

THE TRAVELLING KNIGHTS OF OXFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

April 2025





In this month's newsletter Feedback from March 2025

Sir Oliver Starkey 430

Terra Sancta 487

Meet our New Knights and a Handy Guide

Details of our Church Service and Gala Dinner and much more!

Apr 2025 Knights are out visiting

St Hugh 314 – Wednesday 2nd April (I)

Beaumont 323 – Friday 4th April (I)

Outremer 474 – Wednesday 16th April

Robert Loyd 438 – Thursday 17th April (extra)

Bisham Abbey 691 - Tuesday 22nd April

Contact the Registrar to book in!

OUR GOALS-

Attract new Knights to the Order.

Focus on "assisting where required" with Preceptories.

Assist with Ceremonies to ensure standard of KT ritual remains respected.

Introducing team communications that work!

KNIGHTS AROUND THE TABLE THE KT HUB

The one stop information centre for the Province!

DO YOU NEED-

Any advice?

Assistance with Ceremonies? Require an officer to fill a spot? Do you have any good ideas?

Do you think your skills would be useful? let us know- Are you a new Knight and want some assistance?

USEFUL IDEAS CENTRE- send us your ideas-



MONTHLY ROUND UP FROM THE PROVINCE



R.E.Kt. Dean Robert White - The Provincial Prior

Dear Brother Knights,

This month I would like to share an email received from one of our new Knights after a recent meeting- it was very heart-warming to know that our hard-work and effort was so appreciated, and I can personally think of no better way to starting the introduction of the April Travelling Knights newsletter and what it means to us.

"Dear Provincial Vice-Chancellor,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all the support you provided at last night's ceremony at Terra Sancta, and for the Provincial Prior whose presence and approach was very much appreciated.

From someone who had only attended a single initiation (following his own) and obviously had very little clue as to what was what, you were an inspiration and led proceedings with humility, patience and above all maintained a sense of humour throughout.

Last night was somewhat a test for me following my last visit, and you have single handedly changed my opinion of KT and for that I wish to thank you - I now feel something close to inspired and I wish to continue in the order; and having spoken only this morning spoken my Craft WM I may even have a potential candidate in the making.

Again, my thanks to yourself and the provincial team for everything that you do."

As always, I look forward to seeing many of you on my travels around the Preceptories.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order R.E.Kt. Dean Robert White The Provincial Prior

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH SERVICE 8TH JUNE &BINGDON



"All Ye Knights of the Province"

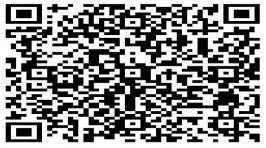
Our Church Service is returning on Sun 8th June in Abingdon.

All Knights are cordially invited to attend with Partners! Look out for details from the Province soon.

YOUR 2025 GALA DINNER IS HERE - 1ST NOV 2025



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BODYGUARD NEWS







Kt. Mark Harry P.Prov.A.-de-C. Commander of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard

Kt. Dougie Leacy P.Prov.Gd Deputy- Commander



Follow our Bodyguard events diary.

Forthcoming BG dates-

 $St \; Hugh - 2^{ND} \; April \\ Outremer - 16^{th} \; April$

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BODYGUARD TEAM? - send an email to the Commander-mark@airl.co.uk

Preceptory of Improvement and update from the Sub-Prior

Dates for the Preceptory of Improvement. 7:30 start time

Marlow Masonic Centre

Friday the 4th of April, Monday the 9th of June and lastly Monday the 1st of September.

Wokingham Masonic Centre

Friday the 28th of March, Friday the 6th of June, Friday the 5th of September and Friday the 12th of December.

All Knights are welcome, new, old, any office you wish to try- just come along and enjoy learning!

For more info contact-

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E.Kt. Malcolm Woolgar The Provincial Sub-Prior runs the Preceptory of Improvement.

Finally let us look forward to a very enjoyable year in Knights Templar .

Yours in The Bond of the Order Eminent Knight Malcolm Woolgar Provincial Sub-Prior

JUST AROUND THE CORNER KT CLUB

Introducing a new concept for learning —

This is for those Knights who wish to learn about going through the Chair best suited to those who are 1st or 2nd Constables or perhaps you are now almost or just in the Chair of your Preceptory.

It is not about Ritual but more importantly the JAtC KT Club hopes to assist you in how to get the best out of your year as Eminent Preceptor.

