

CONCLAVE MEETING DATES 2019 / 2020

(Subject to Change. Confirm with Recorder prior to travelling)

CONCLAVE	No.	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
					2019	2020					
St. Georges	42		8				11				2
Lancastrian	164			2						28	
Red Rose	188	26				23			23		
Warrington	206			20			18		15		
Agnus Dei	220			8		15		18			
Leonard Heeley	241			23				14			
Westhoughton	254	19					20			21	
Constantine	261		24						23		
Dr. W. R. Waters	269		17			16			16		
Prescot	291			5			4		7		
Ormskirk	294			9				9			
Rose Hill	298	17		19				17		19	
Hesketh	309		29				26		29		
Swinton	355		28				24				8
Croston	362	5		7				4			
St Helens	378	13				10				8	
Sovereign's Unity	406				7						6
ENTHRONEMENT MEETINGS SHOWN IN RED											
Northern Group											
Eastern Group											
Central Group											
Southern Group											

Grand Imperial Conclave 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 for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas



The Most Illustrious Knight **Graham Leslie Flight**, G.C.C.
 GRAND SOVEREIGN
 The Right Illustrious and Eminent Knight **Peter Hawken**, M.B.E., G.C.C.
 DEPUTY GRAND SOVEREIGN
 The Right Illustrious and Venerable Knight
 The Reverend **Timothy John Nicholas Le Strange** G.C.C.
 GRAND EUSEBIUS

DIVISION OF WEST LANCASHIRE

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Right Illustrious Knight Michael Robert Walker
 INTENDANT-GENERAL
V.III.Kt. Frederick Ernest Hargreaves, P.G.H.Chanc.
 DEPUTY INTENDANT-GENERAL

Dear Knight Companion,

By command of the Right Illustrious Intendant-General, A MEETING OF THE DIVISIONAL CONCLAVE will be holden at the Park Hall Hotel, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard, Lancashire, PR7 5LP. Tel: 01257 455000 on **SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 2019 at 11.00 a.m.**

Grand and Divisional Officers, Sovereigns, Past Sovereigns, Viceroys, Generals, and High Prelates of Conclaves, together with all Worthy Knights are hereby summoned to attend, clothed in Morning Dress or Dark Lounge Suit, with Sash and Jewels of the Order.

Ill.Kt. Neil Cooper, PGStd.B.(L)
 Divisional Recorder

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DIVISIONAL MEETING (2019)

11:00a.m. PROMPT

The Knights of the Division to be in their places by 10.45 a.m.

1. The R.III.Intendant-General accompanied by the Deputy Intendant-General and escorted by Divisional Officers enter in procession.
2. The Opening Hymn.
3. Divisional Conclave is opened.
4. The R.III.Intendant-General will be Acclaimed.
5. The Deputy Intendant-General will be reappointed & Saluted.
6. Salutations will be given.
7. Distinguished Guests will be welcomed.
8. **In Memoriam** – Departed Knights will be remembered.
9. The Minutes of the Divisional Conclave held on the 1st September 2018 are submitted for confirmation. (*Open for inspection prior to meeting*).
10. The Recorder reports on the attendance of Divisional Officers, reads the list of apologies and presents other correspondence.
11. The Recorder submits for adoption the Minutes of the Annual Committee of General Purposes held on 13/06/19. (*Open for inspection prior to meeting*).
12. The Divisional Recorder presents his report. (*Circulated*)
13. The Divisional Treasurer submits the accounts for confirmation. (*Circulated*)
14. To propose the disbursement of monies to charity.
15. The Divisional Treasurer is elected for the ensuing year.
16. The Audit Committee is elected.
17. The Divisional Eusebius is appointed, invested, proclaimed and saluted.
18. The Divisional Officers are appointed and invested.
19. The Divisional Guard is presented to the Intendant-General.
20. The Intendant-General addresses the meeting.
21. Other Divisional business is transacted.
22. Greetings are received from other Divisions.
23. Alms are collected (In Silence).
24. Divisional Conclave is closed.
25. The Closing Hymn.
26. The first verse of the National Anthem.
27. The R.III.Intendant-General, accompanied by the Deputy Intendant-General, the Divisional Officers in procession, and the Distinguished Guests, retires.

**ALL other Knights please remain at your places
until the procession has left the Temple**

OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION OF WEST LANCASHIRE

Appointed on 2nd September 2018

P.Kt. Ronald C Pearson, P Div. Jun General.
P.Kt. Alan Blackstone P Div. Swd. B.
P.Kt. R Geoff Jackson, P Div.Std. B.(L)
III.Kt. John Aitken, P.G.Chamb
P.Kt. William Wildiing, P Div. Chamb.
III.Kt. E. John Sarti, P.G.Pref.
III.Kt. Neil Cooper, P.G.St.B.(L)
III.Kt. Jack S. Gore, P.G.V.-Chamb.
III.Kt. M Stephen Gregory, PG Chamb.
P.Kt. F Douglas Fletcher, P.Div.StdB.(C)
III.Kt. Geoffrey R Gill, PG W of Reg.
P.Kt. Thomas K Prince, P Div. Herald (2)
P.Kt. Ian Clark
P.Kt. Geoffrey F T Ditty, P Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. John Bicknell, P Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. Andrew Barton, OP Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. Victor Charlesworth. P.Div.Stwd..
P.Kt. Anthony F Hall P Div. Stwd..
W.Kt. Gratten Williams, Div.Organist
P.Kt. Geoff Catterall
P.Kt. John Dawson
P.Kt. Graham Platt, P Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. Chris F Gleave
P.Kt. John (Jack) F Thompson
P.Kt. Peter Szatmary
P.Kt. John S Anderson
P.Kt. John E Green
P.Kt. Brian W Bawden, P Div. Registrar.

