been used for the general administration of the Order, which is funded by the subscriptions of its members.

In addition, the Order has seen fit to make donations to the trust to support our work in the UK and overseas. This year has seen a big push to assist with Ukrainian relief and the opportunity to earn a Relief Medal.

The Trustees will work with the Order to build up the fundraising work of the Order in the UK in 2024, so that existing commitments, such as our affiliated Regimental Welfare needs and RHC are honoured, and funding of relief in Ukraine expanded.

I am confident that our charitable profile will be enhanced greatly in the following year, as there are plans afoot to make substantial contributions to the Ukraine appeal and also improve our giving to the Coptic Church.

Chev. Simon McIlwaine GCStG KMStG Grand Prior Emeritus and Chairman of the Charitable Trust



GRAND PRIOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Order's annual report, covering the period 30 June 2022-30 June 2023. In this report, we aim to detail the progress of the Order over the year in question. This is a new initiative, and I should like to start by thanking Chevalier Roger D'Elia, our Grand Secretary, for taking on the not inconsiderable task of compiling the report.

Internationally, the year has of course been dominated by Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis that this has caused. The Order has been able to re-direct much of our humanitarian aid to the region, including helping child refugees who fled across the border into Moldova, and, through the amazing work of our Americas Grand Priory, in supplying medical relief. This work is ongoing. We have plans in train to support children suffering from PTSD, and you can expect to hear more on that in coming months.

In the UK, we have continued with our support of 3rd Bt Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the Order of St. George's affiliated regiment and with our Platinum membership of the Royal Chelsea Hospital. Now more than ever we salute the sacrifices made by our armed forces personnel on our behalf.

Our Order continues to grow, and we held two investitures during the year, at which we were able to formally welcome some of the excellent new arrivals to our Order.

Our continued progress could not be achieved without the tremendous dedication of my Grand Council, who voluntarily give so much of their time to the Order. It is thanks to them, and to you, our members and supporters worldwide, that your Order continues to grow and prosper in the service of others.

Yours Under the Banner of St George,
Stuart

Chev. Stuart A Notholt GCSStG
UK Grand Prior



Chev. Stuart Notholt.
Magisterium Officium of the
Order and UK Grand Prior.



REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND PRIOR MEMBERSHIP, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

1. Membership

During the period there were 58 new applications to join the Order. Out of these, 32 nominations were by the following members:-

- The Grand Prior Emeritus
- Chevalier Dennis Stinchcombe MBE
- Chevalier Doug Bainbridge
- Chevalier Tim McNally
- Omer Kokou-Tchri (NB Omer was promoted to Chevalier later in 2023)
- Chevalier Gerrit Rademeyer

Two applicants were removed from the application process due to false and/or misleading information having been submitted with their petitions.

Of the remaining 56, 22 were from outside the UK.

After gazetting, 37 replied correctly using the membership reply form on being offered membership; which enables the Director of Membership to monitor any updates the new member wishes to add, acceptances and payment methods. Fortunately, the Google process enables all those who have accepted membership and paid their dues to be monitored and this entered onto the membership list for the Grand Registrar to process.

Of the 56 who went through gazetting successfully, 4 did not complete final acceptances and were removed from the process.

1.1 What works well:-

- a) The on-line application process – it avoids most errors and is GDPR secure.
- b) Gazetting – as it gives approximately a month for the applicant and the Order to decide if membership is appropriate and any rank to be offered above Officer
- c) Nominations – It is based on trust and has not been abused.

1.2 Even better if:

- a) Payment of the oblation, administrative of passage fee is confirmed as having been received at the time the new member enters details onto the on-line form. The new Corporate Relationship Management (CRM) system will alleviate this risk.
- b) Removal of the hand written or printed form. Delays to some nominations are caused because the nominator does not use the on-line form but the handwritten form. This



Chev. Keith Homewood,
Deputy Grand Prior,
Membership, Protocols and



causes delays as not all the information required is submitted or the form is poorly completed, difficult to read (if hand written) or inaccurate – for example email address or postal address.

c) The on-line form to provide guidance in regard to a person's religion or not. It would be better if guidance was given such as, 'if you do not have a religion, please complete by stating N/A'.

