

# The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

In the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas



## Province of East Anglia

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My very dear Companions

I write this letter in the hope that you and those close to you are in good health and that you are staying safe during this very different lifestyle that we now seem to have to adopt.

The very recent advice from MMH is that until further notice face masks or coverings must be worn at any physical meetings, and indeed there are detailed guidelines on the restriction, and amendments to our ritual and ceremonials to be observed during this Covid period.

Interestingly in a step to assist in potentially increasing our numbers when we return to physical meetings, the Grand Supreme Ruler of the OSM has agreed that we may induct brethren of the OSM who have not been made Princes, it is not known at present if this is a permanent change or a time limited one, an amended ritual has been issued for such an event!

At a recent socially distanced meeting of the Provincial executive it was decided that our Provincial meeting in November would be a virtual meeting via the Zoom application. The day remains the same Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. It is the Provincial Grand Summus' request that all who are able will attend. Given that we will not meet in person the meeting promises to be a unique occasion, not only because it will be our first virtual one, the new Provincial Officers will be appointed, and more especially the PGS will appoint his Tzaddikim, and will also adopt the new Provincial Banner!

So Companions please put the date in your diary and if possible attend the Zoom meeting. A Summons and details of how to log into the meeting will be forwarded in due course.

The travelling Scarlet Cord is still travelling around the Province, by post and is being recorded with photographic evidence on our Facebook page, (if you are a social media follower and have not joined our group please search Scarlet Cord Province of East Anglia and request to join!).

Returning to when and where we may meet again, there certainly was a Scarlet Cord meeting in Mumbai Square London late last month, but when the Consistories in the Province will be able to meet again is still unknown, it would appear that the majority if not all of the current venues used are remaining closed, with many reviewing the situation in the Autumn!

Until we meet again I offer the best wishes of the Provincial executive to you all, and may the God of our fathers be with you, your families and dependents.

Yours,

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