



ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2023-JUNE 2024





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Cover photo: Chevalier Stuart Notholt representing the Grand Magistery and UK Grand Priory; Chevalier Robert Soderstrom representing the Americas Grand Priory and Chevalier Charles Hill representing the Canadian Grand Priory at the Atlanta, Georgia, signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the three Grand Priories (see page 16 for details).



FORWARD FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Members and Friends,

I am delighted to issue this second Annual Report 2023/2024 within the current cycle. I am sure you will appreciate the huge amount of work that key members of the Order have undertaken in the past year which are clearly laid out in this report by those individuals.

I can report that the mission to grow the Order is on course and also the 3 core management tools of Definition, Growth and Attractiveness are now embedded in all that we do. I can also report that we now have fully functional Risk and Policies Registers with in-depth tracking and reportage built in to them.

Commanderies continue to flourish in the UK and we will need to better support the fledgling unit in Italy. You will read more on Commandery development within the body of the document.

We are currently awaiting a review commissioned by the Grand Prior and led by Chev Richard Parish MBE KStG. We will no doubt hear more about this review over the following year.

I am very proud of the work carried out by members to support and sustain the Order and I wish to thank all our friends and partners for so doing.

You will read about our Gala Dinner and the success it has clearly demonstrated.

You will read about the kind donation of medical equipment from one of our members. All the items were distributed to Ukraine, Egypt, and other countries where clinics are operated by the Coptic Church.

I will let the following articles speak from themselves, suffice it to say that I stand a proud member of the Order.

I also look forward for the Order's increasing range and reach stretch across communities in the UK and abroad.

Finally, I think it only right that I mention the special contributions made by Col. The Chevalier Larry Davis KCStG and The Chevalier Doug Bainbridge KCStG in making it possible for toys and gifts to be sent to children in Ukraine and to Prof the Chevalier Art Tucker KStG for his very kind donation of medical equipment which was sent to Ukraine and Egypt.

Roger D'Elia GCStG KMStG
Grand Secretary General





FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARITABLE TRUST

With a considerable increase in the amount of funds raised and the dedication of substantial funds to Ukrainian relief, this has been a very successful year for the charity trust.

As the scope of our fundraising increases we have paid particular attention to the need for good governance, financial transparency and full accountability for all resources applied.

We will be continuing to support specific projects in line with the strategic objectives of the Order of Saint George and we will be working with the management echelon of the Order to promote awareness of our charitable objectives and develop the fund raising profile of the Order.

We carefully vet and assess the projects and tasks that we are invited to support and in particular are fully aware of our obligations under both United Kingdom charity law and anti-money laundering regulations.

I am pleased to say that we are proud of the work that we've done both from a fund raising point of view as well as from a regulatory perspective.

We have set procedures in hand that will form a sound basis for the trust's future work in the years ahead.

The trustees work very closely with the management of the Order of Saint George and give effect to the projects and targets developed at the strategic level by the order, which is well placed to promote its humanitarian, cultural and social objectives.

The work of the charity trust sits within the overall aims and philosophy of the Order of Saint George which very much incorporates a spiritual and social dimension and uses chivalric principles and teachings to promote generosity in deed and spirit.

Simon McIlwaine GCStG KMStG

Grand Prior Emeritus and Chairman of the Charitable Trust





GRAND PRIOR'S REPORT

Welcome to this year's Annual Report of your Order, covering the period 30 June 2023-30 June 2024. From this report you will see that the work of the Order continues apace.

Inevitably, most of our efforts in the humanitarian sphere continue to be focused on the war in Ukraine, and I would like to thank all those whose donations of time and money have enabled the Order to continue its support, with medical equipment, training, and toys and educational materials for Ukraine's children. I believe it is true to say that probably no other charity of our comparatively small size has been able to do more proportionally to help the people of Ukraine at this time of trial.

The Golden Hearts Gala Dinner for Ukraine of November 2023 was a great success, raising significant funds in support of the Train & Equip team, and their valiant work delivering medical goods and training literally to the front line. We aim to see this work continuing and indeed expanding in the coming year.

