

The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the  
Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes  
and Malta of England and Wales and Provinces Overseas



Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master  
PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, OStJ, G.C.T.

Very High & Right Eminent Great Seneschal  
ANDREW CHRISTOPHER RAINBOW, G.C.T.

Chancery of the Orders  
86 St James's Street  
London, SW1A 1PL

Dear Sir and Brother Knight

A Chapter of the GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE will be held on **Wednesday, 20 May 2026, at 12.30 p.m.**, under the banner of the Preceptory of St George No. 6, in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

All Knights of the Order are invited to attend.

**All Active Great Officers will attend a rehearsal at 10.30 a.m. under the direction of the Great Marshal.**

By command of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order

R.E.Kt. Daniel M. Heath, K.C.T.  
Great Vice-Chancellor

Dated this 22nd day of April  
A.D. 2026 A.L. 6026 A.O. 908

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Full regalia – no swords (except Active Officers)

Please note that photography and videography are being conducted at this event. The captured media will be used for social media, newsletters, our website, and archival purposes.

# AGENDA

1. A Chapter of Great Priory will be opened.
2. The Great Registrar will call the Muster Roll.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Chapter of Great Priory held on Wednesday, 21 May 2025, having been circulated with the summons for this meeting, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To receive the Report of the Grand Master's Council, as printed in **Appendix A**, and approve the recommendations contained therein.
5. To receive the Great Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 August 2025, as printed in **Appendix C**.
6. To elect and install the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.
7. To appoint and proclaim the Very High and Right Eminent Great Seneschal.
8. To appoint, invest and proclaim a Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders.
9. To appoint, invest and proclaim Knights Commander of the United Orders.
10. To nominate and elect the Great Treasurer.
11. To appoint and invest the Great Officers for the ensuing year.
12. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master will appoint four Knights to serve on the Appeals Panel from which he may constitute Appeals Courts in accordance with Statute 135 (1).
13. To elect four Knights to serve on the Appeals Panel.
14. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master will appoint five Knights to serve on the Grand Master's Council in accordance with Statute 122.
15. To elect three Knights to serve on the Grand Master's Council in accordance with Statute 122.
16. To elect three Knights to serve as Trustees of the Fund of Benevolence in accordance with the Trust Deed.
17. To appoint Crowe U.K. LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, as Auditors to Great Priory for the financial year 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027.
18. To receive the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Grand Master's Bodyguard.
19. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master will address the Chapter of Great Priory.
20. Any other business.
21. Alms will be collected, during which the Templars' Hymn will be sung.
22. The Chapter of Great Priory will be closed.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

### 1. APPOINTMENTS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following Provincial Priors at his pleasure:

V.E.Kt. Stephen John Churchill, P.G.Reg., to be Provincial Prior for NORTHAMPTON, HUNTINGTON AND BEDFORD, with effect from 11 July 2025, in succession to R.E.Kt. Roger Charles Wortley;

E.Kt. Keith William Marshall, P.G.St.B.(B.), to be Provincial Prior for NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE, with effect from 26 July 2025, in succession to R.E.Kt. Timothy Grant Dillon;

E.Kt. Kenneth Stephen Darby, P.Prov.W. of R., to be Provincial Prior for NATAL, with effect from 30 August 2025, in succession to R.E.Kt. Karl Michel;

V.E.Kt. Julian Mitchell, P.G.Reg., to be Provincial Prior for HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, with effect from 9 September 2025, in succession to R.E.Kt. Cdr Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *RD, JP*;

E.Kt. David Frederick Bull, P.Gt.Her., to be Provincial Prior for LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, with effect from 9 February 2026, in succession to R.E.Kt. Adrian John Padmore, K.C.T.;

E.Kt. Stephen Ranson, Prov.Mar., to be Provincial Prior for NORTHUMBERLAND, with effect from 14 March 2026, in succession to R.E.Kt. Kevin Peter Stannard;

E.Kt. Adam William Lancashire, P.Gt.Her., to be Provincial Prior for DERBYSHIRE, with effect from 30 June 2026, in succession to R.E.Kt. Graeme Hutchinson;

E.Kt. Terrence Michael O'Neill, P.Gt.Her., to be Provincial Prior for MIDDLESEX, with effect from 6 July 2026, in succession to R.E.Kt. John Roberts, K.C.T.

### 2. REGISTRATION OF NEW MEMBERS

During the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, 772 new members were admitted into the Order of the Temple. As at the latter date, the total subscribing membership of the Order was 14,566.

### 3. WARRANTS OF CONSTITUTION

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Constitution to the following Preceptories:

Concordia y Paz - Carlos Bedregal Soria Preceptory No. 731 – Bolivia

Philip de Cognac Preceptory No. 733 – Dorset and Wiltshire

### 4. WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Confirmation to Roger De Clinton Preceptory No. 407 – Staffordshire and Shropshire.

### 5. SESQUICENTENARY WARRANT

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant a sesquicentenary warrant to Grosvenor Preceptory No. 132 (Cheshire and North Wales) on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working.