We meet online each Monday at 7pm- if you would like to join us

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There is no test- we read ritual from the KT red-book and work from various Preceptory summons

The JAtC KT club does not replace our regular Preceptory of Improvement evenings at Wokingham & Marlow



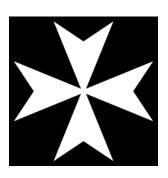
NEWS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE PROVINCE



Hold the date! -Thursday 29th May 2025 MALTA meeting – this will be completed at the Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory

Do you have knights who need to complete their KT Journey by taking the Malta Degree?

Look out for details from our Vice Chancellor soon!





LESLIE FELGATE DRING PRECEPTORY NO. 637 (LFD) YOUR INSTALLED PRECEPTORS PRECEPTORY

(above - left to right)

R.E.Kt Ray Cochrane K.C.T. / the Provincial-Prior R.E.Kt. Dean White / the Past Preceptor E.KT. Trevor Austin & R.E.Kt. Norman Bliss K.C.T.

All Knights of any Preceptory office/ rank are welcome to attend and enjoy!

All Installed Preceptors (past & present) are welcome to join the Preceptory.

Contact the Registrar for more information-

E.Kt. John Stribling e. interface.p@talk21.com

The Knights of Malta – a History part one

(Source Wikipedia)

The historic "Knights of the Order of St John of Jerusalem" (Knights Hospitaller) were founded in Jerusalem during the first Crusade, about the year 1099, by the association of many pious Knights with the Brothers of St John's Hospital, which had been founded earlier that same century, for the relief of pilgrims travelling to worship at the Holy Sepulchre.



M.E. & S.Kt. Paul R. Clement, G.C.M. Grand Master

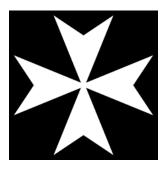
In 603, Pope Gregory I commissioned the Ravennate Abbot Probus, who was previously Gregory's emissary at the Lombard court, to build a hospital in Jerusalem to treat and care for Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land.[2] In 800, Emperor Charlemagne enlarged Probus' hospital and added a library to it. About 200 years later, in 1009, the Fatimid caliph al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah destroyed the hospital and three thousand other buildings in Jerusalem.

Merchants from Amalfi in southern Italy were given permission by the Egyptian Fatimid Caliph al-Mustansir Billah (r. 1036–1094) to build a monastery in Jerusalem, near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The monastery, known as the abbey of St Mary of the Latins (to distinguish them from local Syriac Orthodox Church hierarchy), was served by the Order of Saint Benedict and took in Christian pilgrims travelling to visit the Christian holy sites. The increase in the number of pilgrims led the Benedictine monks to establish two hospitals in the late 1060s, one for men and one for women, with the former known as the Hospital of St John. They did this with the support of a wealthy Amalfian named Mauro of Pantaleone. In the early 1070s the hospital was visited by Archbishop John of Amalfi during his pilgrimage. In later centuries, to help raise money in Europe, the Order of St John made claims that the hospital had been founded more than a century before Christ by the high priest Menelaus and the Greek King Antiochus of Jerusalem, with financing from Judas Maccabeus, and that it was first headed by Saint Stephen and had been visited by Christ and the Apostles. A historian of the Order in the 13th century wrote that this version was not trueIn any case, the Hospitallers rose to fame and prestige in a short amount of time.

The Knights of Malta – a History part one

By the time of the success of the First Crusade in 1099, the Hospital of St John was already well known among pilgrims and was regarded as a separate organization from the monastery of St Mary. The monastic brothers at the hospital saw it as their duty to provide the best possible treatment to the poor. They were given an endowment by Godfrey of Bouillon, the leader of the First Crusade, before he died in 1100. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Ghibbelin of Arles, formally recognized it as a separate entity from the monastery when he reformed the Catholic hierarchy in Palestine, and a step towards this was taken by Pope Paschal II when he recognized the abbey of St Mary as a church of the Holy See, placing it under his protection and exempting it from paying tithes on its land, on 19 June 1112. The monastic Hospitaller Order was formally created when the Pope issued the papal bull Pie postulatio voluntatis on 15 February 1113 to the head of the Hospital of St John, Blessed Gerard de Martigues. The Pope subordinated the hospital to his own authority and exempted it from paying tithes on the lands it owned, and gave the right to its professed brothers to elect their master. He also placed several other hospitals and hospices in southern Italy under the governance of the Hospital of St John in Jerusalem, as they were located at port cities from which pilgrims traveled to the Holy Land.

Have you completed your Journey?





Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire. Terra Sancta 487 Team Visit – 14th March









Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire.

Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory no. 430

Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory, Tuesday 25th March, the second Provincial Team Visit of 2025!

