

# The Hospitallers' Club

Founded 1920

*Patron: The Hospitaller of the Priory of England  
And the Islands Order of St John*



## Membership Handbook

### **Honorary Secretary's Master**

Part 1 – History and Rules

January 2023

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE HOSPITALLERS' CLUB

1920	E.A.	Perry	1975	J.	Bowen MBE
1921	W.R.	Magnus	1976	H.G.H	Farrow
1922	H.	Langley-Jones MBE	1977	A.H.	Dunbar
1923	G.T.	Cooper	1978	F.W.	Witch BEM
1924	W.G.	Butcher	1979	E.A.	Fisher
1925	J.	Calvin-Lines	1980	A.E.	Whitmell
1926	N.	Burton	1981	L.A.	Webb MBE
1927	S.C.	Knight	1982	S.E.	Gunner
1928	F.E.	Stallard	1983	S.W.	Broom
1929	T.	McBride	1984	B.	Abbott
1930	E.W.	Fearn	1985	R.W.	Seabridge
1931	F.A.	Brooks MD	1986	C.	Reeder
1932	C.J.	Fitch	1987	B.J.F.	Theobald-Hicks
1933	P.	Bettison	1988	R.F.	Strutt
1934	G.S.	Pasco	1989	J.H.	Gerrard CBE, MC, QPM
1935	E.W.	Jackson	1990	D.G.	Fenton
1936	A.J.	Bowman	1991	S.W.	Findell BEM
1937	A.E.	Wells BEM	1992	D.P.	Bell MBE
1938	J.	Standingford	1993	A.M.	Kirkis
1939			1994	E.D.	Canavan
To	G.C.	Green	1995	S.P.	Kelly OBE
1943			1996	D.R.	Keirle BEM
1944	J.	Kemp	1997	G.R.	Whittington
1945	T.	Walsby	1998	K.A.J.	Mills
1946	J.A.	Gravestock MBE	1999	W.H.	Goodall
1947	C.E.	Bower OBE	2000	M.W.	Cunvin
1948	A.E.	Turtle	2001	M.	Levy MBE
1949	S.J.	Stillwell	2002	K.L.	Schnaar
1950	G.P.	Hart	2003	C.E.	Bishop
1951	G.E.	Craft MBE	2004	S.R	Krause
1952	G.S.	Lear	2005	J. J	Fell
1953	H.	Dunford	2006	D.W.	Rudge MBE
1954	F.W.G.	Dines	2007	E.R	Terrett
1955	K.F.O.	Stallard	2007	P.D	Herbage MBE
1956	W.A.	Sheen	2008	G.L.	Greenwood
1957	E.L.K.	Dunn	2009	M. F	Gibbons
1958	L.A.	Spalding	2010	D. G	Smith MBE
1959	R.D.	Browse BEM	2011	T. R.	Constable
1960	P.A.	Stacey	2012	R.	Cocks
1961	A.T.	Bandy BEM	2013	S.E	Reeder
1962	R.T.	Bax	2014	A C	Sweetland MBE
1963	H.	Marriott	2015	G	Jackson
1964	S.C.	Dearman	2016	R	Jones
1965	R.A.	Payne OBE, JP	2017	S	Scott
1966	S.W.	Harden	2018	J	Kelly
1967	D.R.	Fenton MVO, MBE DL	2019	G P	Huntingford
1968	T.L.	Hurst	2020	A	Reed
1969	J.H.	Chapman	2021	A	Reed
1970	H.F.	Mulligan	2022	R	Webber
1971	A.G.R.	Bone	2023	G A	Hodgekinson-Price
1972	N.J.	Gardener			
1973	C.W.	Bowyer			
1974	G.L.	Smith			

### **PATRON AND PAST PATRONS OF THE HOSPITALLERS' CLUB**

1980 – 1981	Mr. T. Keith Lyle CBE, MA, FRCS, FRCP
1981 – 1990	Sir. Stephen Miller KCVO, MD, FRCS
1991 – 1996	Sir. Godfrey Milton-Thompson KBE, FRCP
1996 – 2003	Mr. Noel S.C. Rice MD, FRCS, FRCOphth
2003 – 2007	Mr. Anthony Chignell FRCS, FRCOphth
2007 – 2008	Mr. Gilbert.C. Hinckley OBE, DL
2008 – 2014	Col. Mrs Sheenah B. Davies RRC, DL
2014 – 2020	Surg. Capt. James Walsh KStJ, RD, RNR
2020 -	Mr. Paul Herbage MBE, KStJ

