

Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves
Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine
and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE**

held on Tuesday, 2 July 2024, at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Temple,
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

PRESENT

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SOVEREIGN
Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C.

THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS & EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND SOVEREIGN
Christopher John Macdonald, G.C.C.

THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS & VENERABLE GRAND EUSEBIUS
The Revd Timothy John Nicholas L'Estrange, G.C.C.

R.III. & Em.Kt. G. Smith, G.C.C., P.Dep.G.Sov.

R.III. & Em.Kt. P. Hawken, *MBE*, G.C.C., P.Dep.G.Sov.

R.III. & Ven.Kt. Dr The Revd C. P. B. Blackwell-Smyth, G.C.C., P.G.Eusebius

KNIGHTS COMMANDER

R.III.Kt. P. D. Williams, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. P. Cooper, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. R. W. Leavers, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. Dr N. G. Bramley-Haworth, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. M. R. Burt, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. N. J. Alder, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. M. W. Bayes, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. M. Daws, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. R. A. Lucas, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. R. W. Hancock, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. K. R. Beaumont, K.C.C.

R.III.Kt. Dr A. A. K. White, K.C.C.

INTENDANTS-GENERAL

R.III.Kt. D. J. Palmer Intendant-General for Somerset and Bristol

R.III.Kt. J. R. Simons..... Intendant-General for Essex

R.III.Kt. Dr J. A. Elmore..... Intendant-General for East Anglia

R.III.Kt. D. D. Leigh Intendant-General for Middlesex

R.III.Kt. D. J. Roach Intendant-General for North and East Yorkshire

R.III.Kt. R. F. Knight Intendant-General for Durham

R.III.Kt. P. N. Rose Intendant-General for Sussex

R.III.Kt. A. J. Baverstock Intendant-General for Thames

R.III.Kt. Dr A. Beckerton..... Intendant-General for Derbyshire

R.III.Kt. S. Roberts	Intendant-General for Lincolnshire
R.III.Kt. J. S. Graves	Intendant-General for Metropolitan
R.III.Kt. S. W. Bolton	Intendant-General for North and East Lancashire
R.III.Kt. J. J. Tristram	Intendant-General for West Midlands
R.III.Kt. T. G. Deakin	Intendant-General for Hertfordshire
R.III.Kt. E. L. Wright, <i>JP</i>	Intendant-General for Jamaica
R.III.Kt. R. E. Hitchin	Intendant-General for Nottinghamshire
R.III.Kt. G. E. Williams	Intendant-General for West Lancashire
R.III.Kt. M. F. J. Baptist	Intendant-General for Cheshire
R.III.Kt. N. L. Angell, <i>JP</i>	Intendant-General for South Wales and Monmouthshire
R.III.Kt. S. Groeger	Intendant-General for Hampshire and Isle of Wight
R.III.Kt. G. Kritikos	Intendant-General for Benelux
R.III.Kt. A. Curley	Intendant-General for Dorset and Wiltshire
R.III.Kt. D. J. Green.....	Intendant-General for Kent
R.III.Kt. N. S. J. M. White	Intendant-General for Devon and Cornwall
R.III.Kt. T. Fish	Intendant-General for Northumberland
R.III.Kt. S. McCarthy	Intendant-General for Surrey
R.III.Kt. J. E. Sudhakar	Intendant-General for Cumbria
R.III.Kt. K. Tolan	Intendant-General for West Yorkshire
R.III.Kt. T. J. Barrett.....	Intendant-General for East Midlands
R.III.Kt. G. A. Edwards	Intendant-General for North Wales

PAST INTENDANTS-GENERAL

R.III.Kt. K. R. Beaumont, P.Int.-Gen. (Cumbria)
R.III.Kt. M. Daws, P.Int.-Gen. (Northumberland)
R.III.Kt. R. A. Lucas, P.Int.-Gen. (Devon and Cornwall)
R.III.Kt. R. W. Hancock, P.Int.-Gen. (Surrey)
R.III.Kt. S. J. Manby, P.Int.-Gen. (East Midlands)
R.III.Kt. M. R. Walker, P.Int.-Gen. (West Lancashire)
R.III.Kt. T. D. Ward, P.Int.-Gen. (Nottinghamshire)