Although Ukraine will continue to dominate our work, it is important that we do not lose sight of our other activities. The Order's three charitable goals are to provide medical/humanitarian relief, support veterans and service personnel, and support educational programmes and youth engagement. To better manage these activities I have appointed three Rapporteurs charged with co-ordinating our efforts in our three areas of charity work. You can read their updates elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Although we have recruited some excellent new members during the year, growth remains slow. I do therefore urge all members to redouble their efforts to recruit the new members that will be the future life blood of our Order as it approaches its 700th birthday.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed this year to the life and vigour of our Order!

Stuart A Notholt GCStG

Magisterium Officium and UK Grand Prior





GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial year end: 30 June 2024

Charitable objects

- THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR SAVING OF LIVES
- THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY
- OVERSEAS AID/FAMINE RELIEF
- RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
- OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES

The Charity is a member of the Fundraising regulator and supports other Charities or Voluntary Bodies, and the General Public. It makes Grants both Nationally and Overseas. Our funding generally comes from the membership of the Order of St George, although other individuals and groups also contribute.



This year we have continued to support the Royal Hospital Chelsea, the 3rd Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the Diocese of Southwark charitable projects and the Tanzania Girls Scholarship programme. In addition we now have an ongoing project to purchase Medical Aid and equipment and fund its delivery to Ukraine.

This has been a successful year financially for the Order and we are in a healthy position. The oblations figure is artificially inflated because a number of members combine payments for fees and other items and it is not always easy to break the payments down. Also we are receiving quite a number of payments into the wrong accounts, where I can identify any Individual I will attempt to contact them to ensure the same does not happen in future.

Payments should be made as follows: For the Order of St George, membership, Investiture & regalia payments etc please use our NatWest account. Order of St George, A/C No. 41221699, Sort Code 60-40-05, BIC NWBKGB2. IBAN GB67NW/BK60400541221699

For the Charitable Trust, the Account to be used for all Charity donations etc, except as noted below.

Barclays A/C TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GRAND PRIORY OF ST GEORGE NUMBER TWO ACCOUNT Sort Code 20-70-15 Account No 50666696 SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22 IBAN GB78 BUKB 2070 1550 6666 96. The only exception to this is if the payment is related to the Gala/Ukraine Project, for this use the following account. Barclays A/C TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GRAND PRIORY OF ST GEORGE. Sort Code:20-24-61 Account No: 33264742 SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22. IBAN GB91 BUKB 2024 6133 2647 42

Note for the Trusts Accounts, if you get a warning from your Bank to say the name does not match, please ignore it and continue to make payment, as long as you have checked the Sort Code and Account number, the Trust will be paid. The warning is there so that you can check you have input the right details, payment is made using the Sort Code and Account number, not on the Name.

Many of you are now utilising the new CRM System and I would encourage those that are not, to do so. Likewise I would encourage you to make payments by Direct Debit, Standing Order or Bank Transfer when possible. We will continue to accept PayPal, but you will see from the accounts that we incurred charges of £476.72 in this financial year.

Steven J Turner GCStG
Grand Treasurer



SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

The United Kingdom Grand Priory of the International Knightly Order Valiant of St. George
Registered Charity (England) No. 1137397.
for the year 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
INCOME	23/24	EXPENDITURE	23/24
Transfer from A/C 33264742	£2,856.59	Transfer to A/C 33264742	£1,200.00
Donations	£29,041.00	Diocese of Southwark	£500.00
Auction Donation	£15,856.36	3PWRR	£1,000.00
Ukraine Appeal	£2,100.00	Fundraising Regulator	£50.00
Tanzania Scholarship	£577.30	Royal Hospital Chelsea	£1,000.00
		Ukraine Project	£44,867.36
		Bank Charges	£62.96
Excess Expenditure	-----	Excess Income	£1,750.93
	£50,431.25		£50,431.25
	=====		=====
RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT			
Balance B/F 1/7/23	£1,656.59	Excess Expenditure	£0.00
Excess Income	£1,750.93	Balance C/F 30/6/24	£3,407.52

