



# A BEAUCEANT!!

NO 16

A little Knight Templar news does you good



## Staying in touch

Dear Brother Knights

It is great to be back. Traditionally, as you know the first week of September marks the start of the new Masonic season – but not this time of course. In Wales, the lifting of restrictions on meetings is still just out of reach for the immediate present. In the meantime, I hope that our newsletter will fill something of a void and help us all to feel a part of something bigger and which occupies a special place in our lives, with pride.

To reflect the progress which we have made as a nation and (when compared to the early days of the lockdown) the greater freedoms that we now enjoy, I plan to scale back the number of issues of the newsletter to twice a month. Did I hear a sigh of relief?

Please continue to contribute news-lines and items for it so that we can all stay in touch and feel more informed and united. My email address is [provprior@kt-msw.org](mailto:provprior@kt-msw.org) and it would be great to hear from you.

Yours in the bonds of the Order  
R E Kt Paul Calderwood



### QUIZ QUESTIONS

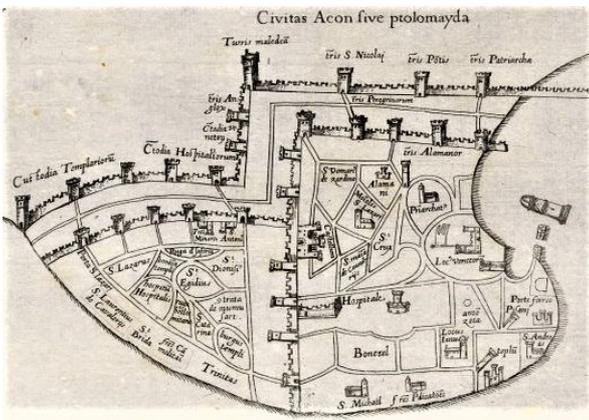
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Kt Nick Sawyer of Menevia Preceptory which meets in Aberaeron:-

1. What was the name of the last Templar ship to leave Acre in 1291?
2. What is the relationship between the answer to 1. And the "Star Wars" series of films.?
3. What does the map alongside refer to?

The Answers are supplied on the last page.

Become the compiler of our next Quiz.



### GOOD HEALTH

**E Kt Keri Evans the Registrar of Brecknock Castle Preceptory is back at home after a long stay in hospital following a nasty fall.**

**On page 2 read the fascinating account of The Accolade written by the immediate Past Provincial Prior , R E Kt Gordon France KCT**



## THE ACCOLADE OR DUBBING

It is a solemn moment in the ceremony of the installing of a Knight when he kneels before the Preceptor with his head uncovered in order to receive the 'highest honour' that can be bestowed.

We give that moment the ancient description of 'accolade' and the action that comprises it is called 'dubbing'.

### **What do these words mean and how could we explain them to others in the Preceptory?**

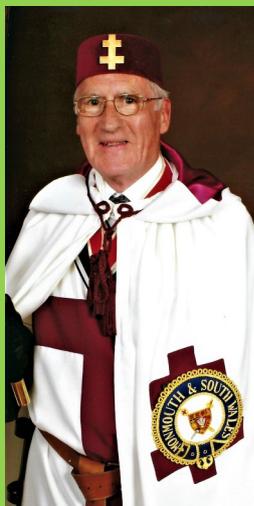
In preparing for knighthood in the Middle Ages the candidate would have had his hair shorn – at least at the top and back of his head – and thus to remove his cap was to bare the neck. To offer your neck to your superior was a sign of submission and obedience, which was the very first of the qualities demanded in any candidate for the Order. Whatever happened in that posture was 'ad-colum' or 'ad-collare', at or on the neck – and hence 'accolade'. In the event, as we know, the candidate has a bare sword laid all round his neck – on his shoulders and on his crown – but the symbolism of being at the Preceptor's command is fully expressed and the baring of one's neck and vital spinal cord is a very significant gesture. The new knight is wholly and totally at the mercy of his superior !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

What of the meaning of 'dubbing' . This has more to do with the way the accolade is meant to be applied. Dubbing comes from an old Norse word which meant to "beat or belabour". There is something of its original meaning which is still retained in an old rhyme, 'rub a dub dub, three men in a tub' since this word 'dubbing' is still used in the Scandinavian language for a woman banging clothes to make them clean in a wash tub. In the case of our knight it means the Preceptor is laying the sword firmly, if not roughly, upon a new knight to impress upon him the new status and duties that he is now assuming.

Here the making of one who must be a tough, hard working warrior. The dubbing is to impress his mind deeply even as the blade is laid determinedly upon his head and shoulders. Having become one of us he puts on his cap again to show his equality.

In the light of the Corvid -19 recommendations from the Order little is affected for this part of the ceremony.

R. Em Kt. Gordon France K.C.T.  
Past Provincial Prior



# New Discoveries under the Western Wall in Jerusalem

## A Virtual Tour on Sunday 13th Sept



The Knights Templar Province of London invites you to join us on an exciting tour of new discoveries, **including descending into the excavations site exposed under the western part of the Western Wall Plaza, and to the underground spaces found under the classic Western Wall Tunnels route.**

Development projects in the Western Wall area in recent years have led to the discovery of new subterranean complexes containing impressive discoveries that shed light on the history of Jerusalem. Among the unique discoveries, one can see remnants of an administrative building from the First Temple period, a magnificent Roman road, ritual baths, royal rooms that served the nation's dignitaries, and more.

Our expert guide from the Western Wall Heritage Foundation will present Behind the Scenes in the comfort of your own home. Filmed, especially for you, using state-of-the-art technology that allows you to take a full tour of these excavations without leaving your house. Join us for an amazing hour on a moving 3D tour to see hidden underground treasures that convey the fascinating history of Jerusalem. The tour combines film clips and unique illustrations alongside a "real" three-dimensional tour. You will be able to ask questions and get personalised responses.

As always, profits are in aid of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.

To read a review about the previous virtual tour by the Knights Templar Province of London under the Western Walls go to

<https://londonknightstemplar.com/virtual-tour-of-the-western-wall-tunnels/>

**Please note:** that it is necessary to download the Zoom software in order to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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To book a place on the virtual tour go to  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/provinceoflondonkt/403102>

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The answers to the Quiz Questions on Page One are:

1. The Falcon
2. The Millennium Falcon
3. Acre