



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

## Division of Dorset

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# DIVISIONAL NEWS

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### EDITORIAL

I cannot believe that it is over a year since I was installed as Intendant-General. The time has certainly flown by. It has again been another busy year and I have tried to represent the Division throughout England and Wales as much as possible. These have included trips to Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cornwall, South Wales, Derbyshire, London, Oxford, Cambridge, Kent and Sussex to name but a few.

One of the highlights from the year was the Family Church Service held at York Minster on Saturday 16th October 2010. The Service had huge support from Worthy Knights from all over the country accompanied by their family and friends. Members of the Order were dressed in full regalia and I had the pleasure as the most recently installed Intendant-General to lead the procession of Intendants-General into the Minster with the Divisional Standard ably carried by the Divisional Standard Bearer Constantine, P.Kt. Richard Micklefield. The Dean of York, the Very Reverend Keith Jones gave a most enjoyable Sermon, a copy of which is printed in the current 2010 Statutes and is also available to read on the Divisional Website. A very pleasant lunch was held at York Racecourse afterwards. I would like to thank all those Worthy Knights of the Division who made the very long journey to attend.

As in previous years a Festive Dinner was again held at Poole on 27th November 2010, although numbers were down on previous years, £200 was successfully raised for the 2014 Craft Festival for the RMBI. A further social event in the form of a Sunday Lunch was held at Wareham on 24th July 2011, where a further £250 was raised for the 2014 Festival. This was a most enjoyable afternoon and pictures can be seen on the Divisional Website. I would like to thank all those members of the Division who supported these events and also bought guests. Similar events will be organised during the forthcoming year. These will of course be circulated in due course.

At Grand Imperial Conclave held on Tuesday 5th July 2011 at Edgbaston I had the pleasure of witnessing six members of the Division receiving first appointments and promotions in Grand Rank. I was particularly delighted to see that all were present to receive their well deserved honours personally from the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign. Further details of the recipients can be read below. At that meeting R.III. & Ven.Kt. Revd. Peter Cecil John Cannon, G.C.C. retired as the Grand Euesbius and Revd. Dr. Charles Peter Blackwell-Smyth was installed in his place. R.III. & Ven.Kt. Revd. Dr. Charles Peter Blackwell-Smyth, G.C.C. was for a number of years the Grand High Prelate and was present at my installation as Intendant-General. He has expressed a wish to attend a Divisional Meeting of Dorset in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all those Worthy Knights who have been installed during the past year or who have become joining members of the Division. I congratulate you on your choice in joining this most special of Christian Orders. All are welcome to attend the Annual Divisional Meeting again to be held at Wareham on our usual date of the second Saturday in October. Full details of which are enclosed with this newsletter.

Please remember to look at the Divisional Website for the latest news. I try to keep it regularly updated.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW GRAND OFFICERS

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign was pleased to make the following appointments and promotions to Grand Rank in Grand Imperial Conclave at Edgbaston on 5th July 2011.

### PROMOTIONS

Ill.Kt. John Vincent Davis, **P.G.Chamb.** to Past Grand High Almoner. John was installed into the Order in the Hagia Sophia Conclave No. 313 in 1981. He was a founder of the Magnaura Conclave No. 380 in 1985 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1990. He became a joining member of the Wessex Sovereigns' Conclave No. 399 in 1994. He was a founder of the Scholarii Conclave No. 448 in 1996 and became Sovereign in

2000. He is also an honorary member of the Milion Conclave No. 447. He held a number of Divisional offices before being appointed in 1999 as Divisional Viceroy. He was first appointed in Grand Imperial Conclave in 1995 to **P.G.W. of R.** and promoted to **P.G.Chamb.** in 2000.

Ill.Kt. Terry Albert Shackleton Jessup, **P.G.Pref.** to Past Grand Chamberlain. Terry was installed into the Order in the Holy Peace Conclave No. 381 in the Division of Somerset and Bristol in 1989. He became a joining member of the St. Candida Conclave No. 258 in 1996 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1997. He became a joining member of the Scholarii Conclave No. 448 in 2003 and is currently the Most Puissant Sovereign. He has held the Divisional offices of Steward (1998), Deputy Marshal (1999 - 2000),

Registrar (2001), Junior General (2005) and Senior General (2008). He was first appointed in Grand Imperial Conclave to **P.G.Pref.** in 2002.

Ill.Kt. Brian Ernest Parkes, **P.G.Pref.** to Past Grand Chamberlain. Brian was installed into the Order in the St. Peter-on-the-Wall Conclave No. 364 in the Division of Essex in 1992. He became a joining member of the St. Candida Conclave No. 258 in 1995 and enthroned as Sovereign in 2000. He became a joining member of the Wessex Sovereigns' Conclave No. 399 in 2005 and also a joining member of the Scholarii Conclave No. 448 in 2005 where he currently holds the office of Viceroy. He has held the Divisional offices of Steward (1999), Herald (2001), Standard Bearer (L.) (2003), Registrar (2004), Deputy Marshal (2005 - 2006) and Marshal since 2007. He was first appointed in Grand Imperial Conclave to **P.G.Pref.** in 2005.