ORDER OF ST GEORGE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the year 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
INCOME	23/24	EXPENDITURE	23/24
Oblations etc	£22,327.60	Printing, Post & Packing	£1,030.95
Regalia & Sales	£4,999.05	RSSG	£200.00
Banquets	£5,580.00	BM Address Fees	£138.00
Church Fees	£225.00	Catering	£9,274.99
Governors Club	£1,900.00	Regalia & Goods	£8,169.80
Donation	£100.00	PayPal Charges	£476.72
		Cadets	£50.00
		Equipment	£306.99
		Host Papa Website Fees	£617.76
		CRM Fees	£250.00
		RHC	£1,010.00
		Church Hire & Organist	£1,674.00
		Van Hire	£400.00
Excess Expenditure	-----	Excess Income	£11,532.44
	£35,131.65		£35,131.65
	=====		=====
RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT			
Balance B/F 1/7/23	£6,234.10	Excess Expenditure	
Excess Income	£11,532.44	Balance C/F 30/6/24	£17,766.54



OUR SUPPORT TO UKRAINE

Since the invasion of Ukraine, the Order has been able to deliver a considerable number of pallets of donated medical and other humanitarian supplies into Ukraine, as well as toys and educational good for children. We are also seeking to develop programmes aimed at addressing PTSD and other mental health issues arising in Ukraine as a result of the war, both amongst children and adults.

A cornerstone of our support to Ukraine is the work of the Train & Equip team. The core Train & Equip team members are British military veterans with a common background in remote activity where access to immediate medical support is impossible. This means that they have a deep understanding of the value of good life-saving pre-hospital trauma care training.

The training courses are based on internationally recognized protocols and principles for providing the best trauma care on the battlefield. The training is aligned to the US Tactical Combat Casualty Care, which was developed by the US Department of Defense, Defense Health Agency (DHA) Joint Trauma System (JTS) to teach evidence-based, life-saving techniques and strategies for providing the best trauma care on the battlefield. Through the DR<C>ABCDEEE protocol, the team focuses on the two major aspects of life-saving drills: bleeding and breathing. This protocol is placed into a tactical context using the Care Under Fire principles.

Through the annual Golden Hearts Gala for Ukraine and other fundraising activities, we also raise funds to enable the Train & Equip team to purchase and deliver medical equipment and pre-hospital trauma care training to civilians and combat medics close to the front line in Ukraine.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB

Over the last year, the Order has been developing a relationship with the community arm of Arsenal Football Club through our Grand Secretary General.

We have been able to utilise the transport system that Arsenal arrange to send Christmas toys to Ukraine and it is hoped that moving forward we can strengthen that relationship.

There is more about our work in Ukraine at www.orderofstgeorge.co.uk/ukraine



REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND PRIOR MEMBERSHIP, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

Membership

During the period there were 63 new applications, including nominations. This is 4 more than the previous reporting year. The most nominations were made by Deputy Grand Marshall, The Chevalier Omer Kokou-Tichri KStG.

Only 42 completed gazetting and became members. The 15 who did not complete either decided that the Order was not for them or never responded.

Five were invited by the Grand prior to enter as Knights (Chevaliers) and 2 as Dames. One joined as a Squire.

One applicant provided false and/or misleading information and was removed from the process.

Fourteen were non-UK nationals. Six completed to full membership.



Formal offers of membership are sent via email from Membership. Copies are sent to the Grand Registrar who then sends out the welcome pack.

Some welcome packs have gone missing once they have left the UK. The Grand Registrar will be able to provide tracking and the resolutions in such cases.

The Order of Merit of the Order of St George

The Grand Prior has granted membership of the Order of Merit of the Order of St George (MMStG) to those in and out of the Order who have made a significant impact within their local or wider community or have made a significant and sustained contribution (not financial) to the growth of the Order. Most of these were awarded at the recent Investiture held at St George the Martyr, London. The higher award of Knight/Dame of the Order of Merit KMStG/DMStG was also granted to 2 members of the Order.

What works well:-

- a) The on-line application process – it avoids most errors and is GDPR compliant.
- b) Gazetting – it allows approximately a month for the Order to decide if membership is appropriate.

Even better if:-

- a) There were more nominations from members, including the Grand Magistry and members of the Grand Council. Some senior members of the Order have yet to nominate potential new members.

