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King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement  
Annual Report 2022-2023

This last year, again, has been disappointing for the Preceptory of Improvement with very few members attending following the resumption of full Masonic Meetings after the ending of Covid-19 restrictions. This is concordant with the return to Freemasonry in general.

The Satellite Meetings at Kings Heath Masonic Hall, Birmingham have been withdrawn due to lack of interest and attendance. Consideration to the resumption of Satellite meetings will be given should the need arise. Mark Mason's Hall has not fared much better with meetings in single figures being carried out. Latterly, however, numbers have picked up and with the prospect of two members taking their Certificates to become Preceptor Instructors it is hoped many more will attend to assist in the offices.

Life Membership of the Preceptory of Improvement currently stands at 112, having seen an influx of 4 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. This situation has not changed over the year.

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. However, nothing transpired other than a request from St. George of Guernsey Preceptory No.491 to receive a workshop following their double installation meeting in February 2023. This was carried out by Very Eminent Knight Harry Randell, the Registrar. Renewed 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London, and was well attended by members from all over the country, including Guernsey.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master was in attendance, and there was an apology from the Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal, Andrew Rainbow. Other invited guests included Right Eminent Knight Richard Micklefield (Dorset & Wiltshire), Right Eminent Knight Colin Birbeck (East Anglia), Right Eminent Knight John Helliard (Essex), Right Eminent Knight David Thompson (London), Right

Eminent Knight Paul Davies, Somerset, Right Eminent Knight Eric Bourne (Worcestershire), Right Eminent Knight Ryan Williams, Great Vice Chancellor and Very Eminent Knight Dan Heath, Assistant Great Vice Chancellor. . A delicious meal of their own choice, with the appropriate wine, was enjoyed by all in a convivial atmosphere.

The dates for 2023 - 2024 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](http://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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