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Raymond du Puy, copper engraving by [Laurent Cars](#), c. 1730

P.01 **Raymond du Puy** (1083–1160) was a knight from [Dauphiné](#) in France and the second superior of the [Order of St. John of Jerusalem](#) from c. 1121^[1] until shortly before his death.

He was maybe the son of Hugues du Puy, lord of [Pereins](#), Apifer and Rochefort in [Dauphiné](#).

Raymond du Puy developed the Knights Hospitaller into a strong military force. He is also said to have taken over the management of the *leprosarium* outside Jerusalem that eventually broke off from the Order of St. John to become the [Order of Saint Lazarus](#), becoming its seventh master just before his death.

Raymond du Puy divided the membership of the Order into clerical, military, and serving brothers and established the first significant Hospitaller infirmary near the [Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#) in [Jerusalem](#). He was present at the [capture of Ascalon](#) in 1153.

References

1. Traditionally cited as direct successor of the [Blessed Gerard](#) upon the latter's death in 1118

or 1120, modern historiography assumes he succeeded in 1121 or 1123 after one or two interim superiors (cited as Peter of Barcelona and Boyant Roger). See Nicole Bériou, Philippe Josserand et al. , *Prier et combattre : Dictionnaire européen des ordres militaires au Moyen Âge*, Fayard, 2009, p. 763. c.f. Pierre d'Avity (1628): *Anno MCXVIII. frater Gerhardus ex hac vita migravit, sub Pontificatu Gelasii II. quo tempore ordo Templariorum initium sumpsit. Ei successit frater Raimundus Puteanus, qui fuit Eques professus ordinis.*

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External links

- [Raymond du Puy \(blessed-gerard.org\)](http://blessed-gerard.org)
- [The Rule of Blessed Raymond du Puy \(blessed-gerard.org\)](http://blessed-gerard.org)
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