### 6. CENTENARY WARRANTS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant Centenary Warrants to the following Preceptories on completion of one hundred years continuous working:

Menai Preceptory No. 231 – Cheshire and North Wales

Wendlynburgh Preceptory No. 236 – Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford

Vectis Preceptory No. 237 – Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Scardebure Preceptory No. 238 – North and East Yorkshire

United Priors Preceptory No. 240 – Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford

7. JUBILEE WARRANTS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to grant Jubilee Warrants to the following Preceptories on completion of fifty years continuous working:  
St Wilfrid of Hexham Preceptory No. 461 – Northumberland  
Holy Cross Preceptory No. 470 – Sussex

8. OBITUARY

The Council reports, with deep regret, the death of the following Great Officers:

R.E.Kt. Carlos Bedregal Soria, P.Prov.Prior (Bolivia)

V.E.Kt. Peter Reginald Bidmead, P.2nd Gt.Con.

V.E.Kt. Ronald Paul Franklin, P.Gt.Reg.

V.E.Kt. William Sydney Frederick King, P.Gt.Reg.

V.E.Kt. Robert Spencer Parsons, P.Gt.Reg.

V.E.Kt. Peter Alexander Taylor, P.Gt.Reg.

E.Kt. Selwyn Smith Beattie, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Keith Edwin Colcutt, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Roy Edwin Compton, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Leslie Victor Edwards, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Gerald Forman, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Alan Sears, P.Gt.Her.

E.Kt. Peter Tulloch Baikie, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)

E.Kt. John Graham Bones, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)

E.Kt. Peter Granville Knatt, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)

E.Kt. Stuart Scott-Darling, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)

E.Kt. Kevin Chawner, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)

E.Kt. Bjarne Gerald Gronmark, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)

E.Kt. Peter Mitchell, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)

E.Kt. George Zografos, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)

E.Kt. Derek Warneford, P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B.

E.Kt. Joseph Bulmer, *JP*, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Anthony Joseph Darlison, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Dr Owen William Davison, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Albert Roy Emmerson, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. John Bamborough Gibson, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Stanley Herbert Griffiths, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Michael John Newth, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Robert Shepherd, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Edward Gwynfor Sinnett, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Rodney Clive Smallwood, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. George Albert Elvery Spicer, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Hubert Andrew Warwick, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Gerald Rodney Wilde, P.Gt.A.-de-C.

E.Kt. Richard Anthony Ayling, P.Gt.W. of R.

E.Kt. Capt Frank Alec Lawrence, P.Gt.W. of R.

E.Kt. John Walter Lawrence, P.Gt.W. of R.

E.Kt. Edwin John Barella, P.Gt.Chamb.

8a. The Grand Master's Council also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Great Officers was reported between 1 September 2025 and 22 April 2026:

R.E.Kt. Edwin Bryant Goodwin, K.C.T.

R.E.Kt. Malcolm Christopher Moreland, K.C.T.

R.E.Kt. John Herbert Prizeman, K.C.T.

V.E.Kt. Roland John Bedford, P.Gt.Reg.

V.E.Kt. John Charles Board, P.Gt.Reg.

V.E.Kt. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Samuel John Brown, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Peter Ewart Cornish, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Gerald Michael Pritchard Hardie, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Paul Baden Humphrey, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Donald Grahame Maclean, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Alfred Roberts, P.Gt.Reg.  
 V.E.Kt. Barry Spanton Searle, P.Gt.Reg.  
 E.Kt. Ronald Biggin, P.Gt.Alm.  
 E.Kt. George Edgar Birchall, P.Gt.Her.  
 E.Kt. John Rollett Leedale Maultby, P.Gt.Her.  
 E.Kt. Ronald Fife Plane, P.Gt.Her.  
 E.Kt. Donald Charles Willis, P.Gt.Her.  
 E.Kt. Robin John Cooke, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)  
 E.Kt. Garfield Ernest Ellis, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)  
 E.Kt. Anthony St John Turner, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)  
 E.Kt. Raymond Edward Roy Walters, P.Gt.St.B.(B.)  
 E.Kt. James Norman Alcock, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)  
 E.Kt. John David Mawdsley Brooke, P.Gt.St.B.(V.B.)  
 E.Kt. Dr David Graham Shipley, P.G.M.B.B.  
 E.Kt. Christopher John Davis, P.Dep.Gt.Swd.B.  
 E.Kt. Michael Harry Andrews, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Dilwyn Bowen, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Ronald William Brick, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Ralph Walter Coney, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Brian Anthony De Neut, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Michael Eccles, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Derek John Ford, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Arthur Trevor Jones, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. John Knox, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Alfred John Prime, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Michael Lees Sidebotham, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Roy Edward Starling, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Colin Ward, P.Gt.A.-de-C.  
 E.Kt. Linton Anthony Andrews, *JP*, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. Anthony Frederick Jeffery, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. Alan Ralph Lanham, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. James Gordon Lord, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. Lt Cdr John Lawrence Peer, *MBE*, *RN*, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. Dr Gordon James Taylor, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. Malvern Williams, P.Gt.W. of R.  
 E.Kt. John Arthur Castle, P.Gt.Chamb.  
 E.Kt. David Edward Phillips, P.Gt.Chamb.  
 E.Kt. John Reginald Humphrey David Taylor-Harding, P.Gt.Chamb.  
 E.Kt. Leslie Wales, P.Gt.Chamb.  
 E.Kt. Harold Nigel Hugh Higgins, P.Gt.Capt.Gds.