2. Protocols and Procedures

The following protocols and procedures were written or amended during this period.

- a) Medals and Honours Protocol – amended.
- b) Regalia Protocol – amended
- c) Sword Blessing Protocol – written and approved.

Policies written or amended during this period.

- a) Membership Policy - written
- b) Code of Conduct Policy – written
- c) Speaking up Policy - written
- d) Complaints Policy - written
- e) Policy for the use of the Order's Crests and Logo – written
- f) Squires and Demoiselle Policy – amended.
- g) The Order's Safeguarding Policy – written

To help the Trustees of the Charitable Trust, the following policy was written.

- a) Fundraising Policy of the Charitable Trust.

2.1 What works well:

- a) The support of the Grand Secretary General and the establishment of EIAs for each policy, protocol or procedure and the establishment of a risk register for each.

2.2 Even better if:

- a) The Order had a more comprehensive list of in-date policies that will guide and support its work.
- b) Consistency in the application of policies at all times by all members of the Order.

Chev. Keith G Homewood GCStG MMStG
Deputy Grand Prior, Membership, Protocols and
Procedures.



THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the Office of the Grand Chancellor.

The role of the Office of Grand Chancellor is of a multi-faceted nature.

It covers the responsibilities that surround the well running of the Order and in particular enabling others to meaningfully contribute to improving and managing the Order.

Equally, as part of the Grand Magistracy of the Order, the Grand Chancellor's responsibilities are key to informing the overall governance of the Order.



Chev. Mark Haley, Grand Chancellor

The Grand Chancellor works very closely with the Grand Prior of the Order and is fully authorised to act as the pro Grand Prior and as pro Magistrum Officium on occasions of absence.

The current Grand Chancellor also holds the office of a Deputy Grand Prior of the Order, as well as being a Trustee of the associated Charitable Trust.

Equally, the Grand Chancellor is front facing to many developments, partnerships and associations and affiliations that evolve as the Order continues to grow.

The role is and should be seen as the enabler for members to flourish in the Order and to support them in the delivery of their responsibilities.

A key element of this responsibility is to recognise talent and to bring out members' strengths for the good of the Order.

Other responsibilities given to the role of Grand Chancellor are to act as the Data Controller for the Order, ensure that Investiture events are successful and to ensure that all patents, certificates and brevets are produced to the highest standard and properly presented to recipients.

From my perspective this reportable year has seen a growth in membership, the establishment of the London Commandery and the Icení Encampment along with the establishment of cells in Italy and South Africa.

I would like to thank all those involved in this growth and exciting developments.

Our Investiture was held in May '23 at St George the Martyr in Southwark and I am pleased to report that the event was truly memorable, particularly with our VIP guest, the late Bishop Karwei delivering a superb Sermon.

The dining arrangements were very good and the members were treated to a superb luncheon.



Another facet of work that is currently underway is the development of a completely electronic management and accounting system for our Order. We have started with populating the system with subscription status and membership profiles. We are calling this Stage One and it is anticipated that the 'go live date' will be January '24

As Grand Chancellor, I was pleased to attend a meeting with the Lord Bishop of Southwark to seek opportunity for developing working partnerships within the Diocese of Southwark.

I can also report that arrangements for our Septcentenary celebrations in 2026 are underway and I hope to have more information for you in due course.

The year has been busy - we have had to move all our corporate email services to a new provider - and I arranged for this to be done with Microsoft - who have generously provided their services free to us on community charity terms. We have been trialling and developing and are introducing a major upgrade to our Corporate Resource Management tool (CRM - which Chevalier Chris Houghton is delivering on). This will enable us to bill electronically for events and manage membership with greater efficiency and accuracy.