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE YEAR 2023/2024

V.III.Kt. J. H. Prizeman	Grand Senior General
V.III.Kt. J. C. Whitaker, <i>JP, DL</i>	Grand Junior General
V.III.Kt. Revd S. A. Hawkins	Grand High Prelate
R.III.Kt. His Hon. I. D. G. Alexander, <i>KC, K.C.C.</i>	Grand Registrar
V.III.Kt. R. A. H. Morrow, P.G.S.Gen.	President of the Grand Sovereign's Council
V.III.Kt. H. W. Huiskamp	Grand High Chancellor
V.III.Kt. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.G.H.Chan.	as Grand Treasurer
V.III.Kt. D. M. Heath.....	Grand Recorder
V.III.Kt. T. M. Sharpe.....	Grand High Almoner
R.III.Kt. P. A. Norman, K.C.C.	Grand Marshal
III.Kt. T. D. Sheern	Grand Sword Bearer
V.III.Kt. A. Rosengren	Deputy Grand Registrar
III.Kt. S. J. Tingey	Deputy Grand Marshal
III.Kt. R. F. Richardson	Deputy Grand Marshal
III.Kt. S. H. Newman.....	Grand Chamberlain
III.Kt. J. Liddle.....	Grand Orator
III.Kt. Revd M. D. Howse	Grand Sub-Prelate
III.Kt. J. N. Duffield	Grand Standard Bearer (C.)
III.Kt. T. White	Grand Standard Bearer (L.)
III.Kt. R. K. Lamb	Grand Prefect
III.Kt. J. H. W. Ellis	Assistant Grand Marshal
III.Kt. G. D. Seeman	Assistant Grand Marshal
III.Kt. M. J. Lock.....	Grand Vice-Chamberlain
R.III.Kt. D. E. H. Adams, K.C.C.	Grand Organist

III.Kt. M. RizzardiDeputy Grand Organist
 III.Kt. M. P. Stevens Grand Herald
 III.Kt. I. J. Walker Grand Herald
 III.Kt. P. Busby Grand Sentinel

KNIGHTS FROM OVERSEAS

Divisional Conclave of Benelux

III.Kt. J. C. Kant
 III.Kt. C. Katharios
 P.Kt. P. Giotopoulos

Divisional Conclave of Jamaica

V.III.Kt. S. B. Soares, *JP*, Dep.Int.-G.

Unattached Conclaves:

Em.Kt. Dr I. P. Ellston – Malaysia Conclave No. 476 (Malaysia)
 M.P.Kt. T. ‘Eddie’ Kalogeropoulos – Ronald A. Champion Conclave No.482 (Malta)

HEADS OF ORDERS

V.III.Kt. J. H. Prizeman, G.S.Gen.	Pro Grand Master – Mark
R.III.Kt. P. R. Clement, K.C.C.	Grand Master – KT
W.Kt. Revd Dr S. A. Thorn	Grand Prior – The Ancient and Accepted Rite
R.III.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.C.	Grand Master – RSM
R.III.Kt. T. F. Jackson, K.C.C.	Grand Master – AMD
V.III.Kt. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.S.Gen.	Grand Supreme Ruler – OSM
III.Kt. Dr P. Mycock, P.G.Orator	Grand Master Mason – The Operatives
V.III.Kt. C. G. Maiden, P.G.S.Gen.	Grand High Priest – KTP
V.III.Kt. Dr V. Thomas, <i>JP</i> , P.G.J.Gen.	Grand Master – KBHC
R.III.Kt. A. W. Llewellyn, K.C.C.	Supreme Magus – SRIA

DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVES

GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND

M.III.Kt. J. S. Wood, G.C.C., Past Grand Sovereign
 M.Em.Kt. D. T. S. Gibb, G.C.C., Grand Viceroy

