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King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement Annual Report 2023-2024

The past year has seen an improvement for the Preceptory of Improvement with new members joining and new initiatives being implemented.

Life Membership of the Preceptory of Improvement currently stands at 132, having seen an influx of 27 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.

However, a new initiative which I outlined at the Provincial Prior's Meeting in November 2023, has encouraged Provincial Priors to pay the Annual Affiliation Fee of £5.00 on behalf of every Preceptory in their Province. This has already attracted more revenue for King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement to carryout workshop/demonstrations in several Provinces. Three have already taken place, Derbyshire, London and Monmouth and South Wales and two more are scheduled for Lincolnshire and Cheshire and North Wales later this year. It is hoped that a further five Provinces will receive a visit in 2025.

Two Knights, Eminent Knight Adrian Moseley (Lincolnshire) and Eminent Knight Edward Lines (Kent) were successful in passing the tests to become certified Instructing Preceptors and were presented with their certificates by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master at Great Priory in May 2024, Other Knights are being processed through the certification system to create more Instructing Preceptors in the Provinces.

The Annual Dinner for the members of the Preceptory of Improvement took place on Friday 16th February 2024 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 in attendance and completed a Membership Form to join the Preceptory of Improvement, as well as taking one for his son. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, who was on other Masonic Duties, sent his apologies. Other invited guests included Right Eminent Knight Roger Smith from Essex and Right Eminent Knight Richard Micklefield from Dorset and Wiltshire. A delicious meal of their own choice, with the appropriate wine, was enjoyed by all in a convivial atmosphere.

The dates for 2024 - 2025 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.

After six years as Registrar of King Edward VII Preceptory of Improvement, Very Eminent Knight Harry Randell has relinquished the position due to other pressing Masonic Duties. I thank him for all his hard work on my behalf and that of the Preceptory of Improvement and have made him an Honorary Member of the Executive. Eminent Knight Antony Legge, Sub Prior of London has taken on the office of Registrar. We also welcome onto the Executive Eminent Knight Adrian Moseley.

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, Eminent Knight Antony F Legge P.Gt.Her., on:-

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Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

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