- b) All senior members of the Order, including members on the Grand Council, nominate at least two suitable new members each year.



c) We had more ladies joining the Order and being appropriately recognized.

Policies written or amended during this period. (No specific order)

- a) The Policy, Protocols and Procedures for compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations - written. Applicable to the Order and the Charitable Trust.
- b) Membership Policy – amended to include clarification on gazetting.
- c) Finance Policy – written. Applicable to the Order and the Charitable Trust.
- d) Fundraising Policy – written. Applicable to the Order and the Charitable Trust.
- e) Working with Volunteers Policy – written. Applicable to the Order and the Charitable Trust.
- f) Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Applicable to all members working with young people – amended.

Protocols and Procedures. (No specific order)

- a) The Dress Code for formal functions of the Order – written.
- b) The Chivalric Code of the Order – amended.
- c) Protocol and Procedure for Advancement, Honours and Decorations. Guidance Document – written.
- d) Investiture of a Squire or Demoiselle. Ceremonial Protocol and Procedure – written.
- e) Protocol for the formation and development of membership groups within the Order – amended.
- f) Safe To Proceed - Protocol and Procedure – written.

The Statutes of the Order

These are currently being reviewed so that they meet our needs now and for the future. Further review and amendment as required.

New initiatives

The Angel of Charity Award. This award is specifically designed to recognise individuals, groups and organisations who provide or carry out significant charitable deeds for the benefit of others. The award has been reviewed and approved and is being processed.

What works well:-

- a) The support of the Grand Secretary General and the establishment of EIAs.
- b) The establishment of a risk register.

Even better if:-

- a) Consistency in the application of policies, protocols and procedures at all times by all members of the Order, irrespective of rank and/or responsibility.

Keith G Homewood GCStG KMStG

Deputy Grand Prior, Membership, Protocols and Procedures



REPORT FROM THE RAPPORTEUR FOR VETERANS

The Rapporteur system was put in place early in 2024. My aim is to keep in contact with the various veterans initiatives we already have in place, to promote our work amongst veterans, to encourage new initiatives, and report to the Grand Council on developments within the various veterans groups. Longer term, I hope to have quarterly online meetings with our veteran group representatives so that we can build relationships globally, discuss new ideas and provide mutual support.

Since taking on this role in April 2024, I have had email contact with all the leads for projects in the Veterans Sector, and some face to face contact. This contact covered:

- where your project/s is at – is it active/dormant/defunct
- where it is going,
- if your project is being, or is, developed,
- any exciting new developments.

Following contact with a veteran in Wales, a new initiative is in an embryonic form, aiming to support veterans suffering with PTSD. With support, I hope that this work will flourish. The three areas covered by the Rapporteurs interlink and overlap, and so we met to discuss our aims and how we could support each other and our areas of shared interest. This collaboration has been fruitful.

I look forward to the year ahead with optimism, for growth in the work with and for veterans

Ann-Marie Jefferys DStG
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REPORT FROM THE RAPPOREUR FOR HUMANITARIAN AND MEDICAL AID

My first term as one of three new Rapporteur roles has been both informative and productive. For those of you who have yet to meet me, I am responsible for the Medical/ Humanitarian Group to which I can bring a wealth of clinical and social care experience as well as organizational and academic development. Although there are three Rapporteur groups which fall under the Hospitaller banner, rather than working in isolation, the degree of cross-fertilisation between the groups means that we work better as a collective to enable our efforts to be wider-reaching and enable improved shared learning and best practice. The new innovative approach to our work means we can combine operability for better humanitarian outcomes.

Further to the humanitarian work already being undertaken with Ukraine, with Train & Equip, this year will see the launch of the inaugural annual Order of St George Symposium. This is an innovation, which combines the work of the rapporteur groups, providing a platform in which members of the Order can present their work to external audiences, and highlight not only the great work being undertaken, but also identify and discuss new emerging themes. This inaugural year focuses on the 'Evolution of Humanitarian Aid in a Rapidly Evolving Geopolitical Climate'. The event will be hosted at the prestigious Honourable Artillery Company in London. Through enhanced exposure, the Order will be able to foster new relationships with groups to support and further our charitable aims.

