



The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and St John of Jerusalem  
Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas



Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire

### Nursing School Appeal 2032

On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at a meeting of Robert Felgate Dring Preceptory, the RE Provincial Prior Dean Robert White, formally launched the Provincial Nursing School Appeal with the objective of raising £50,000 by 2032, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. The funds raised will go directly to the Sir Stephen Miller Nursing School which trains about 9 nurses a year with the specialist skills needed to work in a busy ophthalmic hospital.

Brother knights are asked to try and give £150 each in support of this endeavour. It is understood that this is a big ask for many members of the province, especially when they also have obligations to support charity in Craft and Chapter. It was therefore felt that a small regular donation might appeal to Brother Knights, so we have set up an arrangement for such a scheme with the Relief Chest Scheme run by the Masonic Charitable Foundation. To each the £150 target, a regular payment of £2.50 per month is all that is needed. This is less than the price of a cup of coffee in most high streets. You are, of course, free to give a larger amount per month or to give a lump sum during the course of the appeal.

The nursing school is a vital part of the operations of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. It has been training nurses in one form or another since 1960. This resource is not only for the Hospital but is the only ophthalmic nursing school in the region and therefore serves the whole community. This initiative shows the innovative ways in which the KT has cooperated with the Eye Hospital over more than 100 years. Supporting the Sir Stephen Miller Nursing School ensures not only a supply of well trained nurses for the operations of the Eye Hospital, but also ensures continuing care for the whole region for years to come.

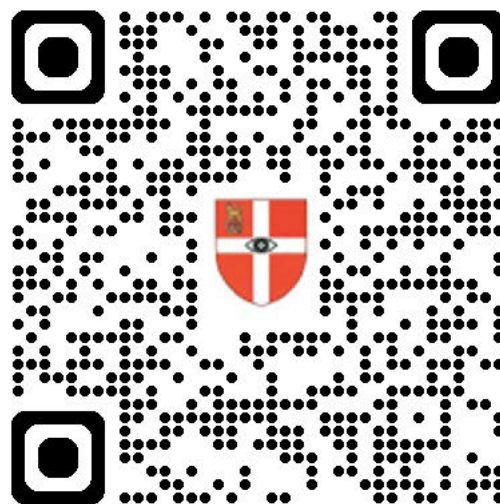
As with most things masonic those knights who commit to this appeal will be entitled to a badge to wear, as festival jewels do not occur in this order. If you set up a regular payment the badge will be available after 6 months of payments or of course on the receipt of a lump sum.

The badge will look like the logo at the top of the page. If however, you are of a generous disposition and are able to donate £300 over the course of the appeal again either by regular payment or lump sum there is a different badge which looks like this:



The QR codes to quick link to the relief chest processes are below and full instructions on how to set up your payment have been sent to every registrar and are on the provincial web site.

For regular payments



For lump sum payments



On behalf of the patients, staff and Board of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group, the Trustees would like to thank each and every member of the OBB KT province who has in the past and who will now contribute to this great cause. Feel assured that what you now will change the lives of those living with the ever present threat of losing their eyesight in this region.

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Charity Officer  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

