



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

Sussex Commandery

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Summer Newsletter 2010
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Welcome to the Summer Newsletter with an update on all that has been happening in the Sussex Commandery during the past six months.



Bishop Eric Kemp, ECLJ

27th April, 1915 – 28th November 2009



It was with sadness that we met at Chichester Cathedral on Friday 18th December 2009 to attend Bishop Eric Kemp's Requiem Mass. Members from around the country came to the Cathedral to give thanks for his life. Bishop Eric had been a very supportive member of the Order for some years and always took an active part in the life of our Commandery. Members escorted his body from the shrine of St Richard, where it had rested over night, to the High Altar. The service was a fitting tribute to someone who had exercised leadership within the Church with wisdom and integrity.

Sussex Commandery Annual Service Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

On Saturday 7th November 2009 we gathered for our Annual Service of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus at the Parish Church in Arundel by kind permission of The Right Reverend David Farrer ChLJ CMLJ. Father David is the Parish Priest at Arundel and a member of the Order.

The Annual Service is an important opportunity for us to worship together and reflect on how we live out the Beatitudes in our lives.

The celebrant and preacher for the Mass was Father David. The service was well attended and it was good to be able to welcome guests.



The Parish Church at Arundel

After the service we enjoyed a splendid lunch cooked by Liz. Donations were given for the lunch and £170.00 was raised for the Charitable Fund.

The Commander's, 'At Home' - Brighton

It was a *cold and snowy*

Saturday in December, when adventurous members of the Order made their way to Brighton to the Commander's home. It had been snowing heavily and the temperature had dropped even further below freezing so that the pavements were now like ice rinks!! The ice, coupled with the steep slopes of Brighton, made for interesting walking (or sliding)! One member had even made it over from the Isle of Wight!!

When we arrived at Jonathan's house we all soon realised that it had been worth all the slips and slides to get there.

A glass of 'something' soon warmed us up and the lunch, cooked by Jonathan, was delicious. It was a lovely afternoon of chatting and laughter and a great opportunity for members to meet up informally.



The Brighton Pavilion in the snow

It had been planned to have a stroll along the prom after lunch but quite surprisingly everyone seemed to have gone off the idea!! It was such a lovely time and it was very difficult to summon up the strength to leave the warmth of the house and skate back to the station. *Thank you Jonathan*



Someone braved the walk along the prom!

Annual Meeting and Lenten Reflection

The Annual Meeting of the Sussex Commandery took place at Church House, Hove on Saturday 20th March 2010. It was good to see a number of members there. It was a very positive meeting with reports on the



developments of the reunification of the Order and it was encouraging to hear of the progress which has been made.

Neil Newitt updated us on the work of the Balkan Aid Relief Foundation (BARF) and we were able to see a short clip of one of the trips they made last year to Bosnia.

It was reported that through our Charitable Giving and other monies raised during the year we had once again been able to send a donation to seven of the Hospices in Sussex and also a donation to BARF.

After the meeting we moved to the chapel where Fr Ron gave a reflection on Jesus and His Disciples at the Last Supper. There was an opportunity for silent reflection concluding with the Midday Office. A soup and roll lunch then followed, thanks to Liz.



Members enjoying the Lenten Lunch – Thank you to Ben for the photos.

Spring Investiture 17th–18th April 2010 Stonyhurst College, Lancashire



The Spring Vigil and Investiture was hosted by the Cumbria Commandery in the beautiful setting of Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. The Vigil on Friday evening was held in the College Chapel and was followed by Dinner in a beautiful dining room overlooking the long drive and water moat.

On Saturday members gathered at the grand Church within the college grounds, dedicated to St Peter. Our Commander Jonathan, Marshal for the occasion, was proud to present our very own Steve Pates for promotion to the rank of Knight.



Our congratulations to Steve on this achievement and to all who joined or were promoted. It was a moving service with an informative sermon preached by The Right Reverend Martyn Jarrett, Bishop of Beverley.

Afterwards members were treated to a formal luncheon in the Top Refectory. It was a lovely weekend in such a beautiful setting and enjoyed immensely by all who were able to attend.

Exciting News!!



Order of St Lazarus Website



www.st-lazarus.org.uk

David Haywood has been hard at work setting up the new national website for the Grand Bailiwick and Priory of England and Wales. It is now up and running so please log on using the address above and have a look – it is very good. It is the place to go to find out about all the latest news and events. When you shop online you can also raise money for the Order. Simply go to the Charitable Work section, click on one of the shopping links and select the ‘St Lazarus Foundation’ as the organisation you wish to support.

Members are also asked to register online which is quick and easy to do. When you enter the site, click onto the section marked ‘members’ on the left hand side. Then a box will appear on the right of the page, you need to enter your name, Commandery and email address. You can then access others parts of the site which are for members only.



Annual Sponsored Walk



12th June 2010

It is that time of year once again for the Annual sponsored walk. This year the walk will start at Arundel Cathedral and finish at Chichester Cathedral. If you would like to join in the walk then please speak to Jonathan who will give you more information. If you are unable to walk then we would really appreciate your support. You can sponsor those who are walking by logging on to the Order website ***www.st-lazarus.org.uk***

Balkan Aid Relief Foundation

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Part of our charitable work in the Sussex Commandery is in supporting the work of the Balkan Aid Relief Foundation. This is achieved through monetary donations but also through donating items of need to the people in the Balkans.

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We need your help - Please

Neil Newitt is once again collecting various items to take on his next trip to Bosnia. The following are needed:

- ✓ **Stationery - pens, pencils, colouring pencils, paper**
- ✓ **Toiletries - soap, toothpaste, deodorant**
- ✓ **Nappies**



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If you were able to buy just one of the above items when you do your weekly shop it would be really appreciated. They are items which we take for granted but would make a huge difference to the people in Bosnia.

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Also, if you have at home any of the following which you have finished with but are still in **good condition** then we would be very grateful for your donation:

- ✓ **Clothes - adults and children**
- ✓ **Shoes**
- ✓ **Bedding - blankets/sheets**



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What to do next?

We will be collecting the donations to give to Neil at the Annual Sussex Service on 24th July at Chichester Cathedral. Please bring them with you on the day. If you are unable to be with us on that day please email Barbara at barbara.robinson@st-lazarus.org.uk who will arrange collection of your donations.

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Dates for your Diary

- 12th June 2010 - Sponsored Walk – Arundel to Chichester*
*24th July 2010 – SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus Annual Service
and luncheon at Chichester Cathedral*
15th /16th October 2010 - Autumn Investiture, London
*11th November 2010 – Concert at Cadogan Hall in aid of the
Charitable Trust – More details to follow*
*13th /14th / 15th May 2011 – The Services of Reunification,
Oxford*