As a Trustee, I am delighted in the developments to improve our charitable profile are progressing and I feel that with our global charitable work, growth and visibility as an Order of worth and note is becoming evident.

Finally, I am very confident that whilst we as an Order remain on this work trajectory, the aspirations of our Magisterium Officium for a global membership by 2030 is truly becoming a reality.

I would like to thank all the members of the Grand Council for all their hard work, as without them, my own responsibilities would be overwhelming.

Mark

Chev. Mark Haley GCStG KMStG
Grand Chancellor



REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Although this report is for the above period, it being the first of such reports, I feel it necessary to explain the setup of the finances. The UK Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George, referred to as the Order of St George, is effectively two organisations, one a Membership organisation, the other a registered Charitable Trust.

The income of the membership body comes derived from fees of varying amounts depending on the level at which a member joins or any subsequent promotions. There is also income from sales of Regalia, Ties, Badges and other branded items, plus income from lunches and dinners etc. 99% the income is from members. The expenditure relates to the purchase of Regalia, and sales items, the costs associated with organising events, including the hiring of Cathedrals and Churches. There are no restrictions on how the funds are used other than it should be for the benefit of the members, from time to time surplus funds are transferred to the Charitable Trust.



Chev. Steven Turner

The Charitable Trust is run by a Board of Trustees who are all members of the Order, the Charitable Trust occasionally receives donations from individuals or groups who are not part of the general membership, but roughly 95% of all income is derived from members, donations, collections, raffles and profits from events, also from time to time specific appeals.

For many years we have supported the Royal Hospital at Chelsea (the Chelsea Pensioners), The Cathedral of Saint George, HQ of the UK Coptic Orthodox Church in Stevenage, the 3rd Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, 3PWRR and this year is no exception,

We launched the Order of St George Ukraine Emergency Appeal, primarily supporting relief work in Moldova, where there are already over 100,000 Ukrainian refugees. The appeal supported the work of ChildAid, a Christian charity with a long track record of working in Moldova, Ukraine, and throughout the region.

In association with the American Grand Priory we also instituted a Tanzanian Scholarship Scheme.

Funds allocated to the Charity account may only be used for Charitable purposes and cannot be transferred to General Funds.

Chev. Steven Turner GCStG MMStG
Grand Treasurer



ORDER OF ST GEORGE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
for the year 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	22/23	EXPENDITURE	22/23
Oblations etc	£12,863.00	Regalia S Campbell	£5,200.00
Regalia & Sales	£1,549.10	Post & Packing	£978.10
Banquets	£4,830.00	RSSG	£100.00
Church Fees	£180.00	BM Address Fees	£46.90
Governors Club	£1,520.00	Catering	£6,048.70
		Lapel Badges	£460.80
		Regalia & Goods	£3,400.09
		Governors Club Breast Stars	£232.31
		PayPal Charges	£318.55
		Church Hire	£1,627.00
Excess Expenditure	-----	Excess Income	£2,529.65
	£20,942.10		-----
	*****		£20,942.10

RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT

Balance B/F 1/7/22	£3,704.45	Excess Expenditure	
Excess Income	£2,529.65	Balance C/F 30/6/23	£6,234.10

CHARITY TRUST ACCOUNT

INCOME	22/23	EXPENDITURE	22/23
General Donations	£2,595.06	Royal Hospital Chelsea	£1,750.00
Tanzanian Scholarship Fund	£50.00	London 2 NE Army Cadets	£700.00
Ukraine Appeal	£475.00	3PWRR	£1,000.00
		2PWRR	£200.00
Excess Expenditure	£529.94	Excess Income	
	-----		-----
	£3,650.00		£3,650.00
	*****		*****

RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT

Balance B/F 1/7/22	£2,186.53	Excess Expenditure	£529.94
Excess Income		Balance C/F 30/6/23	£1,656.59



OUR HOSPITALLER WORK

The key Charitable facets contained within our Constitutional Statutes are:

1(d) Supporting, praying for and assisting the needy and such worthy causes as may be selected by the Grand Priory from time to time and are consistent with the Trust referred to in paragraph 1(infra) throughout the world.

