

## 2023

### **Charitable and Philanthropic Projects:**

There was no enthusiasm for any face-to-face social activity during the whole of 2022 due to the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the age of most of the members of the London Commandery putting them in the “most at risk” category.

The Commandery had nevertheless previously accumulated charitable funds for nominated charities, but due to resignations and banking difficulties had been unable to distribute these funds. These difficulties had finally been resolved by July of 2022, so we were then enabled to undertake the disbursements of funds. These payments were as follows:

PAYMENTS	(£)
Charities	
Camphill Village Trust	2,500.00
St Vincent’s Nursing Home	2,500.00
Marie Curie Hospice	2,500.00

In addition, a further payment of £2,500 was made to Prost8 (UK) a cancer charity.

Consultation among the members resulted in an agreement that in future a single, appropriate, charity be chosen as a main recipient of the Commandery's funds. The purpose would be to allow members to become more involved with that charity and so increase our publicity. This would not prevent smaller donations being made to other suitable charities.

## **2022 (July)**

London commandery has made two 1.000 Pound donations, one to Parkinson ‘s Disease charity, Parkinson’s UK, in memory of their former commandery treasurer Chevalier Gerard Irwin KSJ, and another to Compliments of the House, a London based charity providing food banks in the capital. The commandery has a balance of over 15.000 Pounds, made of subscriptions and one-off donations by the members. The intention is to find a main charity with whom a close working relationship could be established.

## **2022**

*Regarding charitable funding, the core activity of the London Commandery, we have made two £1,000 charitable donations this past 12 months, one to Parkinson's Disease charity, Parkinson's UK, in memory of our former commandery treasurer Chevalier Gerard Irwin KSJ RIP, and another to Compliments of the House, a London based charity providing food banks in the capital. Our Charity Fund currently has a balance of over £15,000, made up of subscriptions and one-off donations by members. We are currently investigating which charities should benefit*

*from this largesse. It is our intention to find a main charity with whom we could establish a close working relationship. This would hopefully bring our identity to the fore and assist the commandery in finding new members, as well as helping raise more charitable funds.*

## **2011**

- **Restore Project in Uganda:** Restore has been working in Uganda since 2006, primarily promoting human rights and educational developments. £3,267.
- Various other small donations included Hospice of St Francis (£620); Camphill Village Trust (£1,000); The Pilgrimage Trust (£1,000); Peace Hospice (£1,000); Kent Air Ambulance Trust (£1,000); Moorfields Eye Charity (£1,000); Anidan (£1,000)

## **2012**

- **Action Aid Hellas:** The donation to Action Aid was a contribution towards the costs of building a new primary school for 875 pupils in the Northern Province of Rwanda. £2,053.2013

## **2013**

- **Action Aid Hellas** – see 2012. £2,177.
- Various other donations were given to St Vincent's Nursing Home (£750); Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance (£750); Haywards Heath Food Bank (£750); Anidan (£750); Marie Curie Cancer Care (£750); British Red Cross Typhoon Haiyan Appeal (£1,000); Shoeburyness & Thorpe Bay Baptist Church (£750).

## **2015**

- Various donations including Educate Ethiopia (£1,750); Hospice St Francis (£875); St Peter & St James Hospice (£875); St Vincent's Nursing Home (£875); Camphill Village Trust (£875); Cocina Economica (£1,131); Ark of the World (£1,144).