I am also minded of the very kind contribution of medical equipment by Chev. Art Tucker KStG and I am pleased to report that equipment was sent to both Ukraine and to Egypt , via the Coptic Church , whose Archbishop (His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos) is a Patron of our Order.

My vision moving forward is for us to grow the annual event and enable a bigger platform to discuss, promote and enhance the work of the Order more broadly. I look forward to hearing from members and how I can support the development of further initiatives and innovations to support the charitable and humanitarian aims of the Order.

Sylvie Edwards DCStG
hospitaller@orderofstgeorge.co.uk





REPORT FROM THE RAPPORTEUR FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

2023/24 was a remarkable year for me with the Order of St George. I stepped into the role in the Order as the Rapporteur for Youth and Education; which I filled with much commitment and energy.

I worked with my colleague, Sylvia Edwards in ensuring that the symposium event was a success, with the intention of making 24/25 a bigger success.

I accepted Chev Larry Davis's (Primus Commander of the London Commandery) invitation to work with the cadets and youth. With delight, I attended and contributed to the first "Youth Engagement" meeting held at the National Liberal Club.

I joined the group, and later I invited Inspector Leah Patel of the Metropolitan Police to be our guest speaker at the 2024 Inaugural Symposium: "The Evolution of the Humanitarian Response". This was met with high levels of interest at the Symposium held at Honourable Artillery Company, in London.

Recently I, along with HE the Chevalier Roger D'Elia GCStG KMStG, Grand Secretary General of the Order, met with His Grace, the Rt Revd Alastair Cutting, Bishop of Woolwich to discuss important matters relating to the Order.

Being with the Order is exciting as I aspire to continue seeking to grow and deepen our membership.

As a forward comment, I attended his year's Golden Hearts Gala Dinner, I was pleased to introduce a guest to the Order, followed by a sign-up.

Thus far, I am extremely grateful to all those who welcomed me, and helped me settle over the past year. It's a real privilege and honour working with such illustrious colleagues of the same mindset.

Dame Elizabeth Negus DStG
youth@orderofstgeorge.co.uk





SPOTLIGHT ON: THE SOUTHEAST ENGLAND COMMANDERY

Warrant

1) The Southeast Commandery was constituted on 27th day of April 2024. The Commander is Dame Joanna Cadman DCStG. The South East Commandery took over the mantle from the Surrey, Hampshire and Sussex Commandery. This was done in order to incorporate Kent.

Members living within the Commandery geographical region

1) There are 32 members of the Order living within the Commandery geographical areas. 22 members live in Surrey, 3 in Sussex and 3 in Hampshire and 4 in Kent. The exact number is under review due to changes in some member's circumstances.

2) The Commandery has an informal meeting every third Saturday in the month at the Commandery Church – Holy Trinity, Guildford, Surrey, starting at 10:00 and finishing at 12:00. This is usually followed by lunch for those who wish to stay on.

3) The meetings are held at the same time as Holy Trinity's drop in coffee morning for locals and visitors to Guildford. The members of the Commandery provide cakes and pastries for the church to share with any members of the public and regulars who attend the church coffee morning.

Meetings

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

2) The same members have attended most meetings.

3) In addition to the informal meetings, the Commandery had been invited by the Mayor and attended the Armed Forces flag raising ceremony at the Guildhall. The Commandery was also invited to attend the Remembrance Sunday Service at Holy Trinity and then the wreath laying at the castle grounds war memorials. This year the wreath was laid by The Chevalier Johnny East KStG MMStG.

4) This year, The Rev'd the Chevalier Rod Pierce KCStG (Deputy Chaplain General of the Order) and his wife Dame Ann Pierce provided support during the service. Chevalier Johnny East guided and supported during the rehearsal for flag bearers and at the formal ceremony. H.E Colonel the Chevalier Keith Homewood guided members of the formal parade on arrival at the castle grounds.

Officers of the Commandery

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

- a) Commander – Dame Joanna Cadman.
- b) Deputy Commander – The Chevalier Keith Homewood
- c) Chaplain – Rev the Chevalier Rod Pierce
- d) Almoner - Dame Ann Pierce
- e) Secretary – The Chevalier Roger Short



- f) Treasurer – The Chevalier Tony McVeigh
- g) Marshall – The Chevalier Omer Kokou-Tichri
- h) Member without portfolio – The Chevalier Nick Hinchliffe

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.

