



MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

UNDER THE HIGH PROTECTION OF MONSEIGNEUR LE COMTE DE PARIS, DUC DE FRANCE, CHEF DE LA MAISON ROYALE DE FRANCE
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COMMANDERY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Commandery Newsletter September 2007

Dear Confreres and Conseours,

It has been some time since we all made the decision to remain loyal to the Order to which we swore allegiance, and during the intervening months a new Council has been formed, details of which are given below. As you will appreciate, this has taken a little time, but the time invested now will pay dividends in the future.

Your Council is dedicated to re-building our Order in Great Britain, and at present we are formed as a single Commandery; hopefully, as our membership grows, this situation will change, and we may once again resume our local identities.

The Commandery Council

A meeting was convened at Liverpool on the 15 June 2007, by HE Chev Aaron Kielty, the Grand Secretary of the Order, to discuss the formation of a Commandery Council. At the meeting, the following members of the Order were offered and accepted posts:

Chancellor:	Chev M E Thacker of Fetternear MBE KLJ JP
Capitular:	HE the Count d'Evora KCLJ GOMLJ
Grand Magisterial Delegate:	Rt Revd R Garrard ECLJ
Marshal:	Viscount St Cyres KLJ
Chaplain General:	Rev Fr J S Strettle MBE TD SChLJ
Deputy Chaplain General:	Rev S P Henry ChLJ
Hospitaller:	Dr G N Wilson KLJ
Treasurer:	Mr N Sterland

The role of Secretary is being kindly undertaken by the Deputy Chaplain General.

Investiture and Promotions

The Chancellor is pleased to announce that an Investiture and Promotions ceremony will be held on 26 – 27 October 2007 in London. We are honoured that the Grand

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Master and Grand Chancellor will be in attendance, and the Chancellor hopes that all Members of the Order will be able to attend the event.

The ceremonies will commence with a Vigil on Friday evening at the Warwick Street Church, and will provide the traditional spiritual and meditative tone, prior to the celebratory nature of the Investiture the following day.

The Investiture will be held at 11am of 27th October at St James's Church, Spanish Place. There will be a number of new members welcomed into the Order, and two promotions. The Grand Master will present a small banner to the Commandery, which he will do after the opening rites of the Investiture. It is hoped that there will be a light buffet supper after the Vigil, and a luncheon, by subscription, at the East India Club, St James' Place, after the Investiture. It is expected that the luncheon will cost in the region of £45 per head, and the Grand Master will be present.

Any Members of the Order who wish to attend **should indicate their wish to the Marshal** (whose address is given below), who will then provide further, more detailed instructions, with a formal invitation.

The Marshal may be contacted:

Viscount St Cyres, Hayne Barton, Newton St Cyres, EXETER, EX5 5AH

Commandery banner

The Capitular is to make application to the Grand Master for his grant to approve a Commandery banner. It is suggested that this takes the form of a white background with green cross, with a badge of *fleur-de-lys* divided between red and blue in the upper quarter.

Future Events

The Commandery Council hopes to arrange a dinner at Haslop Hall in Derbyshire, possibly in October 2008, and to arrange a Chapter meeting, to which all members will be invited.

The Capitular is hoping to organise a Requiem Mass for members at St James's Church, Spanish Place, in November. Further details will be provided.

The Council will be addressing the issue of the Order's charitable aims in the near future, and once these have been discussed then it is hoped that future events can be planned to this end.

Future newsletters

We hope to produce a regular newsletter, probably on a quarterly basis, and would like members to feel involved. Should anyone wish to contribute then please contact the Hospitaller, whose address is given at the bottom of the first page.