### **VICE PATRON OF THE HOSPITALLERS' CLUB**

### **LIFE MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITALLERS' CLUB**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Life Member</b>
M. Cunvin	April 1972	January 2004
C. Reeder	April 1965	January 2010
B. Theobald-Hicks	October 1971	January 2010
S. Kelly	January 1981	February 2015
C. Bishop	April 1981	February 2015
D. Rudge	April 1976	October 2020

### **HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITALLERS' CLUB**

Mr. N.S.C. Rice MD.FRCS,FRCOphth	Jan 2003
Mr. A. Chignell FRCS.FRCOphth	Jan 2007
Mr. G.C.Hinckley OBE,DL	Mar 2008
Col. Mrs Sheenah B. Davies RRC, DL	July 2014

### FOUNDER MEMBERS

A.J.	Allison	E.J.	Kemp
A.A.	Atkins	J.D.	Knight
N.	Burton	S.C.	Knight *
W.G.	Butcher *	H.	Langley-Jones MBE*
J.	Carley	T.	McBride *
H.C.	Clarke	A.	Mckay
W.E.	Clifford	W.R.	Magnas *
J.S.	Coleman	F.W.	Manley
G.T.	Cooper *	J.P.	May
N.	Corbet-Fletcher MA,MB,MRCS	E.T.	Milburn
D.	Cross	A.W.	Newton
L.A.	Evans	A.J.	Nice
E.C.	Fox	C.T.	Osborn
W.J.	Godden	C.J.	Painter
A.J.	Gray	G.S.	Pasco *
N.	Hamberger	E.A.	Perry *
H.E.	Hankin	P.J.	Sebright
R.W.	Hendon	F.E.	Stallard *
J.T.H.	Hudson	A.	Statham
S.	Huggins	F.C.	Wolley
E.W.	Jackson *		

\* Served as Presidents

**Website: The Hospitaliers' Club**

[www.thehospitaliersclub.org.uk](http://www.thehospitaliersclub.org.uk)

**The Hospitallers' Remembrance is read at 8.15 pm prompt at each Club Meeting**

Let us join in thought and make this a moment to be dedicated

in tender loving reflection on all our absent members.

If there are any who may be suffering, they will know they are

included with all our kindest wishes for their speedy and

complete recovery.

If any should be lonely or with strangers, they will feel at this

moment they are with us. If any are suffering the pangs of bereavement, they will know

they have our united sympathy.

## **The Hospitallers' Club Rules**

**Amended November 2020**

### **1.0 THE CLUB**

- 1.1 The Club shall be called "The Hospitallers' Club"
- 1.2 The object of the Club is the promotion of social intercourse among those who qualify under the terms of Rules 2.1, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8

### **2.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

- 2.1 The Club shall have as its Patron the Priory Hospitaller of the Priory of England and the Islands of the Order of St. John, if willing to accept Office. The Club may also appoint up to two Vice Patrons on the recommendation of the Committee and confirmed by ballot at a Club Meeting, due notice having been given to Members. No nominee shall be deemed elected if five or more votes are cast against election.
- 2.2 Membership of the Club shall consist of Ordinary Members, Provincial Members, Emeritus Members, Life Members and Honorary Members.
- 2.3 Ordinary Members shall be those who are, or have been a Volunteer Lead, Manager, Officer, Advisor, President or Vice President at any management level in St. John Ambulance or anyone who has been admitted to the Order of St. John.
- 2.4 Application for Ordinary Membership shall be made on the prescribed form and submitted to the Honorary Secretary for recommendation by the Committee before a ballot at a Club Meeting. No applicant shall be deemed elected if five or more votes are cast against election.
- 2.5 Any person who meets the requirements of Rule 2.3, and who lives outside a radius of fifty miles of London, may apply to be a Provincial Member. Applications shall be considered individually by the Committee whose decision shall be final. Provincial Members shall pay such Provincial Membership subscription as shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 4.2 and shall, in addition, pay the 'Guest Fee' in force when attending and Club Meeting and shall, in all other respects, conform to the Rules of the Club (Rule 3.7)
- 2.6 An Ordinary Member, having rendered exceptional service to the Club, may be granted Life Membership on the recommendation of the Committee and confirmed by a ballot at a Club Meeting, due notice having been given to Members. No nominee shall be deemed elected if five or more votes are cast against election.
- 2.7 A person, not being an Ordinary or Life Member, having rendered exceptional service to the Club or otherwise thought desirable, may be elected as an Honorary Member on the recommendation of the Committee, due notice having been given to Members. No nominee shall be deemed elected if five or more votes are cast against election.
- 2.8 An Ordinary Member, having made a consistent contribution to the activities of the Club over a number of years and who can no longer attend Club events because of changes in personal circumstances may be granted Emeritus Membership. This status places no obligation, other than Rules 2.9 and 3.7 on the Member but the Officers of the Club will make appropriate endeavours to keep the Member informed of Club activities. Emeritus Membership shall be granted on the recommendation of the Committee and confirmed by

ballot at a Club Meeting, due notice having been given to Members. No nominee shall be deemed elected if five or more votes are cast against election.

