



Officers of the Priory of Scotland of the Order of St John Dates of Appointment 1947-present

Priors

1947	Major the 14th Earl of Lindsay
1950	The 3rd Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair OBE JP
1957	Lieutenant Colonel Sir Hugh Stephenson Turnbull KCVO KBE
1964	Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey of Dinnet KCMG
1970	The Earl of Haddo, later (still as Prior) 4th Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair CBE TD JP
1974	Vacant
1975	The 15th Duke of Hamilton and 12th of Brandon BA
1983	The 16th Viscount of Arbutnott KT CBE DSC GCStJ LLD FRSE
1995	Colonel James Stirling of Garden CBE TD BA FRICS (later Sir James Stirling KCVO CBE GCStJ)
2009	Lieutenant Colonel Sir Walter Hugh Malcolm Ross GCVO OBE (Lord Prior 2016-2019)
2015	Major General Mark Jeremy Strudwick CBE
2021	Her Grace The Duchess of Argyll

Sub-Priors

1947	Colonel Sir Colin MacRae of Feoirinn CVO CBE JP DL (There has been no such appointment in the Priory since 1953)
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Chancellors and Registrars

1947	Major John Forrest-Hamilton MD
1950	The Lord Inverclyde DL
1957	Lieutenant Colonel Sir Hugh Stephenson Turnbull KCVO KBE
1957	Sir Thomas Guthrie-Russell KCSI KCIE
1963	Sir Andrew Hunter Arbuthnot Murray OBE LLD JP DL
1977	Colonel James Haldane Calder MacLeod OBE TD CA DL
1980	William Archibald Park Jack CBE DUiv FRIBA FRIAS FRSA FSAScot
1986	Very Reverend Duncan Shaw PhD ThDr Drhc FSAScot
1992	Captain James Armour Brown RD BL FSAScot
1999	Joseph W Hills MA
2002	John Noel Patrick Ford FinstD
2012	Douglas Charles James Dow LLB NP
2018	The Reverend Canon Dr Joseph John Morrow CBE QC DL
2021	Simon A Mackintosh MA LLB WS

Preceptors of Torphichen

- 1947 Colonel Sir Colin MacRae of Feoirlinn CVO CBE JP DL
(at the same time Sub-Prior)
- 1954 Lieutenant Colonel Sir Hugh Stephenson Turnbull KCVO KBE
- 1957 Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey of Dinnet KCMG
- 1970 Sir Thomas Innes of Learney GCVO Lord Lyon King of Arms
- 1972 Sir Andrew Hunter Arbuthnot Murray OBE LLD JP DL
- 1977 Vacant
- 1978 Andrew Lawson JP DL
- 1983 William Macfarlane Gray OBE FACCA FCIS JP
- 1984 Captain James Armour Brown RD BL FSAScot
- 1992 Captain George Wardlaw Burnet LVO LLB WS
- 1998 Captain James Armour Brown RD BL FSAScot
- 2019 Ian Wallace (first appointment in the Priory since 1999)

Prelates

- 1947 Very Reverend Charles Laing Warr KCVO DD LLD
- 1963 Very Reverend Andrew Nevile Davidson DD JP DL
- 1977 Very Reverend Professor Robert Alexander Stewart Barbour KCVO MC MA STM DD
- 1993 Very Reverend William Boyd Robertson Macmillan MA BD LLD DD
- 1996 Reverend Thomas Crichton MA JP

Dean (replaced Prelate in 2002)

- 2002 Reverend Thomas Crichton MA JP
- 2011 Very Reverend John Cairns KCVO LTh LLB DD LLD
- 2021 Reverend Neil Gardner MA BD

Receivers-General

- 1947 Sir William Johnston Thomson LLD JP DL
- 1949 Lord Inverclyde DL
- 1951 Major General Alexander Patrick Drummond Telfer Smollet of Bonhill CB CBE DSO MC
- 1954 Vacant
- 1955 Sir Thomas Guthrie-Russell KCSI KCIE
- 1957 Sir Andrew Hunter Arbuthnot Murray OBE LLD JP DL
- 1963 Captain James Shand Sivewright
- 1970 Andrew Lawson JP DL
- 1978 William Macfarlane Gray OBE FACCA FCIS JP
- 1984 George Wardlaw Burnet LVO LLB WS
- 1992 Professor Sir John Calman Shaw CBE BL CA FCMA MBCS JDipMA
- 2002 Colonel Neil Muir Sharp MBE TD CA
- 2010 Fiona Mary Wilson Crichton FCIBS CMCIPD MCMII
- 2016 Allan Stewart CA

Hospitallers

- 1947 William J Moore FRFPS JP
1949 Sir Gordon Letham KCMG
1962 Captain James Shand Sivewright
1963 Major Patrick Tobias Telfer Smollet of Bonhill MC DL
1969 Colonel James Haldane Calder MacLeod OBE TD CA DL
1977 David Liddell-Grainger of Ayton FSAScot DL
1983 Colonel Alexander James Watt MBE TD FSAScot JP DL
1990 Colonel John Samuel Greene Blair OBE TD DLitt BA ChM FRCS FSAScot
2001 John Anthony Calvert BSc MB ChB DObstRCOG
2009 Ian W J Wallace BSc MB ChB FRCSEd
2016 John Ferguson-Smith MB ChB DObstRCOG AFOM

Librarians

- 1947 Professor John Duncan Mackie CBE MC MA
1966 Professor Jonathan Simon Christopher Riley-Smith MA PhD
1978 Very Reverend Duncan Shaw PhD ThDr *Drhc* FSAScot JP
1987 Charles John Burnett MLitt DA AMA FSAScot, Ross Herald
2014 Duncan Charles McAra DipPub FSAScot (also Sword Bearer till 2016)