47 Knights arrived at Slough Masonic Centre to enjoy a superb evening and festive board.

The Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Kevin Shannon installed his successor E.Kt. Vincent Peacock into the chair of the Preceptory. E.Kt. Vincent being a long serving member of the Bodyguard welcomed 16 members of the Bodyguard team who arrived to support him on his very special day.

The Provincial Prior R.E.Kt. Dean White with the Sub-Prior E.Kt. Malcolm Woolgar attended with a good number of the active Provincial officers in support of the team visit.

Members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard arrived under the Command of Kt. Mark Harry to support the Provincial Prior.

The ceremony was further enhanced by several joining members and a proposal for a new candidate which bodes well for the future and ceremony work for the new Eminent Preceptor.



A great evening and the support shown for a hard-working member of the bodyguard was fantastic!





















Would you like to join Sir Oliver Starkey Preceptory no. 430 Do you have any candidates for Installation as new Knights?

Contact the Registrar -

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Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire. Terra Sancta 487 Team Visit – 14th March











WELCOME TO OUR ORDER

New Knight's Installed into the Terra Sancta 487 Preceptory

14th March 2025



Welcome to Knights Sean Severn and Micheal Barrett – a double installation!



THE HISTORY OF ST HUGH 314

The Preceptory of St Hugh No 314 was consecrated on 7th April 1948. The Consecrating officer was V E Kt Major R L Loyd, Provincial Prior, assisted by the Provincial Prelate E Kt Rev Canon W M Peacock. The first Eminent Preceptor was E Kt Capt F Gardiner, the Chaplain was Kt Rev W Manton and the Registrar was E Kt Major G D Amery MC, PPrGStdB.

The Banner of the Preceptory carries the coat of arms of St Hugh of Lincoln, for which special permission was granted by Robert, Bishop of Lincoln in 1995. The banner was made in tapestry by E.Kt Stephen Russell and his wife and donated to the Preceptory. The banner consecration was held on 11th July 1996 and conducted by the Provincial Prior R E Kt Leslie Felgate Dring. It was one of his last official duties as Provincial Prior before becoming Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master in the following year.

Hugh was born as the son of Guillame, seigneur of Avalon, France in 1140. His mother died when he was only eight years old, following which his father retired to the local Benedictine Monastery taking young Hugh with him.

Hugh thrived on the monastic life and was ordained as a deacon at only nineteen years of age. He soon left the Benedictine Order to join the Grande Chartreuse, a monastic house near Grenoble that had a fast-growing reputation for rigid austerity and the piety of its members. Hugh rose through the order and in 1179 journeyed to England to head the new Witham Charterhouse in Somerset. This Priory had been recently established by King Henry II as a penance for the death of Thomas a Beckett.

When Hugh arrived at the priory he found it in a sorry state and promptly set about building it up to one of the great monasteries of its time. He was a critic of the way that the church was deprived of funds that were siphoned away to the crown, and set up a major conference to reform the way bishops were appointed. When he was elected as Bishop of Lincoln in 1186 he insisted that the clergy confirmed his appointment with their own private election away from the influences of the crown so that he was certain he enjoyed their support.



THE HISTORY OF ST HUGH 314

Hugh quickly established his independence from the King. He saw his office as a protector of the downtrodden and constantly cautioned his monarch that it was their duty to protect the people that God had placed in their care. He was constantly travelling through his diocese, meticulously ensuring the right appointments to senior positions, improving education and helping the poor and humble members of society. Hugh was unflinching in his dealings and stood up to three all-powerful monarchs, Henry II and his equally belligerent sons Richard the Lionheart and King John. That he was able to do this against such single minded and powerful men was in itself a triumph of diplomacy and dignity, as well as a testimony to the values of humility, courage, constancy and faith with which he carried out his work.

Hugh of Avalon died in London on November 16th 1200 following an illness incurred on a diplomatic trip to France on behalf of King John. He was buried in Lincoln Cathedral and thousands flocked to pay their final respects. Today the Knights of the Preceptory try their best to live up to the high ideal standards of humility, courage, constancy and faith so nobly displayed by St. Hugh of Lincoln.





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Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire



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THEKING

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master

PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, G.C.T.

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Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal

ANDREW CHRISTOPHER RAINBOW, K.C.T.

And the res of the Great Officers, present and past. (Salutations 9)

Provincial Prior

R.E.Kt. DEAN ROBERT WHITE

(Substantial)

Provincial Sub-Prior

E.Kt. MALCOLM GEORGE WOOLGAR

And the Officers of Provincial Priory, present and past.