Even better if

- a) More members attended meetings
- b) Charitable work established
- c) Activities take 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.

Keith Homewood GCStG MMStG

on behalf of Dame Joanna Cadman DCStG (Commander)
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Members of the South East England Commandery attended the Service of Remembrance at their Commandery Church – Holy Trinity, Guildford, Surrey. From left to right: Chevalier Omer Kokou-Tichri (who placed the wreath on behalf of the Order); Chevalier Johnny East; Chevalier Keith Homewood; Dame Ann Pierce; Dame Mandy East; Rev'd The Chevalier Rod Pierce.



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND PRIOR OF THE AMERICAS

The year held many accomplishments but the most outstanding were the two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signings:

Americas Grand Priory and the Jamaican Consular Corp signed an MOU In November of 2023 to work together delivering aid in the Caribbean. The first project of medical supplies for Haiti has been delayed due to civil unrest in the country which caused all the Diplomats and Aid workers to be pulled out of the country. A secondary project to benefit a Jamaican charity is in discussion.

Americas Grand Priory under Grand Prior Robert Soderstrom, GCStG, KMoM entered into discussions with the Grand Priory of Canada under Grand Prior Charles Hill, GCStG in October of 2023. The fruitful conversations lead to an MOU between the two Grand Priorities which subsequently was extended to include the UK Grand Priory. The formal documents were signed at the Atlanta Grand Investiture in Feb of 2024 by Stuart Notholt representing the Grand Magistery and UK Grand Priory; Robert Soderstrom representing the Americas Grand Priory and Charles Hill representing the Canadian Grand Priory.

The 2024 Grand Investiture in Atlanta was very successful with over 50 attendees and 14 new Knights and Dames joining the Order. Church services were in a new location St. Peter and St. Paul Episcopal church. Reed Hancock, Chancellor for Prince Ermias of Ethiopia attended and gave the key note speech at the investiture formal dinner.

Establishment of our Caribbean/ Latin America Preceptory took place under the leadership of Brig. Gen Robert Quesada

We welcomed Mark Lanyon, the USA/Canada representative of the Royal Society of St. George as a Companion in the Order and onto a seat on the Americas Grand Priory Grand Council, thus strengthening our links with the Royal Society of St. George

Efforts by Dr Thomas Smith, KCStG raised donations to pay for 17 annual scholarships for our Tanzania Girls School programme. Graduates are found employment and in high demand by local businesses.

Under the leadership of Chev. James Jones, KCStG members of the Order made 130 presentations recognizing youths attaining Eagle Scout status (pinnacle of USA Scouting) with special St. George badge and certificate.

With approval from the Grand Magistery, Americas Grand Prior Robert Soderstrom, GCStG and UN Chief Admin. Officer (CAO) added 2 Canadian Delegates bringing up to a total of 7 approved UOKN Delegates for the Order.

Conceptualization and formation of joint committees with the Grand Priorities of the UK and Americas, Canada, and the Priory of the USA continues

The Americas Grand Priory designed a medal set for our 700th Anniversary commemoration in 2026.



Grand Priory of Canada

The MOU has fostered an opened embrace of camaraderie and an enthusiastic dialogue on avenues to work together, many of which are being developed.

Investitures saw over 50 new members brought into the Order in Canada.

The Canadian Grand Priory issued a Commemorative Medallion for the 700th Anniversary.

Priory of USA

The USA Priory was formally established as a registered corporation (as a 501c3) and with its own functioning Council under the leadership of Prior Kurt Orcutt, GCStG

The USA Priory received recognition to award the Presidential Volunteer Service Award to deserving outstanding community volunteers.

Membership growth was 35 new members nationwide. The Arizona Commandery was reconstituted under new leadership. Recruiting is up.

Overall, the energy level is high and members are being engaged and welcomed into committees.

Robert Soderstrom, GCStG

Grand Prior, Americas Grand Priory

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 22/23

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th of April 2024

at St George the Martyr, Borough High Street, London.

