

The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

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My very dear Companions

We have now passed the half way point in the year, the longest day is behind us, so it is all down hill now until Christmas! We are supposed to be in the summer season, but I don't know about you but at times it doesn't feel like it! Jane and I have just returned from a trip away in our motorhome and whilst we had a very pleasant and restful time some days it must be said felt more like October than June!

Of course the expected and much anticipated deductions in the Covid restrictions did not occur last month, when away we did our best to avoid crowds, and indeed have 'pulled' back from volunteering at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this month for those very reasons! Hopefully you will have or are planning your own holiday; we certainly are looking forward to music concerts and theatre in the next month or so!

We remain in this Order, in this Province in suspension, (although I know some have already commenced resumption in the Craft!) hopefully if the next Government date, this month for the lifting of restrictions goes ahead, the PGS may then review the present situation?

The selection of Provincial Officers to be invested at the Provincial meeting in November (Monday 15th at Ashlar House BSE), has been made, and hearty congratulations to all who will have now received their letters of appointment.

The meeting of Grand Senatus has been rescheduled for Thursday 2nd September, and we congratulate the three recipients who have been promoted, Brian Vickers to PGR, John Warne to PGL making them both Very Distinguished, and Ralph Masterson to PAGDC.

Announcements have been made of those Distinguished Companions, chosen to receive their 4th and 5th Grades, Martin Bates, Tony Brazier, Geoff Keer, Ian Macklin, Colin Nash, Barry Howell, Peter Pryke, Gary Secker and Don Woodgate to receive their 4th Grade, and Roger Grey, Ernie Hutton, Terry Lewis and Ralph Masterson to receive their 5th Grade, well done to all!

The Mark Benevolent Fund approved a grant for a replacement boat for the Sea Palling Volunteer Lifeboat, which was acknowledged in the postponed meeting papers for the June meeting of Mark Grand Lodge! Phil Cuff the APGS is looking after this, has recently reported that the new boat is on order, and due for delivery in August, we await details of the name chosen by the MBF, and the official launch date! In the mean time check out the next issues of the Norfolk Ashlar and Suffolk Forum magazines which will feature a short article.

Until such times as we can meet, please take the opportunity of any up and coming virtual business meetings, but above all stay safe Companions.

With all best wishes!

Yours,

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