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF GREECE

M.III.Kt. A. Samios, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign
 R.III.Kt. C. Ntargaras, K.C.C., Senior Grand General

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE FOR GERMANY

M.III.Kt. Lt Col. M. Winter, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign
 R.III.Kt. D. Quack, G.C.C., Grand Senior General
 III.Kt. Dr G. Nebel, Grand Herald

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

M.III.Kt. H. F. Mailey, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE FOR FRANCE

R.III. & Em. Kt. J. L. M. Deneux, G.C.C., Deputy Grand Sovereign

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE FOR ITALY

M.III.Kt. G. Volpe, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign
 R.III.Kt. L. Michelotti, K.C.C., Grand Chancellor
 R.III.Kt. R. Michelotti, K.C.C., Grand High Prelate
 W.Kt. A. Canale

GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF FINLAND

M.III.Kt. V. Lummepuro, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign
 V.III.Kt. H. Pellikka, Grand Recorder

and many other Past Grand Officers, Sovereigns, Past Sovereigns and other Knights.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

Grand Imperial Conclave was opened in ample form. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign was then saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign referred with great regret to the death during the last year of a number of Worthy Knights called to Higher Service, in particular: R.III.Kt. Keith Barry Jackson, G.C.C., Grand Historiographer; R.III.Kt. David George Richmond Lovett, G.C.C.; R.III.Kt. David George Fox, K.C.C.; R.III.Kt. Brian Fraser Muir, K.C.C.; R.III.Kt. Michael Henry Roalfe, K.C.C.; and R.III.Kt. Ivor Findlay Sander, P.Int.-Gen. (Transvaal, Orange Free State & Northern Cape). In total there were 106 Grand Officers detailed in the report of the Grand Sovereign's Council since the previous Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Conclave. The Knights stood to order while the Grand High Prelate offered prayer.

3. MINUTES

On the proposition of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, seconded by the Grand Recorder, the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Conclave held on 4 July 2023, having been printed and circulated with the Summons, were taken as read, approved, adopted and confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE GRAND SOVEREIGN'S COUNCIL

On the proposition of the President of the Grand Sovereign's Council, seconded by the Grand Recorder, the Report of the Grand Sovereign's Council, which had been printed as **Appendix A** of the Summons, was taken as read, adopted and entered on the Minutes.

5. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer designate presented his Report of the Statement of Accounts of Grand Imperial Conclave for the year ended 31 August 2023, which had been printed as **Appendix B** of the Summons,

6. ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SOVEREIGN

On the proposition of the Deputy Grand Sovereign, seconded by Grand Registrar and carried with acclamation by the Knights present, Most Illustrious Knight Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C., was elected as Grand Sovereign for the ensuing year.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign was then proclaimed by the Grand Herald as follows:

Be it known that GRAHAM LESLIE FLIGHT, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, Honoris Causa, in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Counsellor in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; A member of the Seventh Degree, Honoris Causa, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Holder of the Grand High Priest's Award of the Grand College of the

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Knight Commander of the Holy City and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Grand Sovereign and Knight Grand Cross of Constantine, etc., etc., etc., etc., has this day been elected and proclaimed Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Patriarch and Grand Commander of the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; whom may the Holy and Indivisible Three-In-One long preserve.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign was saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign returned thanks.

7. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS AND EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND SOVEREIGN

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign announced that he had reappointed R.III.Kt. Christopher John Macdonald, G.C.C., as Deputy Grand Sovereign.

The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Sovereign was then proclaimed by the Grand Herald as follows:

Be it known that CHRISTOPHER JOHN MACDONALD, Past Senior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Great Aide-de-Camp in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Fifth Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Adept of Christian Rosencreutz, Ninth Grade, Magus Honoris Causa in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Deputy Grand Sovereign and Knight Grand Cross of Constantine, etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Illustrious and Eminent Deputy Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; whom may the Holy and Indivisible Three-In-One long preserve.

