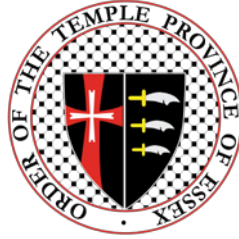


THE UNITED RELIGIOUS, MILITARY AND MASONIC ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, PALESTINE, RHODES AND MALTA OF ENGLAND AND WALES
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PROVINCE OF ESSEX

Provincial Prior

A. J. (John) Helliar



17 May 2020

Dear **Brother Knights of Essex,**

As members of the Knight Templar Degree in Essex and under the umbrella of The Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple you, like your predecessors during the last 90 years, since the birth of the KT Province of Essex as a sovereign Order, have been great supporters of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

Since I became your Provincial Prior in 2013 your generosity has been fantastic in helping me to continue the work of my predecessors, with numerous donations to the organisation, to such an extent that the Province in 2018 received a "Swift" Award for the total sum donated in that particular year to the work of the Hospital.

Our Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master announced at the Great Priory Malta meeting in November 2019 that he was to launch a special Appeal to celebrate what he described as "*in this perfect vision year of 2020*". As we all know 2020 vision is something we all would love to have personally, but few are that lucky - and because of many difficulties in the Holy Lands the Palestinian population suffer greatly from their own particular historic ophthalmic diseases causing many different eye problems.

The "20 for 2020 Appeal" is another instance we can once again help in our own individual way our support of the Hospital which as the Grand Master says "*confirms our ongoing commitment to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.*"

In the current Covid-19 Pandemic there have been I'm sure many calls on your generosity for charitable giving but if I could ask you to pledge **to give a "one-off" donation of £20** to this particular Appeal it could make all the difference in the current situation.

Furthermore, in recognition of your donation you will receive a limited-edition "Swift" tie/lapel pin from Great Priory which I trust you will wear with pride in the years to come.

With over five hundred individual swords in the Province just imagine what the Knights of Essex could do collectively in demonstrating how much we all believe in the truly Masonic precept and characteristic of "*helping those less fortunate than ourselves.*"

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

John

Provincial Prior of Essex