## 9. GREAT HONOURS

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has ruled that **11 December 2026** is the latest date by which recommendations for Great Honours can be received by the Great Vice-Chancellor.

## 10. FEES AND ANNUAL DUES

The standard rates of registration and other fees payable to Great Priory for the financial year **1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027** shall be as follows:

## Warrants

For a Warrant of Constitution.....	at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmation .....	at cost
For a Celebration Warrant (Centenary/Sesquicentenary/Bicentenary) .....	at cost

## Patents

For a Knight Grand Cross.....	at cost
For a Knight Commander .....	at cost
For a Provincial Prior .....	at cost

## Registration

Annual Dues .....	£35.00
Installed Preceptors' Preceptory.....	£17.50
Of a Knight Templar on Installation or a joining member not previously on the Register of Great Priory.....	£30.00
Of a joining member already on the Register of Great Priory.....	£23.00
Of a founder member of a new Preceptory being a Knight already on the Register of Great Priory.....	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Great Priory Certificates .....	£30.00

## Dispensations

Preceptory or Preceptor Elect .....	£30.00
Dispensations (Nunc Pro Tunc).....	£58.00

*Any request for dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as a Nunc Pro Tunc dispensation and charged accordingly.*

## Yearbooks

Mark.....	£13.00
All other Orders .....	£12.00

*All Fees shown are inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable by Preceptories and Knights in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.*

### 11. ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL GROUP

During the year ended 31 December 2025, donations were received and passed to the Hospitaller of the Order of St John in the sum of **£274,802**. A list of the Provinces, Preceptories and other donors is printed as **Appendix B** to this Summons.

The Hospitaller of the Order of St John has expressed his sincere appreciation of our continued interest and support. The Council hopes that contributions to the Hospital will continue to be made on as generous a basis as possible. Cheques should be made payable to '**St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group**', but sent in the first instance to the Great Vice-Chancellor for record keeping purposes.

### 11a KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE TO EYE APPEAL

The 20 for 2020 Appeal was launched in spring 2020 to raise funds for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. This popular scheme was relaunched in 2021 as the Knights Templar Eye to Eye Appeal. Donors giving £20 receive a lapel pin featuring a swift in flight in appreciation of their support.

Application forms, including gift aid declaration for eligible donors, are available from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall or by email to the charities finance department at Mark Masons' Hall:

**charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk.**

**www.markmasonshall.org/charities/knights-templar-benevolent-fund**

12. ADMINISTRATION

The Registrations Department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Great Officers as soon as they occur via Keystone Online.

Provincial Vice-Chancellors and Registrars of Unattached Preceptories are requested to address communications either to the Great Vice-Chancellor or the most appropriate member of MMH staff by name, depending on the nature of the communication. Communications should only be marked 'Private and Confidential' by exception. All such communications should be sent to:

Chancery of the Orders, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

13. CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Knights of the Holy House of the Temple in England and Wales and Provinces Overseas are reminded to join in good wishes to their Brother Knights in the Order throughout the world on **Friday, 25 December 2026**, at 5p.m. GMT.

In this connection the Council has considered it appropriate that a standard form of prayer be introduced to be offered by Knights Templar on this special occasion in the following words:

“Preserve, O Lord, our Brother Knights  
by land and sea and air,  
and as we hold them in our thoughts,  
so keep them in thy care.”

22 April 2026

R.E.Kt. J. C. Whitaker, *JP, DL*, G.C.T., Pres.G.M.C.

R.E.Kt. D. M. Heath, K.C.T., Gt.Vice-Chan.

Appendix B

**DONATIONS TO ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL GROUP**

**1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

Great Priory – Alms Collection.....	2,627	£
Great Priory of Malta – Alms Collection.....	2,092	

**PROVINCIAL PRIORIES**

Cheshire and North Wales .....	480
Derbyshire .....	1,250
Devonshire and Cornwall .....	1,000
Dorset and Wiltshire .....	1,000
Durham.....	31,135
East Anglia.....	1,624
Essex.....	3,000
Far East.....	300
Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.....	400
Hampshire and Isle of Wight .....	4,000
Hertfordshire.....	10,000
Kent .....	200
Kent Preceptory of Improvement.....	200
Lancashire .....	5,000
Leicestershire and Rutland.....	1,000
Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford – Provincial Priors Bodyguard .....	40
North and East Yorkshire.....	1,000
Northumberland.....	120,000
Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire .....	1,000
Somerset .....	600
South East Asia .....	1,000
South America .....	1,000
Staffordshire and Shropshire.....	1,000
Surrey .....	1,000
Sussex.....	1,000
Warwickshire .....	674
Warwickshire – Preceptory of Improvement.....	557
West Yorkshire – Emmaus Society.....	180
Worcestershire .....	906