The Deputy Grand Sovereign was saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Deputy Grand Sovereign returned thanks.

8. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS AND VENERABLE GRAND EUSEBIUS

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign announced that he had re-appointed Right Illustrious and Venerable Knight The Reverend Timothy John Nicholas L'Estrange, G.C.C., as Right Illustrious and Venerable Grand Eusebius.

The Right Illustrious and Venerable Grand Eusebius was proclaimed by the Grand Herald as follows:

Be it known that TIMOTHY JOHN NICHOLAS L'ESTRANGE, A Clerk in Holy Orders; Bachelor of Arts of the University of Surrey; Master of Arts of the University of Oxford; Holder of a Diploma in Ministry of the University of Oxford; Surrogate to the Chancellor of the Diocese of London; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges

Overseas, and a Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Great Prelate in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Grand Eusebius and Knight Grand Cross of Constantine, etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Illustrious and Venerable Grand Eusebius of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and Sub-Patriarch and Deputy Grand Commander of the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; whom may the Holy and Indivisible Three-In-One long preserve.

The Grand Eusebius was saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Grand Eusebius returned thanks.

9. APPOINTMENT, INVESTITURE AND PROCLAMATION OF KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF CONSTANTINE

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign announced that in recognition of service to the Order he had appointed the following Knights to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of Constantine:

R.III.Kt. David John Palmer, Int.-Gen. for Somerset and Bristol

R.III.Kt. Samuel John Manby, P.Int.-Gen. (East Midlands)

R.III.Kt. Denis Dixon Leigh, Int.-Gen. for Middlesex

R.III.Kt. David John Roach, Int.-Gen. for North and East Yorkshire

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign directed the Grand Marshal to form an escort and present the Knights for investiture. The Escort and recipients retired. The Knights were called to order and the Escort re-entered Grand Imperial Conclave accompanying the Knights Commander of Constantine designate.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign informed the recipients that the rank of Knight Commander of Constantine is an honour conferred upon those who have given distinguished service to the Order. By their zeal and fidelity, they had proven themselves worthy recipients of this preferment.

The Worthy Knights were called to Order while the Knights Commander of Constantine designate received the benefit of prayer given by the Grand High Prelate. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign invested the recipients with the sash, collarette and the insignia of a Knight Commander of Constantine and handed to them the Baton and Patent of Appointment. The Deputy Grand Marshals led the new Knights Commander of Constantine to their seats.

Those seated were called to stand, whereupon the Grand Heralds proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that DAVID JOHN PALMER, Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past District Grand Lecturer in the District of Somerset and Wiltshire in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past District Grand Junior Warden in the District of Severn in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Provincial Grand Guide in the Province of Somerset in the Grand

Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Intendant-General for the Division of Somerset and Bristol;

and that SAMUEL JOHN MANBY, Past Junior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32nd Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Intendant-General for the Division of East Midlands;

and that DENIS DIXON LEIGH, A Holder of Senior London Grand Rank in the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; A Holder of Senior London Grand Chapter Rank in the Metropolitan Grand Chapter of London in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Master Overseer in the Provincial Grand Lodge of London in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; District Grand Steward of the District of Surrey in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Intendant-General for the Division of Middlesex;

and that DAVID JOHN ROACH, Past Provincial Grand Registrar in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Yorkshire, North and East Ridings in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Yorkshire, North and East Ridings in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Provincial Standard Bearer (Beauceant) in the Provincial Priory of North and East Yorkshire in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Conductor of the Council in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; A member of the Seventh Degree, Honoris Causa, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Past Grand 1st Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Intendant-General for the Division of North and East Yorkshire; etc., etc., etc., have this day been appointed, invested and installed Knights Commander of Constantine in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; whom may the Holy and Indivisible Three-In-One long preserve.

The Knights Commander of Constantine were saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Knights Commander of Constantine returned thanks.

10. ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER

On the proposition of the Grand Registrar, seconded by the Grand Recorder, V.III.Kt. James Robert Guy Hilditch, P.G.H.Chan., was elected as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

11. INVESTITURE OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

The Grand Recorder read the names of the Knights whom the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign had appointed to Grand Rank. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign invested those present.

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Senior General.....	Michael Leonard Ward
Grand Junior General	Dr Paul Mycock
Grand High Prelate	Revd Steven Andrew Hawkins
Grand Registrar	His Hon. Ian Douglas Gavin Alexander, KC, K.C.C.
President of the Grand Sovereign's Council.	Robert Anthony Henry Morrow, P.G.S.Gen.
Grand High Chancellor	Hermen Willem Huiskamp
Grand Treasurer	James Robert Guy Hilditch, P.G.H.Chan.
Grand Recorder	Daniel Mark Heath
Grand High Almoner	Warner Barton
Grand Marshal	Paul Anthony Norman, K.C.C.
Grand Sword Bearer	Charles Martin Wilson
Deputy Grand Registrar	Allan Rosengren
Deputy Grand Marshals.....	Roger Francis Richardson Antonio Masella, KLJ
Grand Chamberlain	Eric John Sarti
Grand Orator	Philip Andrew Hamilton Bowler
Grand Sub-Prelate	Revd Martin David Howse
Grand Historiographer	Dr John Walter Hawkins, P.G.Chamb.
Grand Standard Bearer (C.)	Colin Birkbeck
Grand Standard Bearer (L.)	Alexander Sillars McLaren
Grand Prefect	Robert Burnett
Grand Warden of Regalia	Andrew Peter Hurrell
Assistant Grand Recorders.....	Derek Mersh Lt Col. Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones, TD, P.G.St.B.(L.)
Assistant Grand Marshals.....	Graham David Seaman Andrew Lister
Grand Vice-Chamberlain	Graham Long
Grand Organist	David Edward Henry Adams, K.C.C.
Deputy Grand Organist.....	Mario Rizzardi
Grand Heralds	Ian John Walker Oswald Terence Hall
Grand Sentinel.....	Paul Busby

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Junior General

Bryan Walter Robinson, MBE

Past Grand High Chancellor

John Peter Wilfred Beresford
Allan Rosengren

Dr Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncrieff

Past Grand High Almoner

Michael Bernard Cooper
Shane Huddart
Basil Henry Keys
Herman Ray Lioe-A-Tjam

David John Smith
Jean Verbist
Raymond Wade
David John William Willcock

Past Grand Chamberlain

John Bates
 David Inglis Berry
 Alan John Brockwell
 Robert Anthony Brown
 Richard Harry Clarke
 David Gold
 Alan Charles Hobden
 Bernard Arthur Leaper
 Stephen Nigel Martin
 Robert John Potts

Arthur John David Saunders
 Kevin David Sharp
 Richard Peter Collingwood Strutt
 Ian Robert Sullivan
 Charles William John Tassell
 Howard Rochdale Taylor
 Gordon David Turner
 Alan Lawrence Wills
 Keith Young

Past Grand Orator

Gary Michael Comer

Past Grand Standard Bearer (C.)

David Leslie Armstrong
 Jack Stephen Gore
 Michael Adrian Hunter
 Jan Cornelis Kant

Graham Kyffin
 John Edgar Redman
 Mario Rizzardi
 David Simpson Warden

Past Grand Standard Bearer (L.)