1(e) the promotion of the welfare of serving and former members of His Majesty's Armed Forces and serving or former members of His Majesty's Police Forces in the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand and His Majesty's other Dependencies, Overseas Territories and Realms.

1(f) Promoting the welfare of serving and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Our key charitable focus in the UK is currently:

- Association and charitable giving and support to the 3BtPWRR.
- Platinum Membership of the Friends of the Royal Hospital Chelsea (RHC.)
- Direct support to Chelsea Pensioners in the Margaret Thatcher Infirmary at the (RHC).
- The Order's Ukraine Appeal and Initiative.
- Support of Cadet Forces in the United Kingdom.
- Supporting young women in Tanzania by offering educational bursaries leading to employment opportunities.

More generally, we aim to demonstrate beneficial outcomes for all recipients of the Order's charitable giving, raising the profile of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St George and the associated Charitable Trust as a caring and trusted charitable body, recognised across our international profile.



ICENI ENCAMPMENT

The Iceni Encampment was established in July 2022 after the previous year's growth as a smaller Hertfordshire centric cell under the leadership of Chev Doug Bainbridge KCStG. Our members are drawn from many areas of the region and the current complement is 20 members. Our main areas of growth are Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Staffordshire.

Our members are drawn from several walks of life, but the greater majority are for those who have either served or have served in our Armed Forces, Police and the Public Sector (Paramedics and Therapists).

What has happened thus far;

- The Encampment met on 18th March 2023 at which the Grand Prior Emeritus and Chancellor attended.
- Attendance at the Order's Investiture at Rochester Cathedral on 7th May 2022
- Standard Bearing at the Rochester Investiture on 7th May 2022
- Supporting Attendance at the London Commandery on 18th November 2022
- Encampment Meeting on 18th March 2023
- Assisting with the establishment of a Food Bank during the year



Chev. Doug Bainbridge

Our Future

Increasing our membership; the current number stands at 14 plus several being gazetted.

Holding regular Encampment meetings.

Our charitable commitments have yet to be finalised but we hope to support military Charities particularly those dealing with veterans with mental health and homelessness issues.

As the Encampment/Commander Designate, I am confident that the Encampment will continue to grow and my focus for the following year will be to find a church where we can hold services (Thanksgiving and Carol Services) and that we appoint a Chaplain for our Encampment and that we will be able to make a real difference to our local communities as well as supporting the International work of St George.

Doug

Chev. Douglas Bainbridge KCStG,
Iceni Encampment Commander
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SURREY COMMANDERY INCORPORATING SUSSEX AND HAMPSHIRE

1. Warrant

1) The SSH Commandery has been constituted since 2020. On the 5th Day September 2021, the Commandery received its Warrant from the Grand Prior at a formal ceremony held at St George The Martyr, Southwark.

Chevalier Nicholas Hinchliffe MStJ, GCStG, MMStG, BEd, was created Commander Primus.

2. Members living within the Commandery geographical region

1) The Commandery has 29 members living within the Commandery geographical areas. 22 members live in Surrey, 3 in Sussex and 3 in Hampshire.

2) The responsibility for contacting all the members was taken on by the Commander Primus, to inform them that the Commandery would be meeting every third Saturday in the month at the Commandery Church – Holy Trinity, Guildford, Surrey, starting at 10:00 and finishing at 12:00; followed by lunch; for those who wished.

3) The meetings are held at the same time as Holy Trinity's drop in coffee morning for locals and visitors to Guildford.

3. Meetings

1) Attendance has been quite small with numbers ranging from three to eight.

2) The same members have attended most meetings.

3) Discussion has been led by the Commander Primus, to ascertain what activities the members would like to see. He proposed a charitable focus with funds being split between the Charitable Trust and the Commandery. It was proposed by the Commander Primus that the Commandery sponsor the production of one of the Order's medals.