**PRECEPTORIES**

C The Camp of Baldwyn T.I. ....	200
F Union or Rougemont .....	500
5 Jerusalem.....	200
7 Loyal Volunteers.....	1,200
9 St Joseph .....	100
12 St Michael.....	250
14 Royal Edward.....	100
15 Preceptory of St Salem .....	500
17 St John of Jerusalem.....	540
18 Prince Edward .....	500
19 Trinity in Unity.....	500
27 Sepulchre Preceptory & Sandeman Priory.....	500
33 St James of Jerusalem.....	200
34 Prince Albert .....	380
41 Faith (Wigan).....	200
42 Godefroi De Bouillon .....	500

43	St George's.....	600
45	United Preceptory of Kemeys Tynte & Temple.....	1,000
52	Richard de Vernon.....	450
67	Howe-Beauceant.....	114
68	Preceptory of St Amand.....	600
72	Coteswold Preceptory of St Augustin.....	200
89	Plains of Mamre.....	100
95	de Lacy.....	200
118	Mount Grace.....	200
123	St Bernard.....	100
125	Sussex Preceptory and Southdown Priory.....	450
126	De Warenne.....	350
131	The Holy Sanctuary.....	3,000
132	Grosvenor.....	750
143	Temple Bruer.....	240
146	Black Prince.....	1,150
149	Royds.....	350
155	The Lullingstone.....	400
159	Peveril.....	250
163	Ascalon.....	500
172	Connaught Army and Navy.....	1,000
174	Holy Sepulchre.....	200
183	Sancta Maria.....	500
195	Preceptory of Shanghai.....	150
201	Preceptory of St. Richard.....	300
205	Integrity.....	500
209	Public Schools.....	500
212	Richard Coeur de Lion.....	200
217	Palestine.....	120
229	Peter de Erdington.....	344
231	Menai.....	500
232	Chibburn.....	500
237	Vectis.....	500
238	Scardeburg.....	1,000
243	St Oswald.....	750
253	Staines.....	200
258	Crusaders.....	150
259	Trafalgar.....	150
268	Herga.....	100
278	Temple (Kings Heath).....	200
282	Britannic Preceptory of Madeira.....	400
292	Wycliffe.....	200
293	Holy Rood.....	225
320	All Saints.....	200
324	Preceptory of St Paul.....	280
325	Temple Ewell.....	500
330	Lynn Regis.....	500
331	Holy Trinity.....	278
332	Preceptory of the Holy Cross.....	350
339	De Umfraville.....	1,000
340	Temple Balsall.....	490
361	Ascalon.....	174
367	St Mary and All Saints'.....	300
369	Sir John Kent.....	400
388	Twickenham.....	100

394	Uxbridge .....	100
396	Preceptory of St John the Baptist .....	200
406	Stroud Preceptory of St. Michael .....	500
407	Roger de Clinton .....	400
408	Hales Abbey .....	135
413	Pelham .....	200
414	Simon de Montfort .....	600
415	Candia .....	250
420	Ulverscroft .....	250
421	Bernard de Frankley .....	250
428	Maples .....	100
429	Southgate .....	100
432	St Michael and St Mary .....	300
433	Westwood .....	200
438	Robert Loyd .....	300
439	Hereward the Wake .....	500
440	The Earl of Lathom .....	440
446	Emmaus .....	1,000
448	Phoenix .....	242
449	Gauntlet .....	300
450	All Hallows .....	100
454	Preceptory of St David .....	100
457	Sir Robert Mavesyn .....	500
458	Warwickshire .....	276
470	Holy Cross .....	300
475	Lord Harris .....	300
476	Cumba .....	500
478	Stephen Langton .....	250
481	St Oswald .....	30
482	Trinity .....	200
484	Fredrick Friday .....	500
485	Lanfranc .....	100
487	Terra Sancta .....	500
494	De Ffaryngton .....	150
495	The Pilgrim .....	100
500	Shirley Woolmer .....	500
510	Nottinghamshire .....	200
515	Robert de Bruys .....	200
517	Agincourt .....	250
518	Middelseaxe .....	100
519	The Preceptory of King John .....	250
520	The Round Table .....	100
522	The Prior's Haven .....	50
524	Ranulph-de-Blundeville .....	100
529	St Alphege .....	334
531	The Preceptory of St Stephen .....	74
537	Wudcestre .....	100
541	The Abbey .....	280
545	The Staffordshire and Shropshire .....	200
546	John O'Gaunt .....	500
549	The Worcestershire .....	450
557	The Kingsbury .....	900
565	Praetorian (Edgbaston) .....	270
566	Guy of Warwick .....	308
570	Praesidium Legati .....	700

573	Mount Lebanon .....	100
574	Excalibur.....	250
585	The Varangian .....	300
586	Templar Segedunum .....	50
587	Cohors Praetoria .....	150
591	Arch of Steel.....	100
606	The Westmorland .....	400
610	The George North .....	200
612	Preceptory of St Michael and All Angels.....	600
621	Praetorian .....	300
625	Tamar .....	100
626	Preceptory of St John the Almoner.....	4,300
627	Thomas Dunckerley .....	100
629	The Kent Preceptory of St George .....	100
637	Leslie Felgate Dring .....	300
640	Waller Rodwell Wright .....	500
662	Omnis Sanctus .....	346
666	St James .....	173
677	The Isle of Ely.....	500
682	Mercia Praetorian .....	1,250
689	The Preceptory of Light .....	329
692	The Peter Cannon Meridian .....	522
695	Secretum Templi Londinium .....	2,000
705	William Warde .....	300
710	Gilbert de Lacy .....	125
714	St Mary and St John the Baptist.....	500
715	The Grand Master's Bodyguard .....	225
722	Barão de Batovi .....	50