Alan Brown

Past Grand Prefect

Michael Daniel Ellis

Past Grand Warden of Regalia

Horace Geoffrey Lawrence

FIRST APPOINTMENTS**Past Grand Standard Bearer (L.)**

Craig David Wood

Past Grand Prefect

John David Billett
 David Bowden
 Lewis George Clement
 Ivor Cook
 Brian Steven Corney
 Gerard Anthony Galvin
 Richard Alan Gammie
 Paul David Gausden
 Danny Guy
 Michael William Holroyde
 Graham Charles Hooper
 Stephen Peter Howlett
 Niels Ole Larsen

Andrew John Logan
 Peter William McDonald Mason
 Philip George Christopher Mort
 John William Nevell
 Victor Lawrence Oliver
 Kerry John Parkes
 David Lloyd Pugh
 Rowland John Rogers
 Michael Sharples
 John Johnston Stevenson
 Stanley Thompson
 Robert George Warwick

Past Grand Warden of Regalia

Richard Beecroft
 Gordon Charles
 Charles David Crocker
 Roger John Bruce Goulding
 Robert Charles Greenhead, *JP*
 Anthony Michael Kenny
 David Michael Pick

Norman Edwin Pope
 Gregory Roger Smith
 Alfons Arthur Van La Parra
 Jason Stephen Waddup
 Geoffrey Edward Whale
 Peter Lee Williams
 Dr Nigel Christopher Williams

Past Grand Vice-Chamberlain

Martin Andrew Ford Bell
Terence Roy Draycott
David Bernard Hedges
Geoffrey Sinclair Ifill
Gwilym Haydn Jones, *CStJ*

Alastair John Langdon, *MBE*
Alan William George Perry
Michael John Plant
Paul Stephen Rush
Christopher John Wilson

Past Grand Herald

Stuart Adrian Boyd
Jeffrey Gerard Hancock, *BEM*
Kevin Gregory Horswill
David Walter Miller

David Pestell
Phillip John Purves
Colin Hugh Thomas

During the investitures, the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign promoted V.III.Kt. Daniel Mark Heath, Grand Recorder, to Past Grand Senior General.

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE GRAND SEPULCHRE GUARD AND DEPUTY TO THE CAPTAIN

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign was pleased to receive the Captain of the Grand Sepulchre Guard, III.Kt. Dafydd Geraint Puw, P.G.Chamb., and the Deputy to the Captain, III.Kt. Peter William McDonald Mason, P.G.Pref. He then remarked upon the enthusiasm and support of his Grand Sepulchre Guard and, in recognition, had decided to confer a field promotion on its Captain, III.Kt. Dafydd Geraint Puw, to Past Grand High Almoner. The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign then proceeded to receive and invest new members of the Grand Sepulchre Guard.

13. ELECTION OF AUDITORS TO GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2025

On the proposition of the President of the Grand Sovereign Council, seconded by the Grand Registrar and carried unanimously by the Knights present, Messrs Crowe U.K. LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, were reappointed as auditors to Grand Imperial Conclave.

14. ELECTIONS TO THE GRAND SOVEREIGN'S COUNCIL

The Grand Recorder announced that in accordance with the Statutes [Fifth Schedule–1. (b)] he had received nominations for election to the Grand Sovereign's Council in respect of the following:

R.III.Kt. Dr A. Beckerton, Intendant-General for Derbyshire
R.III.Kt. S. Roberts, Intendant-General for Lincolnshire
R.III.Kt. J. S. Graves, Intendant-General for Metropolitan
R.III.Kt. S. W. Bolton, Intendant-General for North and East Lancashire

There being no other nominations the Grand Sovereign declared the four Knights duly elected.

15. APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRAND SOVEREIGN'S COUNCIL

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign announced that in accordance with the Statutes [Fifth Schedule–1.(c)] he had appointed to the Grand Sovereign's Council the following:

R.III.Kt. Dr J. A. Elmore, Intendant-General for East Anglia
R.III.Kt. R. F. Knight, Intendant-General for Durham
R.III.Kt. P. N. Rose, Intendant-General for Sussex
R.III.Kt. A. J. Baverstock, Intendant-General for Thames

16. ADDRESS BY THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND SOVEREIGN

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign addressed Grand Imperial Conclave as follows:

‘Worthy Knights, my first duty is to thank you all for attending this year’s Grand Imperial Conclave meeting and for your support today. We are still slowly recovering our numbers post Covid which seems a long time ago now, but we are on the right path. Recruitment

and retention remain vitally important, as is your continuing support for your Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters from whom we source our members.