4) Both proposals were to be put to the membership before a final decision would be made. The proposal was not put forward to members.

5) The Deputy Commander provided biscuits and cakes for the free distribution to any person visiting the church or dropping in for the coffee morning. These were gratefully received by the ladies organising the coffee mornings and went down well with visitors to the church. The main focus was to ensure that those in need had some form of sustenance as the coffee morning is frequently visited by those in greatest need and also looking for company.

4. Officers of the Commandery

1) The Officers of the Commandery who volunteered during this period:-

a) Commander – The Chevalier Nick Hinchliffe

b) Deputy Commanders – Dame Joanna Cadman and The Chevalier Keith Homewood



- c) Chaplain – Rev the Chevalier Rod Pierce
- d) Almoner – Dame Ann Price
- e) Secretary – The Chevalier Roger Short
- f) Treasurer – The Chevalier Tony McVeigh
- g) Flag Bearer – Helen Haslock
- h) Marshall – Omer Kokou-Tichri – who has provided a sword for use by the Commandery.

5. Changes within the Commandery

1) The following members of the Commandery have received advancement:-

a) Dame Joanna Cadman – was advanced to Grand Hospitaller of the Order by the Grand Prior

b) Rev the Chevalier Rod Pierce – was advanced to Deputy Grand Chaplain General of the Order by the Grand Prior.

c) Omer Kokou-Tchri – was advanced to Knight by the Grand Prior

d) HE Colonel the Chevalier Keith Homewood –was advanced to Deputy Grand Prior by the Grand Prior.

2) HE Colonel the Chevalier Nicholas Hinchliffe's appointment as Commander Primus ended during this period. Dame Joanna Cadman was appointed as Commander.

6. What has gone well

a) The establishment of regular monthly meetings

b) The appointment of Officers of the Commandery

c) Attendance at Remembrance Day events held by the Borough Council

d) Attendance as guests of the Mayor at Armed Forces flag raising events.



Members of the Commandery gather for lunch

7. Even better if:

a) More members attended meetings

b) Charitable work established

c) Activities took place that attracted more members – such as visits to places of interest, formal and informal meetings such as luncheons and dinners.

d) Closer links with the local towns within the Commandery geographical areas; not just Guildford.

8. Future Plans

8.1 Establish a register of all members who wish to be part of the Commandery rather than basing the number on those living within the Geographical area, many of whom have never responded to emails.

Chev. Keith Homewood GCStG MMStG



ST GEORGE IN ITALY

In 2022, Chev Fabrizio Baldini KStG was admitted into the Order on the recommendation of the Grand Secretary General.

Chev Fabrizio has been working hard over the last year and has found a spiritual home in Florence (Firenze) in Italy

Chev Fabrizio has been in contact with Father Joseph A. de Leon, the Order's member in Rome, and is busy seeking members across Italy to form a cell, which in time will develop into an Encampment and then it is hoped, a Commandery can be formed in Italy.

The future is bright and we hope to see a thriving unit in Italy within the next year.



Chev. Fabrizio Baldini KStG



St Mark's Anglican Church, Firenze the Church of the Order's Italian Cell in Florence.



THE LONDON COMMANDERY

The London Office was established after approval was given by the Grand Prior in February 2022 and endorsement for Chevalier Larry Davis KCStG to be recognised as the Encampment Leader.

Further discussions then took place over the next few months to secure an Encampment Church, and this resulted most favourably in connecting with St Margaret's Lothbury, with The Chevalier Jeremy Crossley KCStG appointed as the London Office Chaplain.

Chevalier Larry quickly set about putting together a small working group, who in turn set out establishing objectives and aims of the London Office as well as its mission. The working group also planned and hosted an extremely successful 'Queens Platinum Anniversary' at St Margaret's Lothbury raising four hundred pounds; sharing the collection between 2nd Battalion Princess of Wales Royal Regiment and The City of London North East Sector – Corps of Drums ACF.