Ill.Kt. Derek Bidkar Frank Burt, **P.G.Pref.** to Past Grand Standard Bearer Constantine. Derek (Dad) was installed into the Order in the Magnaura Conclave No. 380 in 1990 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1999. He became a joining member of the Wessex Sovereigns' Conclave No. 399 in 2007 and also a joining member of the Scholarii Conclave No. 448 in 2008. He has held the Divisional offices of Steward (2000), Chamberlain (2004), Sword Bearer (2005), Registrar (2006) and Deputy Intendant-General since 2009. He was first appointed in Grand Imperial Conclave to **P.G.Pref.** in 2007.

## FIRST APPOINTMENTS

P.Kt. Michael James Leslie Whelan, to Past Grand Warden of Regalia. Mike was installed in the Magnaura Conclave No. 380 in 1993 and enthroned as Sovereign in 2003. He became a joining member of the Wessex Sovereigns' Conclave No. 399 in 2005. He has held the Divisional offices of Steward (2004), Standard Bearer (C.) (2005), Chamberlain (2006), Sword Bearer (2008) and Registrar (2010).

P.Kt. Norman Sidney Blow, to Past Grand Vice-Chamberlain. Norman was installed in the Hagia Sophia Conclave No. 313 in 1992 and enthroned as Sovereign in 2001. He has held the Divisional offices of Organist (1998), Herald (2002), Prefect (2003), Standard Bearer (C.) (2004) and promoted to Past Junior General in 2009.

All these Members of the Order have been rewarded for loyal service to the Order. Their example is an exemplar to us all and we all congratulate them on their justly deserved recognition by Grand Imperial Conclave.

## IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we have lost three members of the Division during the last year.

**V.Ill.Kt. Charles Robert Patterson** was installed into the Order in the Hagia Sophia Conclave No. 313 in 1977 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1987. He was a founder of the Magnaura Conclave No. 380 in 1985. He also became a founder of the Wessex Sovereigns' Conclave No. 399 in 1987 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1997. He was the founding Sovereign of the Milion Conclave No. 447 in 1996 and finally a

founder of the Scholarii Conclave No. 448 in 1996 and enthroned as Sovereign in 1999. He was the Divisional Recorder for a number of years for the old Division of Dorset, Somerset and Bristol under the then Intendant-General R.Ill.Kt. Maurice Tapley, K.C.C. He suffered for many years with cancer and sadly passed away on 7th December 2010 aged 78 years. In Grand Imperial Conclave he was appointed to Past Grand Standard Bearer Labarum in 1992 and promoted in 1997 to Past Grand High Almoner. He was well known in Wareham and served as Mayor on numerous occasions, an organist and a member of many Masonic Orders, however it was in the Red Cross of Constantine that he achieved his highest rank.

**P.Kt. Dr. Brian Robert Leverett** was installed into the Order in the Milion Conclave No. 447 in 2000 and enthroned as Sovereign in 2007. He received the rank of Divisional Steward in 2006 and again in 2008. He was promoted to Divisional Prefect in 2009 and would have been promoted to Divisional Standard Bearer Labarum in 2010 but sadly died just before the Divisional Meeting. He was well known in the Borough of Poole and served as leader of the council for at least 10 years. He was also an organist and became a member of many Masonic Orders where he played the organ. Just two days before his death, he gave a faultless performance as Prior in the Hagia Sophia Sanctuary and Commandery. There had been no signs of poor health and he died very suddenly from a massive heart attack on 17th September 2010 aged 69 years. The Union Flag was flown at half-mast at the Poole Civic Centre as a mark of respect.

Both these members of the Order gave phenomenal service to the community in which they lived. They are both sorely missed but will be long and gratefully remembered.

**P.Kt. Ernest John Hunt** was installed into the Order in the Magnaura Conclave No. 380 in 2002 at the age of 77 years and enthroned as Sovereign in 2007. Sadly due to poor health he was not able to attend all Conclave meetings during his year as Sovereign. He was appointed to Divisional Herald in 2008 but again due to his poor health was not able to attend the Divisional Meeting. I first met Ernest at Southbourne Chapter where he was the Scribe Ezra for a number of years and would give faultless explanations of the signs given in the first part of the Mystical Lecture. He was a true gentleman. He died on 29th March 2011 aged 86 years.

May they all rest in peace.

## RITUAL BOOKS

### THE NEW RITUALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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