'Having fulfilled their duties admirably over the last year, there are again no changes to my Deputy and Grand Eusebius but we do welcome our new Grand Recorder to his role. He is already showing signs of putting his own stamp on the job and I look forward to working with him in the future for the good of the Order.

'My congratulations to those Right Illustrious Knights who have today been honoured as Knights Commander of Constantine. All of these Knights have served the Order in high office over many years and are well deserving of their preferment. My Grand Marshal will be pleased to note that there are no surprise appointments this year!

'The last year has been a little less active for overseas visits, but I have been very pleased to visit Germany in October to share in their 40 year celebrations (and a special treat was the steam locomotive ride up the mountain to the Brocken, Modena in Italy (no visit to the Ferrari factory!) for their Grand Conclave meeting, and to Copenhagen for the new year celebrations of the Danish Order of Freemasons under the Grand Lodge of Denmark in the Swedish Rite.

'To private Conclaves for special occasions we have been quite busy. Two visits to the Grand Sepulchre Guard Conclave for the Appendant Orders, and to see Ill.Kt. Geraint Pew (Captain of Sepulchre Guard) installed as Sovereign; and to La Valette and Premier Pew Conclaves for their Appendant Orders meetings – one with 15 candidates! I have presented Fifty Year Jewels and certificates to Gordon Walkerley Smith at Thorton Abbey Conclave No. 223; Malcolm Slater at Forest Rose Conclave No. 265; David Hughes at Gwynedd Conclave No. 214; and Reg Britten at Lindum Colonia Conclave No. 257. A most enjoyable duty for me was to visit St Oswald Conclave No. 278 to present their Jubilee Warrant, and to Manchester to Consecrate the Mamucium Conclave No. 534. Worthy Knights, I can only attend these special meetings if you continue to invite me! It has also been my pleasure to be invited to and welcomed at the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge and the Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

'Three new Intendant Generals have been installed this year, and as I introduce them I would ask them please to stand and be recognised:

R.III.Kt. Keith Tolan, as Intendant-General for West Yorkshire following the retirement of R.III.Kt. Raymond Johnson; R.III.Kt. Timothy Barrett, as Intendant-General for East Midlands following the retirement of R.III.Kt. John Manby (now K.C.C.); And right up to date, only four days ago, R.III.Kt. Arwyn Edwards as Intendant-General for North Wales following the retirement of R.III.Kt. George Wainwright.

'We wish all of these Knights a happy and successful term in office, as well as Dr Silverio Ostrowski, to be installed as Intendant-General for Middlesex on the 27th of this month following the retirement of R.III.Kt. Denis Leigh, now K.C.C.

'I am delighted to see our usual large array of visitors who enhance our meetings with their presence, and show the wonderful relationship we have with their Grand Conclaves and within our own Constitution. As is customary, Worthy Knights, please hold your welcome applause until I have completed the list.

'From our own Constitution: From Benelux, R.III.Kt. Georgios Kritikos, Intendant-General; R.III.Kt. Dr Alasdair Antony Kenneth White, K.C.C.; V.III.Kt. Hermen Willem Huiskamp, G.H.Chan.; Ill.Kt. Jan Cornelis Kant – a recipient; Ill.Kt. Christos Katharios; and P.Kt. Panagiotis 'Panos' Giotopoulos; from Jamaica, R.III.Kt. Errol Lloyd Wright, *JP*, Intendant-General, and V.III.Kt. Sterling Bryan Soares, *JP*, Deputy Intendant-General; from Malaysia Conclave No. 476 in Kuala Lumpur, Em.Kt. Dr Ian Philip Ellston; from Ronald A. Champion Conclave No. 482 in Malta, M.P.Kt. Theodore Kalogeropoulos.