#### IN MEMORIAM

Sir John Babington Preceptory No: 410 – in memory of E.Kt. Anthony Neil Gobby.....	50
Provincial Priory of Middlesex – in memory of R.E.Kt. Ernest Russell Gotham .....	1,250
Mrs S A Worden – in memory of Joan Tidy .....	10
M & W Warner – in memory of Joan Tidy .....	25
Mrs J Marsh – in memory of E.Kt. Kerrion Marsh.....	330
Mr P Parsons – in memory of E.Kt. Kerrion Marsh.....	20

#### PERSONAL AND OTHER DONATIONS

S Adams .....	50
M J Allen .....	10
B Ayres .....	84
R Baggley.....	60
M R Beardall.....	40
C Birkbeck .....	60
R Briggs.....	55
M C Brown.....	60
R J Brown .....	110
P Buchan .....	55
S J Burrell .....	60
M Bye .....	55
R C Callaby .....	55
C M Carr .....	55
D J P Cattermole .....	60
C E Catton .....	5
R A Clack .....	55
R C Clarke .....	20

P T Coles .....	120
C Cridford .....	100
R E Denyer.....	55
I A F Dupont.....	110
J D Edmonds.....	65
M Fisher.....	55
B Ffrench.....	48
KL Florence.....	200
W E Garner.....	40
G Garraway.....	55
N P Gibson.....	55
D J Gladman.....	2,000
A P Goldson.....	60
I S Gray.....	120
C W Greaves.....	25
M Green.....	60
R G Guy.....	60
R R Hack.....	60
C G Hamilton.....	120
M Harrison.....	150
D B Hedges.....	85
A J Helliard.....	100
B N Higgins.....	110
K D Hill.....	25
P J Holbrook.....	90
N J Hood.....	110
R G Hoskins.....	50
N W Howard.....	55
A Humphrey.....	60
W D Irwin.....	60
M J Jesset.....	22
J A Jones.....	55
A N Johnston.....	100
L P M Loades.....	220
J Love.....	100
D J Lucas.....	40
A S Lymer.....	400
J E Mack.....	102
I H Macklin.....	60
S Martin.....	50
A K Mason.....	120
R B Masterson.....	55
J R L Maultby.....	20
G R W MacLean.....	165
K McCully.....	60
W McShane.....	55
A Mesa-Cruz.....	30
S C L Middleton.....	60
R Murdo-Smith.....	100
I H Notley.....	60
A Nuttall.....	80
T R T Orams.....	60
A D Panter.....	60
M R J Pardon.....	94
A Parkin.....	60
M Pendred.....	30

N Petrunov.....	24
I R Phillips.....	110
S Purnell.....	500
T Putterill.....	530
R J Robertson.....	25
J H Roper.....	60
J Rowell.....	55
P Royal.....	24
C T Sampson.....	60
R C Senter.....	110
C A Seston.....	50
B Shegar.....	61
S Sheriff.....	22
M Smith.....	10
D M Spearmen.....	55
C J Spinks.....	25
F J Steed.....	96
A M Swift.....	24
P C Thorpe.....	100
A F Vella.....	55
D Walker.....	240
J S Warne.....	20
N C Williams.....	55
A M J Wooderson.....	60

#### KNIGHTS BENEFICENT OF THE HOLY CITY

2 St James Lodge of S.M.S.A.....	100
6 St Bernard of Clairvaux Lodge of S.M.S.A.....	300

#### OTHERS

Wormley St Laurence Craft Lodge No. 9621.....	3,406
The Boscombe Royal Arch Chapter No. 2158.....	825
Athlumney Rose Croix Chapter No. 164.....	200
Crewe Rose Croix Chapter No. 250.....	300
The Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon No. 89.....	500
Grand Master's Bodyguard.....	50

**Total Payments through MMH..... £273,456**

#### REGULAR GIVING direct to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

P T Coles.....	50
I Drury.....	239
K T D'Souza.....	250
G Miguel Dr.....	50
M Graham.....	100
J Halliay.....	60
M P L Kersey.....	124
E F H Misselke.....	150
R G Scott.....	100
J A Southwell.....	100
C J Thomas.....	50
D C Zafeiroudis.....	73

**Total Direct to ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL GROUP..... £1,346**

**TOTAL..... £274,802**

## Appendix C

### GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES GENERAL FUND GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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The Members of the Grand Master's Council of the The Great Priory of the United Religious Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas (Great Priory) present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

#### GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

The responsibilities of the Grand Master's Council of the Great Priory are as follows:

The day to day management of the Great Priory.

The management of the finances of the Great Priory in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.

The implementation of the appropriate policies and procedures in order to monitor and control all financial transactions that they deem necessary.