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The EMINENT PRECEPTOR (Submissions 3)

The NEWLY INSTALLED KNIGHT(s) (Salutations 3)

The VISITORS (Substation for most senior)

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple and of

St John of Terusalam, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales

and Provinces Overseas.

Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire

and Buckinghamshire

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Thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest. Who Thee by faith before the world confess'd For all the saints who from their labours rest

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And win with them, the victors crown of gold Fight as the Saints who no bly fought of old O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold

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Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

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PROVINCIAL INSTALLATION KIT



The Provincial Prior has kindly given permission for OBB to stock some very useful regalia when installing multiple Knights in Ceremonies.

Your Preceptory may be having to perform multiple Ceremonies for candidates and locating spare pilgrim kit can be difficult.

We have available to loan-

Pilgrims Habit x3 / hat x3 / staff x3 / scrip x3 / water bottle x3 / cord x3 / Shields x3

Advice & assistance is also available.

Contact- Mark Harry (Bodyguard Commander)

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PROVINCIAL DIARY 2025

Terra Sancta - Friday 14th March

William Warde – Friday 14th March

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 25th March (I)

Friendship & Care – Wednesday 26th March (I)

Cressing – Wednesday 26th March

St Hugh – Wednesday 2nd April (I)

Beaumont – Friday 4th April (I)

Outremer – Wednesday 16th April

Robert Loyd – Thursday 17th April (extra)

Bisham Abbey - Tuesday 22nd April

Leslie Felgate Dring – Thursday 6th May

Terra Sancta – Friday 9th May

Aylesbury - Monday 12th May

William Warde – Wednesday 14th May (I)

GREAT PRIORY – Wednesday 21st May

Robert-de-Turnham -Tuesday 20th May

Crusaders – Wednesday 28th May (I)

Leslie Felgate Dring – MALTA 29th May

Coeur-de-Lion- Saturday 7th June (I)

CHURCH SERVICE Sunday 8th June

St Helens Abingdon

Cygnet – Friday 13th June

Friendship & Care – Wednesday 18th June

Robert Loyd – Thursday 19th June (I)

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 24th June

Cressing – Wednesday 25th June (I)

Beaumont – Friday 4th July

Wellesley- Tuesday 8th July (I)

Outremer – Tuesday 9th July

Outremer – Wednesday 20th August (I)

Aylesbury – Monday 8th September

Terra Sancta – Friday 12th September (I)

PROVINCIAL PRIORY Monday 15th September

Bisham Abbey – Monday 22nd September

Sir Oliver Starkey – Tuesday 23rd September

St Hugh – Wednesday 1st October

Beaumont – Friday 3rd October

Robert-de-Turnham -Tuesday 7th October

Robert Loyd – Thursday 16th October

Cressing – Wednesday 29th October

Provincial Priors Gala Dinner 1st Nov 2025

Wellesley- Tuesday 11th November

Cygnet – Friday 14th November (I)

GREAT PRIORY MALTA- Tuesday 18th November

Crusaders – Wednesday 19th November

PROVINTIAL PRIORY MALTA – Monday 24th

November

 $St\; Hugh-Wednesday\; 3^{rd}\; December$

William Warde – Wednesday 10th December

Friendship & Care – Monday 15th December

Installation of Eminent Preceptor (I)

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Ask VicProvincial or General KT Questions?

Do you have questions about Knights Templar or the Province in general?

Just send Vic an Email. kt1873info@gmail.com

q. Hi Vic- I got a letter in the post with provincial honor's.

What badge do I need to get?

Provincial Officers

Provincial Prior Provincial Sub-Prior Prelate Chancellor First Constable Second Constable Vice-Chancellor Treasurer Registrar Marshal Deputy Marshal Almoner 1st Herald 2nd Herald Standard Bearer (B) Standard Bearet (VB) Banner Bearer Sword Bearer Assistant Vice-Chancellor Aide-de-Camp Warden of Regalia Chamberlain Capt. Of Guards Organist Outer Guard