Chev. Larry Davis

The London Office worked hard to increase its representation in each of the local Boroughs and to meet its obligations of attracting new members by hosting an excellent 'Curry Night' in November 2022; with food made and cooked by its members. The occasion also provided an opportunity to recognise the achievements of Cadet Saeed Miah, who attended the event with his parents to receive the Orders Medal of Merit by The Grand Prior Emeritus. The Encampment Leader was also able to thank Mr Richard Townsend, a renowned organist, for a special Organ recital, and Max Pemberton, a student pianist from the Guild School of Music & Drama for selected pieces played. The event was well attended and raised over six hundred and thirty pounds.

In January 2023, as the London Office welcomed in the New Year and its membership started to increase significantly from sixty-three members to eighty-two, the Encampment Leader was informed of the date that its status would change to a Commandery. The working group began planning and preparing for the London Commandery consecration at Lothbury Church; first, by identifying and recruiting its officers and later by putting together The Order of Service and musical arrangements. The 22nd of February 2023 came quickly, led by the Grand Prior Emeritus, and The Grand Chancellor on behalf of the Grand Prior, presented the London Office with its Warrant and Letters as the London Commandery.

The Warrant and Letters was re-presented by the Grand Prior at the National Investiture in May 2023.

The London Commandery Executive Team met in June 2023, to discuss the way forward, but felt that the Commander Primus should explain what he expected from each of the executive officers in relation to their London appointments. After several discussions and meetings, job descriptions were drafted highlighting each individuals unique and shared responsibility. The job description is now ready to be commented and approved on by the London Executive Members prior to the next meeting set for January 2024.



To date, the London Commandery has raised £1421.00 in donations and has donated £712.00 to charitable causes.

The London Commandery intends to hold a bi-monthly 'Thursday Fellowship Luncheon Club' - TFLC and a 'Welcome Evening' for new members in order to attract the involvement of people from all walks of life and harness a wide range of talent and life experiences.

Finally, membership to the London Commandery continues to grow with a further eight new members joining the Order since the May Investiture.

'Chev. Larry B.Davis KCStG
Commander Primus, The London Commandery
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CHAPLAINCY REPORT

The Order of St George has many aspects to its rich life but at the heart of so much that it values is its focus on faith, and in an increasingly diverse world it is committed to a confident Christian profession while engaging with respect and generosity with those of other traditions and beliefs. The faith of our members shapes their priorities and values and the character of the Order both locally and internationally.

In the Order there is a National Senior Chaplain who is supported at Commandery level by local clergy who try and play their part in supporting the work of the local groups, praying for them, being alert to those who they meet in the Order and committing to being available to listen when needed.

It was profoundly encouraging to see a group of Chaplains on parade in church at St George's Southwark for a London wide celebration last year at which the late Bishop of Woolwich, Dr Korowai Dorgu preached the sermon and pronounced God's blessing on the congregation. The Chaplains assembled in that day played a part in the service & the diversity of the group was obvious to all; two parish priests, a hospital chaplain, an immensely experienced retired priest holding the team together. The service was encouragingly well attended and the music outstanding. The ceremonial added to the significance of the occasion as new members of the Order took their oaths and longer standing members renewed theirs.

Of course, much of the activity of the Order is focussed more locally and the London Commandery has been developing its focus. St Margaret Lothbury in the City has hosted both Committee meetings and a short service as the life of the Commandery has taken shape. Both the Chaplains have been inspired not only by visionary leadership but also by the energy of those involved. The London group has not been in existence long but is already making a growing impact.

Jeremy Crossley, KCStG
Deputy Grand Chaplain



THE AMERICAS GRAND PRIORY

The Operating year of June 2022-June of 2023 has been a busy one for the Order in the Americas. The Order continues to grow in the USA and Caribbean

Among our notable accomplishments have been:

Presented Honorary GCStG membership to HH Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie of Ethiopia and made his Chancellor Reed Hancock a Knight Commander. As a result, doors have been opened to us to participate in Humanitarian Summits and start working with the Ethiopian Royal Crown Council. We look to further interaction with HH and work together on future humanitarian projects.