The Grand Master's Council is also required to ensure that the future commitments of the Great Priory are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Grand Master's Council of the Great Priory during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

His Honour I D G Alexander, *KC*

J M Beard

Dr P R Calderwood, *JP*

P R Clement, *OSTJ*

G L Gill, *SLMM* (Appointed 21 May 2025)

J R G Hilditch

G Hutchinson

K J Jones

P A Norman (Retired 21 May 2025)

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M E Slater, *OSTJ* (Retired 21 May 2025)

J Spence, *DL*

T J Wheeler

J C Whitaker, *JP, DL* - President

**GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
GENERAL FUND  
GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Great Priory seeks to invest to provide funds for special events, ceremonial meetings and any other worthy causes.

In accordance with this policy the Board has concentrated on investing in equities.

In accordance with these aims, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Ltd. The Investment Committee, appointed by the Trustees, reviews the funds on a regular basis.

Approved by the Grand Master's Council on 1 April, 2026 and signed on its behalf:

**J C Whitaker  
PRESIDENT**

**D M Heath  
GREAT VICE CHANCELLOR**

**GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
GENERAL FUND  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Income from investments		21,855		18,645
Bank Interest		2,301		4,171
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>24,156</b>	<b>22,816</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Other Expenses		0		15,685
General expenses		3,357		3,257
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>3,357</b>	<b>18,942</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>20,799</b>	<b>3,874</b>
Realised & unrealised gains/(losses) on				
Investments			9,591	54,893
Deferred tax	3.		3,053	(13,658)
			<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b>33,443</b>	<b>45,109</b>

**Notes:**

The following sums were received into The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons General Fund by way of dues, fees etc. from members of The Great Priory during the year ended 31 August 2025.

	2025 £	2024 £
Annual Dues	362,267	351,214
Registration Fees	22,413	12,478
Warrants (at cost)	2,388	941
Fees of Honour	15,033	12,183
Dispensations	1,261	1,714
Year Books	6,811	6,852
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	<b>410,173</b>	<b>385,382</b>

**The notes on pages 18 form part of these financial statements.**

**GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
Quoted securities at Market Value			<b>712,420</b>	<u>706,185</u>
Historic Cost £537,633 (2024 - £519,752)				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Sundry debtors		<b>115,531</b>		105,605
Cash at bank		<b>113,901</b>		<u>99,672</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
			<b>229,432</b>	<u>205,277</u>
Provision for deferred tax	3.		<b>(33,561)</b>	(36,614)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>				
			<b>908,291</b>	<u>874,848</u>
Represented by:				
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>				
Balance at 1 September 2024			<b>874,848</b>	829,739
Surplus for the year			<b>33,443</b>	<u>45,109</u>
<b>BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2025</b>				
			<b>908,291</b>	<u>874,848</u>

These results have been audited as part of the overall group audit of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The auditors, Crowe UK LLP, have confirmed, that in their opinion, these results are consistent with the figures included in the GLMMM financial statements, on which they have indicated they will give an unqualified audit report.

**J R G Hilditch**  
Great Treasurer

**Date: 1 April 2026**

The notes on pages 18 form part of these financial statements.

**GREAT PRIORY OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
GENERAL FUND  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**1. ENTITY INFORMATION**

The Great Priory is an unincorporated association and operates from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investments and in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to small entities.

All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

**(b) Investments**

Listed investments are measured at fair value through income and expenditure, and are reported at their market value at each balance sheet date.

**3. DEFERRED TAX**

	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
Balance at 1 September 2024	<b>(36,614)</b>	<i>(22,956)</i>
Tax at 25% (2024: 25%)	<b>3,053</b>	<i>(13,658)</i>
Balance at 31 August 2025	<b><u>(33,561)</u></b>	<i><u>(36,614)</u></i>

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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The Trustees of Great Priory of the Order of the Temple Fund of Benevolence present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The Charity is the Great Priory of the Order of The Temple Fund of Benevolence and is a registered Charity under registration number 208563. The Charity's address is 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

**TRUSTEES**

The Trustees of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple Fund of Benevolence who served during the year and to the date of signing this report, unless otherwise stated, are:

J R G Hilditch (Appointed 31 March 2025)

J Prizeman (Deceased 22 January 2026)

R Wallis (Retired 31 March 2025)

Newly appointed Trustees receive an induction from the President of the Grand Master's Council and Great Treasurer and attend training courses as necessary.

**ORGANISATION**

The Members of the Grand Master's Council of the Great Priory are responsible for the administration of all aspects of the Great Priory of the Order of The Temple Fund of Benevolence.