Outer Guard



Chamberlain



Organist



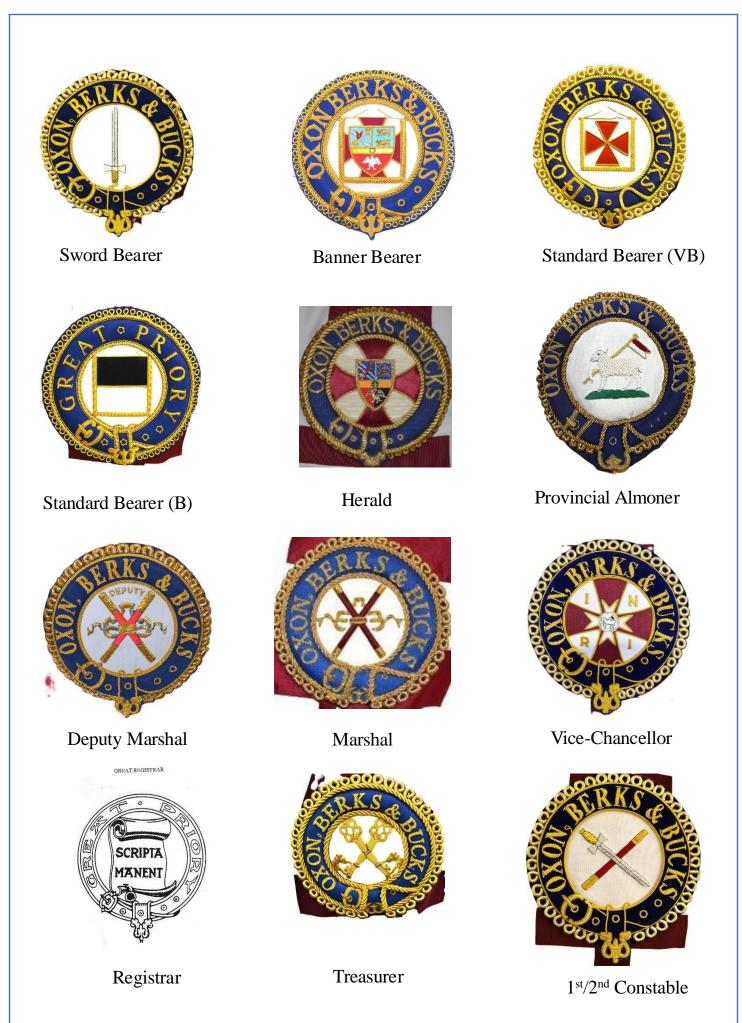
Warden of Regalia



Captain of Guard



Aide-de-Camp





Chancellor



Prelate



Provincial Sub-Prior



Provincial Prior

Some of the roundels shown above are of Great Priory rank - the only difference being it would be of Provincial rank on the outer edge.



ANOTHER CHAPTER



Charles Nicholl Chapter no 7318

This is our very own KT linked Chapter (In Berkshire), why not come along to support our next meeting.

Wednesday 14th May 2025, at Sindlesham.

Contact - Scribe E- Comp Robin Kent- robin.kent@live.com
Dining- Ass Scribe E. Comp Ian Mitchell- ian.mitchell09@aol.com

BOOK NOW!!! And enjoy a Royal Arch meeting with a KT twist.



OUT & ABOUT IN THE PROVINCE





WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PRECEPTORY THIS MONTH

Let us know what is going on, send some pics, ask some questions, request some assistance.

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Kt Dougie Leacy or Kt Rob Hawkins

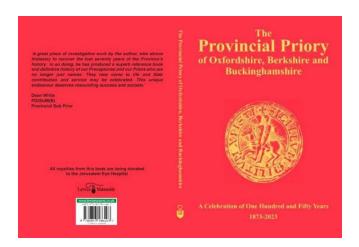


KNIGHTLY ARTEFACTS FOR SALE

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The Province authorised the writing of a commemorative book called *A Celebration of One Hundred and Fifty Years 1873-2023* which has been kindly printed by the Lewis Masonic publishing house to commemorate our 150th anniversary.

It has a page designed to receive a signature and dedication by our Provincial Prior and Sub Prior; including a section to record the highlights of one's time within our Order, it will be available from the Lewis Masonic online catalogue (February 2024) at a cost of £12.00 with all profits being donated to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital.





Bodyguard cufflinks £20.00 per pair, all profits will go to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital

YE KNIGHTS OF OLDE REGALIA

Don't leave those unwanted KT regalia items gathering dust at the back of the cupboard.

tunics / mantle / badges / old swords / belts that no longer fit etc

Don't waste!!! RECYCLE to our new Knights.



Recycling contacts-

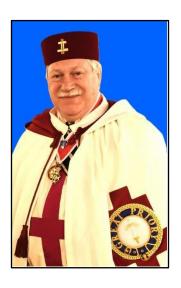
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OR

Provincial Vice Chancellor and Travelling Knights co-ordinator- E.Kt.

Martin Sando



ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE-HOSPITAL NEWS

E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark KStJ, Past

Dep. Gt.Swd.B.

Trustee of the Jerusalem Eye Hospital

Dear Knights,3rr4

Report to follow next Month

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Jamie

Jamie Ingham Clark, KStJ Trustee



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