2.9 Each Member shall give notice the Hon Secretary of any alterations in their contact details.

### **3.0 MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

3.1 The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officials of the Club and no more than six Ordinary Members who shall be elected by ballot at each Annual General Meeting. No Member shall be nominated for any Office without their prior written consent.

3.2 The Committee shall meet monthly from September to May and three shall form a quorum. The place of any Ordinary Member retiring from the Committee during the year may be filled by the Committee.

3.3 Past Presidents of the Club shall be ex-officio members of the Committee but not more than three shall vote at any Committee Meeting. From those present the three Past Presidents who have held Office most recently shall be eligible to vote at any Committee Meeting.

3.4 The Officials of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Social Secretary, Honorary Almoner and Honorary Archivist, who shall retire at each Annual General Meeting but be eligible for re-election.

3.5 Two Honorary Auditors shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting but they shall not be Officers of the Club or Members of the Committee.

3.6 The Committee shall consider the implications of any vacancy among the Officials of the Club or the two Honorary Auditors arising during any year and recommend appropriate action to the Club Membership.

3.7 The Committee, Club Official and all Members shall abide by the spirit and intent of the Rules in all matters appertaining to the conduct of Club activities.

3.8 The Rules shall be altered, rescinded or added to at a Special General Meeting of which notice, specifying such alterations, has been sent to every Member.

3.9 The Club shall meet in the Months of January, February, March, April, May, October, November and December, unless otherwise notified, at some place in London convenient of access and whenever possible, light refreshments shall be served to those who attend the Meetings.

3.10 Notice of the dates of the Meetings to be held shall be made known to all Members and announced at the Annual General Meeting.

3.11 The Annual General Meeting shall take place in January.

3.12 A Special General Meeting may be called upon a requisition signed by no fewer than twenty Members of the Club and such Special General Meeting shall be held within two months from the receipt by Hon Secretary of such requisition, a copy of which shall accompany the notice of the Meeting.

- 3.13 The Club may be dissolved by resolution passed at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose at not less than one month's notice to every Member.

#### **4.0 CLUB FINANCES AND ASSETS**

- 4.1 The Clubs financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- 4.2 The subscription to the Club and any entrance Fee payable by an Ordinary Member or Provincial Member on election or re-election to the Club shall be decided at each Annual General Meeting. The subscription shall become renewable at the January Meeting each year. Members joining after 30<sup>th</sup> June in any year shall pay half subscriptions for that year. No Ordinary Member or Provicnical Member whose subscription is unpaid on 30<sup>th</sup> April in any year shall be entitled to attend any of the meetings or functions of the Club until the subscription has been paid, one month's notice being given by the Honorable Treasurer.
- 4.3 The Committee may remove from Membership any Member whose subscription remains unpaid for two years.
- 4.4 The Club Patron, Vice Patrons, all Life Members, Emeritus Members and Honorary Members shall be exempt from payment of the annual subsacrition but may, at their individual discession, make a voluntray payment to Club funds.
- 4.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall ensure that all necessary records are maintained to show expenditure and all authorised transactions. A summary of such records shall be available st each Committee Meeting, Club Meeting and Annual General Meeting and a statement of accounts shall be made in accordance with Rule 4.6.
- 4.6 A statement of accounts duly audited by two Members (Rule 3.5) shall be submitted at each Annual General Meeting and a copy made available to every Member.
- 4.7 The Committee shall ensure that a Register of Club Assets is maintained for the purposes of valuation and insurance and the the Register should be available at each Committee Meeting, Club Meeting and Annual General Meeting.
- 4.8 Prior to the Special General Meeting, called to dissolve the Club (Rule 3.13), the funds held by the Club shall be subject to audit in accordance with Rule 4.6. Following the payment of all debts and liabilities, the sum held by the Club shall be dispersed by either donation of the whole part to the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, or in wholoe or part, to St. John Ambulance. The choice shall be confirmed by ballot at the Special General Meeting and the decision shall be final and binding on the Officers of the Club at that time.
- 4.9 The non-finaicnial assets of the Club, confirmed by the Register of Club Assets (Rule 4.7) at the Special General Meeting called to dissolve the Club (rule 3.13), shall be dispersed by either donation by whole or part to the Order Museum, or in whole or part, to individual Club Members on the Club Records at the date of the Special General Meeting. The choice shall be confirmed by ballot at the Special General Meeting and the decision shall be final and binding on the Officers of the Club at that time.