The members of the Grand Master's Council of the Great Priory, who are either appointed by the Grand Master of Great Priory or elected by the Great Priory of England and Wales, during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

His Honour I D G Alexander, *KC*

J M Beard

Dr P R Calderwood, *JP*

P R Clement, *OStJ*

G L Gill, *SLMM* (Appointed 21 May 2025)

J R G Hilditch

G Hutchinson

K J Jones

P A Norman (Retired 21 May 2025)

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J H Prizeman (Appointed 21 May 2025, Deceased 22 January 2026)

A C Rainbow

R Scott

Dr N F J Scott-Moncrieff (Appointed 10 November 2025)

M E Slater, *OStJ* (Retired 21 May 2025)

J Spence, *DL*

T J Wheeler

J C Whitaker, *JP, DL* - President

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**PRINCIPAL ADVISERS**

**BANKERS**

Clydesdale Bank plc (Trading as  
Virgin Money)  
7 Gold Street  
Northampton  
NN1 1EN

**FUND MANAGERS**

J M Finn & Co Ltd  
4 Coleman Street  
London  
EC2R 5TA

**AUDITOR**

Crowe U.K. LLP  
55 Ludgate Hill  
London  
EC4M 7JW

**CONSTITUTIONS AND OBJECTS**

The Great Priory of the Order of The Temple Fund of Benevolence is governed by statute (Charities Acts), the Trust Deed dated 30 May 1928. The primary objects of the charity are Relief of members of the Order and their dependants. The charity may also relieve the need, hardship or distress of other member of the public, and such charities as recommended by the Grand Master's Council or Great Priory.

The Fund of Benevolence is supported by contributions from Brethren, Ladies, Preceptories and Provinces and these take the form of either donations, covenants, legacies or bequests. The Charity's main income is from investments in most years, the Charity has not engaged with third parties to raise funds and there has been no direct approach to members of the public for funding. No complaints were received in relation to our fundraising activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on the strategy towards and the achievements of the Charity against its objectives.

**GRANT MAKING POLICY**

The payments of grants are made to the needy who qualify according to the statutes of Great Priory.

**RESERVES POLICY**

At 31 August 2025, the free reserves amounted to £802,635 (2024: £ 838,123). The Trustees believe that the level of reserves should provide a safety net for downturns in the market as well as providing a level of income to support grants. However, the Trustees continue to review the level of reserves held.

During the year ended 31 August 2025, the Trustees reviewed its Reserves Policy and agreed to maintain the reserves at a level sufficient to generate adequate investment income to meet current funding requirements. This will be reviewed annually.

The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves held at 31 August 2025 to manage any foreseeable downturn in the market. The Trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, for this reason, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**INVESTMENT POWERS**

Investment powers are set out and operated within the provisions of the Trustee Act 2000. The investments are managed by the Investment Committee, which is advised by JM Finn & Co Limited.

**INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE**

The only sources of income for the fund are receipts from individual Preceptories (including the sale of swift pins) and any investment income (including capital gains).

Changes are made to the investments held on the basis of seeking to maintain the existing funds and to increase them so far as possible. The intention is to invest in securities, which are likely to increase in value (including providing increased dividends), rather than by any other criteria.

In accordance with these aims, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Limited. The Investment Committee reviews the funds on a regular basis. The value of the investments at the balance sheet date was £892,975 (2024: £888,704).

**ACTIVITIES**

Grants were paid in the year to 31 August 2025 amounting to £71,000 to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital (2024: £100,000), and £5,000 emergency grant to an individual (2024: £nil).

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net incoming/outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**AUDITOR**

Crowe U.K. LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

Approved by the Trustees on  
by:

and signed on their behalf

**J R G Hilditch, Trustee**

## **Independent Auditor’s Report to the Trustees of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple Fund of Benevolence**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Great Priory of the Order of the Temple Fund of Benevolence for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity’s affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC’s Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

## **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations included General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Management Board about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, sample testing of income, reviewing regulatory correspondence, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Crowe U.K. LLP**

Statutory Auditor

**London**

**Date:**

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations		6,200	3,255
Bank Interest		994	819
Investments		<u>29,048</u>	<u>24,915</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><b>36,242</b></u>	<u><b>28,989</b></u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Investment management costs		4,233	4,073
Charitable activities		-	310
Benevolent grants	3	<u>76,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><b>80,233</b></u>	<u><b>104,383</b></u>
<b>OPERATING (LOSS)</b>		<b>(43,991)</b>	<b>(75,394)</b>
Net realised and unrealised gains on investments	4	8,503	77,490
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE) / INCOME</b>		<b>(35,488)</b>	<b>2,096</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(35,488)</b>	<b>2,096</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Balance at 1 September 2024		<u>838,123</u>	<u>836,027</u>
<b>BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2025</b>		<u><b>802,635</b></u>	<u><b>838,123</b></u>

All of the above are represented by continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

**The notes on page 27 to 28 form part of these financial statements.**

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS</b>				
Quoted securities at market value	4		892,975	<u>888,704</u>
Cost £667,546 (2024 £635,221)				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors		7,566		7,607
Cash at bank		<u>12,344</u>		<u>42,062</u>
		<u>19,910</u>		<u>49,669</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Sundry creditors			<u>110,250</u>	<u>100,250</u>
<b>NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)</b>			<u>(90,340)</u>	<u>(50,581)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>802,635</u>	<u>838,123</u>
Represented by:				
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			<u>802,635</u>	<u>838,123</u>

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on behalf by:

and signed on their

**J R G Hilditch**  
Trustee

The notes on page 27 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

**GREAT PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE  
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**1. CHARITY INFORMATION**

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity registered as an unincorporated charity in England and Wales (registration no. 208563) and operates from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Having considered post year end results and reserves, the Trustees consider the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**(b) Investments**

Fixed asset investments are revalued to market value at the balance sheet date and the surplus or deficit of this revaluation represents unrealised gains or losses.