'From other Constitutions: From the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland, M.III.Kt. Joseph Stewart Wood, G.C.C., Past Grand Sovereign, and M.Em.Kt. David Gibb, G.C.C., Grand Viceroy; from the Grand Imperial Conclave of Greece, M.III.Kt. Aristides Samios, K.B.E., G.C.C., Grand Sovereign, and R.III.Kt. Charalampos Ntargaras, K.C.C., Senior Grand General; from the Grand Imperial Conclave for Germany, M.III.Kt. Lt Col. Markus Winter,

K.B.E., Grand Sovereign, R.III.Kt. Daniel Quack, G.C.C., Grand Senior General, and III. Kt. Dr Guenther Nebel, Grand Herald; from the Grand Imperial Conclave for New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, M.III.Kt. Herbert Francis Mailey, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign; from the Grand Imperial Conclave for France, R.III. & Em.Kt. Jean-Francois Louis Maurice Deneux, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign; from the Grand Imperial Conclave for Italy, M.III.Kt. Giovanni Volpe, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign, R.III.Kt. Lauro Michelotti, K.C.C., Grand Chancellor, R.III.Kt. Raffaello Michelotti, K.C.C., Grand High Prelate, and Wt.Kt. Agostino Canale; and from the Grand Imperial Conclave for Finland, M.III.Kt. Veli-Matti Lummpuro, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign, and V.III.Kt. Hannu Pellikka, Grand Recorder.

'And also with us Heads of other Orders: V.III.Kt. J. H. Prizeman, P.G.S.Gen. – Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons; R.III.Kt. P. R. Clement, K.C.C. – Grand Master of the Knights Templar; W.Kt.Kt. Revd Dr S. A. Thorn – Grand Prior of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; R.III.Kt. K. J. Jones, K.C.C. – Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; R.III.Kt. T. F. Jackson, K.C.C. – Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees; V.III.Kt. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.S.Gen. – Grand Supreme Ruler of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor; V.III.Kt. Dr P. Mycock, G.J.Gen. – Grand Master of the Operatives; V.III.Kt. Christopher Gavin Maiden, P.G.S.Gen. – Grand High Priest of the Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; V.III.Kt. Dr V. Thomas, JP, P.G.J.Gen. – Grand Master of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City; and R.III.Kt. A. W. Llewellyn, K.C.C. – Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia;

'I offer my congratulations to those Worthy Knights I have appointed or promoted in Grand Conclave today. This is really your day and in thanking you for your past service I look forward to your continuing contribution and support in the future in your Conclaves and Divisions. For the new active officers, I look forward to working with you in the coming year and for those standing down my thanks for your support over the last year. I hope you have enjoyed your time in office.

'There is a summary of my Care for Children Fund in the Order papers, and I can update those to show contributions during the year to 30 April 2024 of £30,672 and payments out of £23,500 giving us a small increase in the balance of the Fund at 30 April to £60,538. I am most grateful to all the Conclaves, Divisions and individuals who have contributed to this fund which does make such a difference to so many children's lives, and I ask my Intendants-General to keep the fund in mind for worthy applications to ensure these funds are put to good use at the earliest opportunity.

'My special thanks to the members of my Grand Sepulchre Guard who support me at many meetings during the year and always present an impressive performance and add greatly to the ceremonial wherever I go. I am delighted to have been able to field promote my Captain for his continuing dedication to his important duties.

'I have already mentioned our new Grand Recorder, and I thank him and his team for all the work they do for the Order and in particular for the arrangements for today's meeting. Again a much deserved field promotion commensurate with his new position. My Grand Marshal and his team continue to keep me and the meeting in good order, and ensure as far as possible that all goes more or less according to the plan. My thanks to them all.

'Worthy Knights, please continue to support and enjoy our beautiful Order of Christian Freemasonry and encourage others to join us. Thank you for your kind attention and let us soon enjoy each others company at the bar and at table.'

17. ALMS COLLECTION

The Alms collection was taken during the singing of the hymn 'He who would Valiant be', and raised a total of £1,617.30.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Grand Recorder reported no further formal business.

19. CLOSING

Grand Imperial Conclave was closed in ample form.