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King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement
Annual Report 2021-2022

This last year, again, has been disrupted by the continuation and after effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Virtual Rehearsals over Zoom Communications continued throughout 2021 with all of the Provinces in the United Kingdom having been invited and joined the meetings. In July 2021 the Virtual Meeting was attended by twenty one members of two English speaking Preceptories in the German Constitution, including the ME&SGM Tom Weuwissen and VH®t Seneschal Roddy McKenzie.

With the Government Regulations being eased and Masonic Guidance being relaxed meetings at Mark Mason's Hall were re-introduced in September 2021. After an initial surge of attendance the numbers declined with only a handful of members at subsequent meetings over the winter period.

The Masonic Hall at Kings Heath, Birmingham completed its refurbishment for the start of the new Masonic Year and a well attended Satellite Meeting took place in October 2021. However, the following meeting arranged for April 2022 had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. A virtual (Zoom) rehearsal was successfully conducted in its stead.

With all Government Regulations and Masonic Guidance regarding Covid-19 now withdrawn, it is hoped that following this year's summer recess Masonic Meetings in general will be renewed and that King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement will see an improvement in the attendance of its members. Life Membership of the Preceptory of Improvement currently stands at 108, having seen an influx of 13 new members since the last Annual Report. Of the 450 Preceptories in the Order just over fifty percent, that is 250, are supporting the Preceptory of Improvement with their annual subscriptions.

Following the success of the Virtual (Zoom) Meetings there has been renewed interest from the Provinces for having workshops, either virtual or personal, and for creating their own Provincial Preceptories of Improvement. Arrangements are being made to carryout some of the requests during the forthcoming year.

The Annual Dinner for the members of the Preceptory of Improvement took place on Friday 11th February 2022 at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London, and was well attended by members from all over the country, including Guernsey.

The Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal – Andrew Rainbow, was present and brought greetings and apologies on behalf of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master – Paul Raymond Clement. Other invited guests included Right Eminent Knight David Thompson (London) and Very Eminent Knight Dan Heath, Assistant Great Vice Chancellor. Right Eminent Knight Richard Micklefield (Dorset & Wiltshire) had to withdraw with Covid-19 symptoms. A delicious meal of their own choice, with the appropriate wine, was enjoyed by all in a convivial atmosphere.

The dates for 2022 - 2023 King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement are on an information card, which is available on request. They can also be found in the Liber Ordinis Templi and on the website – www.kingepoi.org or via the link on the Knights Templar website – <https://markmasonshall.org/orders/knights-templar>. We would like to remind all Knights that the King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement is open to all Knights regardless of their rank.

Any Province wishing to be provided with assistance by way of a 'workshop' or 'demonstration' from King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement need only to contact the Registrar, Very Eminent Knight Harry J Randell P.Gt.Reg., on:-
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Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

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