Genealogists

- 1947 Sir Thomas Innes of Learney GCVO, Lord Lyon King of Arms
1970 Sir James Monteith Grant KCVO MA LLB, Lord Lyon King of Arms
1982 Sir Malcolm Rognvald Innes of Edingight KCVO MA LLB WS, Lord Lyon King of Arms
2001 Robin Orr Blair CVO MA LLB WS (till 2008), Lord Lyon King of Arms
2014 Reverend Canon Dr Joseph John Morrow QC DL, Lord Lyon King of Arms
2021 Sheriff George Way of Plean LLB (Hons) FRSA FSAScot SSC NP, Carrick Pursuivant

Directors of Ceremonies

- 1947 Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey of Dinnet KCMG
1950 Major General Alexander Patrick Drummond Telfer Smollet of Bonhill CB CBE DSO MC
1951 Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey of Dinnet KCMG
1957 Sir Andrew Hunter Arbuthnot Murray OBE LLD JP DL
1957 Thomas Purdie Cowie OBE
1963 William Blunt Munro MPS JP
1965 Vacant
1966 Commander John Alastair Montgomerie DSC BA JP
1983 Major James Forrest McLelland TD JP
1993 Colonel Ivan Ballantyne Tait TD FRCS FRCSE
1996 Colonel Neil Muir Sharp MBE TD CA
2002 Brigadier Ian Scott Taylor OBE TD
2009 Douglas Charles James Dow LLB NP
2012 Frederick Gordon Polson Casely FRSA FSAScot
2016 James Alexander Bingham FSAScot
2022 Ian Robertson FCIPD MCMI

Assistant Directors of Ceremonies

- 2002 Major John Daniel Gooch VRD FRICS (to 2010)
- 2005 James Alexander Bingham FSAScot (also Banner Bearer till Dec 2015)
- 2014 Lawson Rennie MIBMS AIST
- 2016 Ian Robertson FCIPD MCMC MBIH FSAScot
- 2019 Andrew Ian Smith
- 2021 David L McLean

Chairman of Council - later Convenors of Convocations of St John Associations in Scotland

- 1975 William Archibald Park Jack CBE DUniv FRIBA FRIAS FRAS FSAScot
- 1980 William Gordon FBIM FSAScot
- 1993 Joseph William Hills MA
- 1996 Lisle Pattison MBE TD BA FCIS

Secretaries

- 1947 Captain Alexander Ferguson Dick Jamieson
- 1963 Flight Lieutenant Peter Holroyd Drabble
- 1964 Grace Thomson, Mrs Robertson
- 1971 William Grahame
- 1974 Ernest Forrester Fortune MBE TD
- 1981 Reverend Norman McGathan Bowman MA BD
- 1983 William Smith
- 1991 Colonel George John Letham Coltart TD MA MSc CEng MICE
- 1996 Commander Richard Patrick Waller
(There has been no such appointment in the Priory since 2009)

Chief Executive Officer (Replaced Secretary in 2009)

- 2009 Commander Richard Patrick Waller
(There has been no such appointment in the Priory since 2013)

Executive Director (Replaced Chief Executive Officer in 2015)

- 2015 Colonel Angus J Loudon MBE MPhil MA BA

Cross Bearers

- 1948 William Blunt Munro MPS
- 1963 Robert Barr Dewar
- 1992 James Andrew Piper Milne MInstR
- 1994 Vacant
- 1996 Norman Gray Marr ARIBA FRIAS
- 2014 Joseph Mackie OBE FCILT (till 17 June 2022)
- 2022 Colin C Russell BSc (Hons) MCPod (from 18 June 2022)

Sword Bearers

- 1947 Captain Alexander Ferguson Dick Jamieson
- 1957 Captain James Shand Sivewright
- 1961 Major Patrick Tobias Telfer Smollet of Bonhill MC DL
- 1963 Commander John Alastair Montgomerie DSC BA JP
- 1966 David Ian Liddell-Grainger of Ayton FSAScot DL
- 1977 Major Martin Melvin Cruickshank of Auchreoch FRGS
- 1996 Alastair Lorne Campbell of Airds FSAScot, Unicorn Pursuivant
- 2008 Frederick Gordon Polson Casely FRSA FSAScot
- 2014 Duncan Charles McAra DipPub FSAScot (also Librarian till 2016)
- 2017 G Findlay MacRae MIMM MILOG (till 17 June 2022)
- 2022 Lynn E Cleal (from 18 June 2022)

Banner Bearers

- 1947 Major Michael Duncan Crichton-Stewart of Falkland MC
- 1949 Colonel Thomas Douglas Inch CBE MC MD FRCPE
- 1960 Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Stanley Sandilands DSO
- 1963 Lieutenant Colonel Sir Hugh Stephenson Turnbull KCVO KBE
- 1969 Captain William Sharpe Dobson VRD FSAScot
- 1992 Archibald Russell
- 1996 Brigadier Ian Scott Taylor OBE TD
- 2002 Douglas Charles James Dow LLB NP
- 2009 Ewan Skinner Murray OBE FSAScot
- 2014 James Alexander Bingham FSAScot (also Assistant Director of Ceremonies till Dec 2015)
- 2016 David L McLean FSAScot
- 2022 Stuart J Mathewson FSAScot

Limmers

- 1974 Charles John Burnett MLitt DA AMA FSAScot, Ross Herald of Arms
- 1988 Romilly Squire DA FSAScot FRSA
- 1996 Clare Marie, Miss McCrory SDAD
- 2014 Mark Donald Dennis BA LLM (Cantab) J Dr FHSS, Ormond Pursuivant of Arms