

In Memory of Commander Tom Hayes

From: SOSJ London Commandery

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the London Commandery and beyond:

I was in Malta for Commander Tom Hayes' funeral last Wednesday and was pleased to represent SOSJ at the service during which I was asked to do one of the readings.

Commander Tom was also a member of the Catenian Association and members from the Malta Circle were well represented.

One of the floral displays was a large representation of the Eight-Pointed Cross of Amalfi which was placed in front of the altar and facing the coffin.

At the end of the Service we were given a Memorial Card that clearly shows his great love and strong attachment to the Sovereign Order and its values.

I reproduce it here for you to remember him in your prayers.

His goddaughter Dolores Gauci – who cared for him in his last years - thanks you all for your thoughts and prayers. Tom's sisters and brother, who live in the UK, and who themselves are all very elderly were unable to attend the funeral.

I hope to be able to visit Tom's sister Eileen, who lives in Beckenham, as soon as possible.

In St. John,

Neville



In loving memory
of

Thomas Edward Hayes

who went to meet the risen Lord
on 20th May 2018
at the age of 95 years.

He leaves to mourn his loss
his sisters Kathleen and Eileen,
his brother Peter and his wife Joan,
Dolores, Mary and Charles,
nephews and nieces,
the family Gauci and
his many friends.

Lord grant him eternal peace



*Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.*



*O God, who exalted blessed Gerard
because of his care for the poor
and the sick, and through him
founded in Jerusalem the
Order of St. John the Baptist,
give Thomas the grace of seeing,
as he did, the image of your son
in our brothers and sisters.*