1. Those Present

Simon McIlwaine (Chair of the Charitable Trust),

Stuart Notholt (Trustee), Mark Haley (Trustee) Roger D'Elia (Trustee)

Not Present Steven Turner (Treasurer of the Charitable Trust)

2. Welcome and Short Description of the Charitable Trust

The Chair welcomed all those present which included members of the Order of St George

The Chair gave a short description of the establishment and work of the Charitable Trust and described it as separated in law to the Order of St George, and as a lawful vehicle and charitable entity. The Charitable Trust is formed by a Deed of Covenant (known as the Declaration of Trust) which describes its full functionality; in short it is the lawful vehicle for the dispensation of monies to the prescribed bodies as contained within the Deed of Covenant and indeed the Statutes of the Order. In other words, it is the prescribed entity for distribution of charitable funds.

The banking and accounting methodologies and arrangements of the Charitable Trust are separate and distinct from those of the Order.

3. Previous AGM Minutes

The previous minutes were agreed at a meeting of Trustees on a previous occasion and are held separately.

It was agreed that, in future, the minutes would be tabulated as in the present form and maintained through the offices of the Order's Grand Secretary General, who does not have to be a Trustee. In other words, the Office of Grand Secretary General will act as an administrator for the Charitable Trust.

4. To Confirm and Declare the Annual Accounts as presented for the Year 22/23

The Accounts for the year '22/23 were presented to the Trustees and those others present. The Accounts were confirmed as accurate by the Trustees and thereby Declared as such and ready for submission to the Charity Commission.

The Treasurer, who was not present, was thanked by the Chair of the Charitable Trust for his hard work.

5. To Confirm and Declare the Annual Report '22/'23 ready for distribution

Roger D'Elia in his capacity as a Trustee and also the Grand Secretary of the Order, presented the Annual Report '22/'23 to those assembled, hard copies of which were made available for the meeting.

The Chair of the Charitable Trust proposed that the Annual Report for the year '22/'23 be adopted and this was seconded by H.E. the Chevalier Keith Homewood GCStG , KMStG , Deputy Grand Prior of the Order. The vote was unanimously found in favour of the proposition by all those present and therefore the Annual Report for the year '22/'23 was Declared as accurate and ready for publication through all the Order's media outlets.

Roger D'Elia thanked all those present for their confidence for the report.

6. To Confirm that the Trustee Meeting took place on the 27th of February 2024

Roger D'Elia confirmed that a Trustee meeting took place on the 27th of February 2024 at St Margaret's Lothbury, in the City of London, the main details were as follows;

Financial Matters;

To receive and Confirm the Annual Accounts for the year 22/23;

The Treasurer's General Report has already been included within the Annual Report;

To receive and Confirm the Annual Report 22/23;

To View the Risk and Policy Registers;

To Agree the Format for the AGM on the 26th of April 2024;

To Vote for the Addition or Removal of any Trustee;

Any Other Business for the Good of the Charity and the Order;

Report by Stuart Notholt on his visit to Atlanta

The forthcoming establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Grand Priors of the Americas, Canada and the UK

Stuart Notholt presented his Venn Diagram

Steve Turner was concerned about the rising charges from PayPal.

A submitted Paper from the Deputy Grand Prior (HE Keith Homewood) was discussed

6. To Take Questions from the floor and Donations

There were no questions from the floor.

Two donations having been proposed and agreed were made to the church St George the Martyr as follows

£500 for the church in general and £386 for the church's food bank, which was gratefully received by their administrator who thanked all those present for their kindness and wished the Charitable and the Order a most successful and enjoyable Investiture on the 27th of April 2024.

7. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting

It is proposed that as with this year the Annual General meeting will take place directly before the '25 Seminar, which date still needs to be agreed



AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 23/24

To be held 2 May 2025 at St George the Martyr , Borough High Street, London.

1. Those Present/Apologies for Absence
2. Welcome and Short Description of the Charitable Trust
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 26 April 2024
4. To Receive and Adopt the Annual Report 2023-4
5. To Receive and Adopt the Annual Accounts for the year 2023-4
6. To Take Questions from the floor
7. Any Other Business for the Good of the Charity and the Order
8. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting

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