

## THE COMMANDERIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

Until reunification in 2010, there were two Priories in the United Kingdom - England and Scotland operating under the Grand Priory of Europe. In 2009 the Priory of the United Kingdom and Ireland was established and in time, when membership numbers allowed and in line with the rules and laws of the Sovereign Order, the Grand Priory of the United Kingdom and Ireland was established.

The Commanderies of Glasgow and London were formed in 2013. Before this date, they were called the Commanderies of England and Scotland. Following the reunification of the OSJ and SOSJ European units in 2010, signed in Budapest, the two Commanderies were created to align them with the other units of the Sovereign Order worldwide.

In 2001 the SOSJ Working Group was formed as a consequence of the signing of the Charter of Alliance in Vancouver in 2000. Its task was to ensure a continuous effort towards the unification of the various Orders of Saint John who, for various reasons, had fragmented from the united Order that was brought from Russia to the United States in the early 1900s, and to ensure the implementation of necessary changes in the organisation following such unifications, as were successfully concluded in 2006 and 2010.



COMMANDERY OF GLASGOW  
INVESTITURE 2017



COMMANDERY OF LONDON  
INVESTITURE 2016

Today, members travel from Commanderies worldwide to attend Investitures and support the local Commanderies where Investitures are held each year. The Commanderies of Glasgow and London hold their Investitures on alternate years.

In 2011 The European Regency was established, at the convention of the Sovereign Order in Glasgow, in order to prepare the organisational structure of the Sovereign Order in Europe following the signing of the reunification document in Budapest in 2010 and to ensure compliance with the laws and rules governing both the OSJ and SOSJ, the manning of the various offices, the financial and general administration, the information modes and strategies, the ceremonies, and to identify and take advantage of synergies in the charities and humanitarian projects.

The Commanderies of Glasgow and London, under the auspices of the Grand Priory Charitable Trust, have raised many thousands of pounds over the years for charities, including HCPT Pilgrimage Trust, Sussex Air Ambulance, Marie Curie, Bobath Scotland, The Simon Community, Calum's Cabin, St. Andrew's Hospice, Kilbryde Hospice, Restore Uganda, Loaves and Fishes, East Kilbride Women's Aid, Kilcreggan Youth Cafe, Make a Wish Foundation, Teenage Cancer Trust, Walter Boyce Day Centre, St Peter and St. James Continuing Care Hospice, The Beatson Oncology Centre, Erskine Hospital.