The differences between the carrying value (or cost if acquired in the year) and the proceeds of investments disposed of represent realised investment gains or losses.

Net realised and unrealised gains or losses are shown as a combined figure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(c) Investment Income**

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

**(d) Grants Payable**

Grants are accounted for when they are paid.

**(e) Financial Instruments**

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash and bank and in hand, together with accrued income. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise grants payable and accruals.

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**(e) Financial Instruments (continued)**

Investments, including bonds held as part of an investment portfolio are held at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, with gains and losses being recognised within income and expenditure.

**(f) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the Trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

**3. GRANTS**

Benevolent grants in the year were paid to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and emergency grant to an individual.

**4. INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2025</b>	<i>2024</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Market value at 1 September 2024	<b>888,704</b>	<i>815,822</i>
Less: Disposal proceeds	<b>(249,972)</b>	<i>(113,435)</i>
Add: Acquisitions at cost	<b>245,740</b>	<i>108,827</i>
Net realised and unrealised gains	<b>8,503</b>	<i>77,490</i>
Market value at 31 August 2025	<b><u>892,975</u></b>	<i><u>888,704</u></i>
 Cost at 31 August 2025	 <b><u>667,546</u></b>	 <i><u>635,221</u></i>

Unrealised gains/(losses) amounting to £225,429 (2024: £253,483) are based on a valuation at the year-end which is unlikely to equate to the actual gains and losses which will arise on the subsequent realisation of those investments.

**5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION**

No Trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the current or previous year.

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period.







# Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No. 207610

## Grand Master's Keystone Fund



The Grand Master's Keystone Fund (G.M.K.F.) was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 in celebration of over 40 years dedicated service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. This new fund replaces the previous Keystone Fund, established on 3 June 1930, to finance significant capital projects improving the infrastructure, amenities, and overall quality of the Headquarters of our Orders, and the reinvigorated 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund, launched at the Sesquicentenary Celebration of Mark Grand Lodge in October 2006.

**PURPOSE**—To offer encouragement and financial support in the form of bursaries to individuals pursuing educational, vocational, sports or performing arts endeavours.

**BENEFICIARIES**—The G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme is open to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents.

**ADMINISTRATION**—The fund is administered by the Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) Board of Trustees. Online applications will be processed by the Bursary Scheme Coordinator. The G.M.K.F. Awards Panel will assess applications using the M.B.F. eligibility criteria.

**DONATION QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE**—Donations made to the fund will continue to be acknowledged with the Keystone Breast Jewel for Brethren, and a Collarette and Jewel for units, Provinces, Districts, Divisions and Inspectorates, which includes a distinctive new Button. Ladies' jewels are also available.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (including Jewel and Button) .....	£150.00
LADIES DONATION (including jewel – may be worn as a brooch or necklace).....	£100.00
LODGES: £25 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button.....	£60.00
PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES:	
£10 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button .....	£60.00
Multi Award Pin (White Keystone) .....	£10.00

**ORDER RECOGNITION**—Contribution levels, jewels and buttons are the same for all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall; the only difference being the colour of the ribbon/collarette from which the jewel is suspended. These are: **MMM** – dark blue & crimson; **RAM** – rainbow; **KT** – red and white; **RCC** – white; **RSM** – crimson; **AMD** – thistle green; **OSM** – Indian yellow; **SC** – red, white and black; **KBHC** – lime green and red.

**DONATION FORMS AND GIFT AID**—Gift Aid can be applied to all donations (excluding the purchase of jewels) if eligible. Donation forms (including Gift Aid notices) are available to download from the Mark Masons' Hall website:

[www.markmasonshall.org/charities/gmkf](http://www.markmasonshall.org/charities/gmkf)

Please return donation forms by post or email: [charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk](mailto:charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk)  
Charities Finance Department, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

**APPLICATION FORMS**—All bursary applications are to be made **online** via the webpage as above, where further details of the bursary scheme and **FAQs** are also available. Please direct any additional queries to the G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme Coordinator by email: [gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk](mailto:gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk)

# Templars' Hymn

Sine Nomine

R. Vaughan Williams



For all the Saints who from their la - bours rest, Who  
O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold \_\_\_\_\_  
And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, \_\_\_\_\_  
But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The  
From earth's wide bounds, from oc - cean's far - thest coast. Through



thee \_\_\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fest. Thy  
Fight as the Saints who no - bly fought of old, And  
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
Saints \_\_\_\_\_ tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: The  
gates \_\_\_\_\_ of pearl streams in the count - less host. \_\_\_\_\_



name, O \_\_\_\_\_ Je - su, be for ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ blest.  
win, with \_\_\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ gold.  
hearts are \_\_\_\_\_ brave a - gain, and arms \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ strong, Al -  
King of \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry pas - ses on \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ghost.



- le - lu - ya! Al \_\_\_\_\_ le - lu - ya!