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Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and
Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies
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KING EDWARD VII PRECEPTORY OF IMPROVEMENT

Under the aegis of the King Edward VII and Empress Preceptories

REPORT ON THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1973

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

Eight new affiliations were received during the period under review, which brings the total of affiliated Preceptories to 295.

The new ones are as follows:-

Hereward the Wake, No. 439, of the Province of East Anglia.

Essex, No. 441, and Sir Peter de Tany, No. 442, both from the Province of Essex.

Clermont, No. 443, of the Province of Nottinghamshire.

These four Preceptories keep their respective Provinces 100% affiliated.

The next four are particularly pleasing to record for they come from abroad.

Star of the Valley, No. 250, St. John's, No. 305, St. Paul's, No. 397, and Melbourne, No. 437, all from the Province of Victoria (Australia).

The full list of Preceptories is enumerated at the end of the Report and they are distributed as follows:-

24 from London, 22 West Yorkshire, 15 Kent, 14 Cheshire, 13 Queensland, 13 Northumberland & Durham,

11 Essex, 10 Worcestershire, 10 Hertfordshire, 10 Staffordshire & Shropshire, 9 North & East Yorkshire, 9 Surrey, 9 Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, 8 Hampshire and Isle of Wight, 8 East Anglia, 7 Sussex, 7 South Africa, 7 Victoria (Australia), 6 Warwickshire, 6 Somerset, 6 Transvaal, 6 Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, 6 New Zealand (North), 5 Lincolnshire, 5 Devonshire and Cornwall, 5 Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, 5 Middlesex, 5 Nottinghamshire, 4 Far East, 4 Dorset and Wiltshire, 4 Leicestershire and Rutland, 4 Derbyshire, 4 Monmouth and South Wales, 4 Unattached, 3 Lancashire, 2 Ceylon, 1 New Zealand (South), 1 City and County of Bristol, 1 Rhodesia, 1 New South Wales and 1 South America.

A further 184 members have enrolled, bringing the total life membership to 2589. The intake of new life members included the Provincial Priors for Cheshire, Western Australia and Victoria (Australia); the last named was particularly well supported by 51 members of his Province; 22 from Melbourne Preceptory, 20 from St. John's Preceptory and 9 from St. Paul's Preceptory. 15 members were enrolled from Baluchistan Preceptory at its first meeting in England since leaving India; 13 from Kyngstun Preceptory (Surrey) on the evening it celebrated the Golden Jubilee; 11 from Bard of Avon Preceptory on the occasion of its Centenary Meeting; 8 Founders of Clermont Preceptory (Nottinghamshire) at the Consecration Meeting; and a further 6 members from Hyde Preceptory (Dorset and Wiltshire) thereby maintaining 100% life membership.

At the regular meetings of the Preceptory of Improvement the highest attendance was 22 and the average for the year was 19.

At the Meeting of Great Priory in May V. Em. Knight H. D. Still, G.C.T., Gt. Marshal, was appointed V. High and Em. Gt. Seneschal. He has been succeeded as Great Marshal by V. Em. Kt. G. L. Galloway, *D.S.O.*, *O.B.E.*, *G.M.*, who by virtue of that office now becomes Chairman of Committee.

In taking leave of V. Em. Knight Still the Committee desires to record its sincere congratulations on the high office he now holds in the Order and also to express its deep appreciation for the interest, advice and wise guidance he always so willingly gave to the affairs of the Preceptory of Improvement.

To our new Chairman we extend a warm welcome and under his leadership we shall pursue our aim, which is to be of service to this Great Order.

V. Em. Knight Erskine Simes, G.C.T., has resigned the office of Great Chancellor and has gone to live at Malvern in his native County of Worcester. He is our senior Preceptor, a position he has held since 1949, and although he held high and important offices in many branches of Masonry, such is his devotion to the Order that, until recently when ill health overtook him, he was a most regular attender at Preceptory of Improvement meetings. His kindness, helpfulness and not least his approachfulness will ever be remembered with gratitude and with affection by all those who worked with him.

V. Em. Knight Erskine Simes has completed his golden jubilee in the Order and now that he will be able to take life a little more leisurely the Committee expresses the wish that he will 'crusade' merrily to achieve the diamond anniversary; a wish they are sure will be shared by Knights Templar throughout the Order.

It was recently announced that another of our Preceptors, V. Em. Knight Sir Ralph Hore, had been appointed to fill the vacancy as Great Chancellor. The Committee is sure that all members will be delighted to hear of this appointment and will wish to join us in our good wishes to Sir Ralph in his important and responsible office.

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Fixture cards are sent to all affiliated Preceptories; the dates for 1974 are here given:-

Friday, 4th January; Tuesday 26th March; Friday, 7th June; Tuesday, 9th July; Wednesday, 4th September and Thursday, 21st November.

No regalia is required. Belts and swords are supplied. All Knights of the order are welcomed to attend, especially any Knight from Overseas who may be on a visit to this Country. It is hoped that this information regarding our meetings will be printed on the summonses of all Preceptories.

Following the very successful Demonstration given at Chester last year, another Demonstration of the Installation of a Knight into the Order will be given next year. With the sanction of the Grand Master's Council and

under the patronage of the Provincial Prior for Leicestershire and Rutland, V. Em. Kt. D. N. Foister, *T.D.*, it will be held at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 17th of October 1974. The local arrangements will be in the care of the Provincial Sub Prior, Em. Kt. Derrick Timson, P.Gt.Swd.Br. We are given to understand that accomodation will be limited to 250.

RITUAL

The Committee has had the opportunity to advise on the rubric in the revised edition of the Ritual, which is to be published shortly: the Committee is confident that this revised edition will provide greater help to Eminent Preceptors and Marshals in conducting the ceremonies in strict accordance with the established practises of the Preceptory of Improvement.

Finally, the Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation of the devoted work put in, as always, by our Registrar, V. Em. Knight Wilfred Wickham.

For administrative purposes this report is sent to all Registrars and it is hoped that they will acquaint the members of their Preceptories with the record of the year's work.

Signed by command of the Committee,



WILFRED J. WICKHAM,
Registrar.

December 1973.

Affiliated Preceptories

Abbey Chapter	...	...	...	A
Antient York of Redemption	...	...	...	B
Baldwyn	...	...	...	C
Mount Calvary	...	...	...	D
Union or Rougemont	...	...	...	F
Antiquity	...	...	...	1
Royal Naval	...	...	...	2
Plains of Rama	...	...	...	3
Hope	...	...	...	4
Jerusalem	...	...	...	5
St. George's	...	...	...	6
Royal Veterans'	...	...	...	10

Faith	13
Preceptory of St. Salem	15
Prudence	16
Prince Edward	18
Trinity in Unity	19
Royal Kent	20
Salamanca	21
Royal Sussex	25
Faith and Fidelity	26
Sepulchre	27
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Derbyshire
Devonshire and Cornwall
Dorset and Wiltshire
East Anglia
Essex
Far East
Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Hertfordshire
Kent
Leicestershire and Rutland
Lincolnshire
Middlesex
Monmouth and South Wales
New Zealand (North)
Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford
North and East Yorkshire
Northumberland and Durham
Nottinghamshire
Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire
Queensland
Somerset
South Africa
Staffordshire and Shropshire
Surrey
Sussex
Transvaal
Warwickshire
West Yorkshire
Worcestershire