

## 2022

Due to lockdown stringencies, 2020/2021 saw a scaled down level of activity with most of our communications and endeavours being on Zoom. We did hold monthly joint Zoom meetings with the London Commandery as well as our own core group.

In December 2020 we held a Watchnight Service presented by Dame Rev. Christine Murdoch via zoom from her church. In January 2021 we held an online Burns Supper which was distributed to our members in Europe, North America and Canada. To our delighted surprise it was well received on an international level. June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 we had a Zoom St Johns patron day event which saw our members share lunch together. November 2021 we held a Zoom St Andrews Night with the Phoenix Choir, Eddie McGuire playing flute and poetry reading by Chevalier Brian Fleming and thus Celebrated our Scottish Patron Saint January 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 we held our Burns Supper via Zoom with invited guests. Sophie Rocks renowned Scottish Harpist and Horse McDonald Singer Songwriter. June 2022 we held a Charity Concert with the Phoenix Choir at Chevaliers Fr Kevin Murrays Church for the Hungarian Commandery in their support for Ukrainian refugees in Hungary. June 26<sup>th</sup> we held our St Johns day celebration at Cromlix Hotel near Dunblane with a Reflective Service and retreat lead by Chevalier Fr Kevin Murray followed by afternoon tea.

Monies distributed to the sick and poor over this period went to Dumbarton Women's Aid, Dundee Food distribution, Helensburgh Food Bank and Ukrainian Refugees in Hungary.

Financial support for Yan, a ten year old Ukrainian boy, and his mother now living in Glasgow. Our Commandery is hoping to be able to help these two refugees for at least the next year.

## 2011

- **Loaves and Fishes:** This charity started out more than 20 years ago as a soup kitchen, feeding homeless people from the back of a van. Today Loaves and Fishes is based at Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre in Glasgow and each Monday and Thursday evening the volunteers provide a hot meal and distribute food parcels to around 40 destitute men and women in a safe environment where neither aggressive behavior nor intoxication will be tolerated. £2,000.
- Various smaller donations went to East Kilbride Women's Aid (£600); Kilcreggan Youth Trust (£500); Bobath Scotland Children's Therapy Centre (£1,000); Graih Charity for the Homeless (£500); Kemmyrk Charity for the Homeless (£500).

## 2012

- **St Andrews Hospice:** The hospice is based in Airdrie, Lanarkshire and provides a holistic service completely free of charge to patients and their families irrespective of religious, cultural or ethnic background. £10,000.

- **Bobath, Scotland:** Bobath provides therapy for children with cerebral palsy and also provides support for their families. £4,000.
- **Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow:** This donation was made to assist the hospice provide essential services to patients suffering terminal illnesses and was particularly relevant because it was made in memory of the late HE Bailiff, Grand Prior Emeritus Donald J Storrie GCSJ, MMSJ who was Chairman of the Big Build Appeal Committee which raised £16.1 million to build the hospice which was opened by HRH Prince Charles in 2011. £5,000.
- Various smaller donations were made to Loaves and Fishes (£2,000); Red Cross Kintyre Transport Appeal (£1,000); The Preshal Trust (£1,500); The Tulloch Trust (£1,500); The Simon Community (£1,500); Easterhouse Phoenix Development (£1,500); Erskine Hospital for Service Veterans (£1,000).

## 2013

- **St Andrews Hospice** - see 2012: £10,000
- **St John Hospice, Vancouver:** A donation in memory of the late Donald Storrie was made as a contribution towards the build costs of this hospice constructed as a result of a wonderful initiative by the Vancouver Commandery.
- **Accord Hospice:** Donation to assist with operational costs of this hospice which serves patients from Paisley and Renfrewshire in Scotland. £3,500
- **The Simon Community:** The Simon Community addresses issues around drug and alcohol addiction, mental health and the many complex problems the volunteers encounter as they support over 2000 homeless and vulnerable people each year. Because of emotional and mental health problems many of the individuals continue to insist on sleeping rough even when safe accommodation is offered to them. £2,500.
- **Loaves and Fishes** – see 2011: £3,500.
- **Erskine Hospital:** Erskine was founded in 1916 with the aim of caring for Service men and women who had been injured in active service. Still today, Erskine remains as Scotland's foremost provider of care for veterans and their spouses providing unrivalled nursing, residential, respite and dementia care in its homes. Erskine also has special units dealing with disabled servicemen who have suffered severe injuries and emotional illnesses associated with conflict. £3,000.
- **Calum's Cabin:** Calum Speirs was a young lad brought up on the Isle of Bute, in the Firth of Clyde, who died of an inoperable brain tumour in 2007 at the age of 12. His parents and their friends founded a charity to build a cottage (cabin) on the Isle of Bute to enable families in similar circumstances with a young child, terminally ill with cancer, and who otherwise could not afford to go on holiday, to spend a week, free of charge, in a lovely cabin on the beautiful Isle of Bute. There are now two cabins and our donation assisted towards operating costs to enable terminally ill young children and families to stay in a cabin for one week, all expenses paid. £2,500.
- Various smaller donations were given to The Preshal Trust (£2,000); Red Cross Kintyre Transport Appeal (£1,000); Pain Concern, Scotland (£1,000); Scottish Huntingtons Association (£1,000); Starter Packs, Glasgow (£2,000); The Carers Trust (£1,000).

## 2014

- **St Andrews Hospice** – See 2012. St Andrews has just started a Capital Appeal to raise £8 million to enable it to carry out a major refurbishment of the building to greatly improve the existing facilities in addition to increasing occupancy by creating more single bedded rooms than it has at present. £20,000.

## 2015

- **Kilbryde Hospice:** Kilbryde is a recently built hospice in Lanarkshire and is based in East Kilbride near Glasgow It is scheduled to be fully operational by early 2016 and our donation contributed towards the fitting out and furnishing costs of one of the suites for patients. £5,000.
- **Marie Curie Hospice:** A contribution was made towards the annual cost of a Cancer Care Community Nurse in Lanarkshire £10,000.
- Donations were also given to the following charities which had received donations in previous years – Erskine Hospital (£3,500); Loaves and Fishes (£3,500); Simon Community (£3,500); The Preshal Trust (£2,000); St Andrews Hospice (£5,000).