



# The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of John the Evangelist

**Division of North & East Yorkshire  
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Intendant General**

TO ALL WORTHY KNIGHTS OF THE DIVISION

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

Worthy Knights All,

I am writing this to you all to explain where we are and what we are doing during this time of masonic inactivity although I'm sure that the Divisional Recorder will not agree with the word 'inactivity' as he has been extremely busy with administrative tasks that have not gone away.

Firstly I trust that you and your families are all well and are emerging from the lockdown we have had with some form of relief. Masonic Halls have been given the go ahead to reopen after an extensive process of evaluating their procedures. Some have decided not to reopen until the New Year.

Mark Masons' Hall have also given a cautious welcome to begin meeting again but have left it up to individual units to decide. In order to safeguard the Divisional Officers neither I, the Deputy or the Divisional Officers will be undertaking official visits until further notice. Guidelines have been issued by Mark Masons' Hall regarding ritual and the holding of meetings which you must follow to the letter.

Our Divisional Meeting is due to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and taking all that we know into account I have decided it is necessary to cancel the planned meeting BUT I wish to hold an on-line meeting at the same time and date using "Zoom". This is a very easy system to use and further details will follow in good time.

As the current Divisional Officers have not been able to undertake any of their duties this year I intend to re-appoint them all with three or four exceptions which I will explain at the Divisional Meeting in December. Letters for the re-appointments will be issued very shortly. As a further result I am waiving the request for Fees of Honour which would be due to be paid before the meeting in December.

I have also looked carefully at the Divisional Dues payable by all members at the same time that the Grand Imperial Conclave Dues are paid. After taking advice from my executive I intend to waive the Divisional Dues for this year too. Grand Imperial Conclave Dues are still due and will need to be paid,

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I understand that this waiving of fees may not benefit you personally, but it may assist your Conclave in providing a small buffer against any financial hit as a result of lockdown. It may be that your Conclave decides to send the Divisional Dues anyway to be put towards the Divisional Charity Fund and any monies so raised will, of course, be faithfully applied.

Using the "Zoom" platform the Division has been attending a monthly meeting which is open to all. At our next one Neil Woodward will be giving a short talk on the Royal and Select Masters Order. Please contact the Divisional Recorder if you wish to attend and request a link to join.

The General Purpose Committee have also held a formal meeting where many of the issues just mentioned were discussed and accepted. W Kt Chas Hook has agreed to be responsible for a new regalia exchange to be set up. Donations can be made to Chas and a small charge will be made by him to those who buy any of the regalia and that money be put into the Divisional Funds.

yours in F U & Z

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David", with a horizontal line underneath the name.