The Priory of the USA was established and conferred the title of Prior onto Chev. Kurt Orcutt, GCStG. It has successfully transferred the leadership and development of Commanderies and Encampments in the USA to a new level of management and organization.

Hospitaller Effort

The role of Grand Hospitaller has been expanded and a formal committee developed allowing for the pooling of multiple donor contact sources. With the Committee structure it can operate more efficiently and handle multiple ongoing humanitarian aid projects.

The year of 2022 started off innocently enough but by March Russia had attacked Ukraine and the Order in the Americas jumped in to respond with aid and assistance.

A relationship was developed with the Studebaker Group, a crisis management defence group allowing us to coordinate relief efforts.

A \$50,000 donation allowed us to evacuate and extract over 800 civilians from the Ukraine to safety. The refugees consisted primarily of medically ill and elderly civilians as well as a number of mentally impaired children.

Humanitarian Aid shipments were:

Ukraine: March/22: 105 pallets

Nigeria: May/22: Medical supplies to support

Philippines: Jul/22: Mental Health Week support and medical supplies

Ukraine: Jan/23: 23 pallets of humanitarian aid

Ukraine: March & April/23: shipments of medicines

Ukraine: 6/23 : 30 pallets medical supplies

Tanzania Scholarships

Under the leadership of Chev. Dr. Thomas Smith, KCStG we support a vocation school in Moshi, Tanzania to help girls break the cycle of oppression and poverty by providing an education and job placement. Donations from members rose from 14 in 2022 to over 20 in 2023.



Scouting

Scouting committee encourages youth leadership development by supporting the Scouting programme. Under the leadership of Chev. James Jones, KCStG it recognizes youths as they attain their Eagle status. Requests for awards recognition have increased as more scouting troops throughout the USA become aware of our recognition.

UN/CoNGO participation

Joined the Congress of NGO's (Congo) in early 2022; participating in many meetings as outlined earlier by our Magisterium Officium.

Other activities:

3 Investiture were conducted over 40 new Knights and Dames invested

Orlando 6/23-26/22	14
Atlanta Oct/7-9/22	15
Arizona 6/16-18/23	12

Website redesign - March/April 2023

Governors' Club - development of the Patron's Club for donations to cover administration costs. Under Chev. Dave Peters, KCStG appointed as Chairman, this has been a successful endeavour.

Regalia created: Merit & Knight Merit medals designed.

Register of Arms started for members Coats of Arms.

St George Online - established world wide live zoom events saw two events in 2022 and one so far in 2023. Well received communication effort to bind together our worldwide membership.

A Christmas observance was conducted by all Commanderies and Encampments in the USA.

Robert Soderstrom
Grand Prior, Americas



OUR UNITED NATIONS WORK

The International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George has been an organization with Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic & Social Council since 2015. This allows the Order to designate official representatives to the UN Headquarters in New York and the UN offices in Geneva and Vienna. Our representatives participate in UN conferences and events, and can sit as observers in meetings of ECOSOC and the UN General Assembly, the Human Rights Council, and other UN intergovernmental decision making bodies.

The Order contributes to the United Nation's aim of alleviating severe poverty, in supporting refugees and internally displaced persons, in meeting medical needs through the provision of medical supplies, and through provision of educational resources.

The Order joined the UN Congress of NGOs (CoNGO) in 2021 and participated in the first global commemorative event to celebrate 75 years of CoNGO in April 2023.

We are represented at the UN Principles on Human Rights of Future Generations Adoption of the Maastricht Principles meetings, Language committee meetings and participate in regular General and Executive zoom committee meetings of the Spirituality committee. As part of that work, we are represented on the working committee assisting with the design of flier and programme for the Spirit of the UN (SUNA) Awards 17th annual Awards event to be held on 23 October 2023.



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