Past Ranks

P.Div.Jun.Gen. P.Kt. Graham Fish,
P.Div.St.B.(C)
P.Div.Registrar P.Kt. Wm. D. Bell, .Div.Pref.
P.Div.Chamb. P.Kt. A. Rey Morris
P.Div.Prefect P.Kt. Ian Edge, P.Div.Stwd.

To be Appointed on 1st September 2019

Eusebius
Senior General
Junior General
High Prelate
Registrar
Treasurer
Recorder
Almoner
Marshal
Sword Bearer
Deputy Marshal
Chamberlain
Sub-Prelate
Standard B.(C)
Standard B.(L)
Prefect
Warden of Reg.
Asst. Recorder
Organist
Herald (1)
Herald (2)
Steward
Steward
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Steward
Steward
Sentinel

III. Kt. Geoffrey R Gill, PG Chamb.
P.Kt. F Douglas Fletcher, P Div. Swd. B.
P.Kt. John Bicknell, P Div. Std. B.(L)
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V.III.Kt M. Stephen Gregory, P.G.H Alm..
P.Kt. Geoffrey F T Ditty, P Div. Std. B.(C)
P.Kt. R Geoff Jackson, P Div Jun.General
P.Kt. Andrew Barton, P Div. Prefect
P.Kt. Ian Clark
P.Kt. John Dawson, P Div.Herald (2)
P.Kt. Chris F Gleave, P Div.Stwd..
P.Kt. John (Jack) F Thompson
E.Kt. David Berrington
P.Kt. Anthony F. Hall, P.Div.Stwd..
P.Kt. Gratten Williams, Div.Organist
P.Kt. John S Anderson, P Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. John E Green, P Div. Stwd..
P.Kt. James E Borsej
P.Kt. David Redhead
P.Kt. Patrick J Walsh
P.Kt. Thomas Crompton
P.Kt. Ivan Haslam
P.Kt. Victor S Parker
P.Kt. Thomas K Prince, P Div.Chamb.

Past Ranks

P Div. Jun General, P Kt. W Wildling
P Div. Registrar
P Div. Jun General, P Kt. David Pestell
P Div. Jun General, (N & E Lancs)

Red Cross of Constantine, West Lancashire Divisional Accounts 2018-2019

<u>2017-2018</u>		<u>Income</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
£1,876.00	Divisional Dues		£1,856.00
£1,237.00	Divisional Meeting Dining Fees		£1,480.00
£240.00	Fees of Honour		£320.00
£400.75	Divisional Officers Meal		£281.75
£62.49	Easy Fundraising		£69.46
£64.00	Sale of Ties		£24.00
£13.66	Bank Charge Refund		
£3,893.90	Total Income		£4,031.21
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
-			-
£2,253.94	Divisional Meeting Meal		£3,384.70
-£356.25	Divisional Officers Meal		-£265.75
-£157.51	Administration (incl. website)		-£149.43
	Croston Church Service (plus Collection)		-£100.00
-£78.40	Insurance		-£90.40
	Printing		-£59.05
	Booklet Purchase		-£51.99
-£571.99	Ties & Regalia (stock purchase)		
-£48.00	Year Books		
-			-
£3,466.09	Total Expenditure		£4,101.32
£427.81			-£70.11
£8,387.03	Balance of Main Account at 30th April		£8,316.92
£2,483.00	Ladies' Festival Income		£1,949.00
-			-
£1,632.95	Ladies' Festival Costs		£1,308.67
-£825.05	Transfer to Charity Account		-£665.33
£26.00	Balance of Social Account at 30th April		£1.00
£825.05	Ladies' Festival (via Social account)		£665.33
£133.00	History Book Sales		£84.00
(Plate only) £78.90	Divisional Meeting collection		£569.35
£3.19	Interest		£1.82
£400.00	Charity Income from Conclave(s)		£100.00
	DONATION: GSovCF o.b.o. Angus Dei		£100.00 [clearing]
-£400.00	DONATION: Derian House		
-£100.00	DONATION: Croston Church		
	Transfers INTO Relief Chest		£1,498.36
£1,716.71	Balance of Charity Account at 30th April		£1,638.85
£390.20	Transfers INTO Relief Chest		£1,498.36
£91.56	Gift Aid Awarded (on £492 for 2018/9)		£123.00
£1.46	Interest		£4.72
	DONATION: MCF (W.Lancs Craft Festival)		-£500.00
	DONATION: Derian House Children's Hospice		-£500.00
	DONATION: Zoe's Place		-£500.00
-£600.00	DONATION: GSovCF		
£494.51	Balance of Relief Chest at 30th April		£620.59

DIVISIONAL RECORDER'S REPORT - Ill. Kt. Neil Cooper, PGStd.B.(L)

Rt. Ill Intendant-General and Worthy Knights, I am pleased to present my report to the General Purposes Committee as Divisional Recorder for West Lancashire.

On the whole I have received splendid cooperation from most Recorders who recognise their responsibilities and have supplied me with their relevant information in due time.

As in previous years my Report will be incorporated into the Divisional Summons which gives all our members complete information as to how the Division is doing and of course the situation with their own specific Conclave.

Membership

As I have done in the last few years, I first wish to report on the Membership Figures. According to the KOL system, as of today's date our current individual membership stands at **237**. Of these, 45 hold membership of 2 or more Conclaves. i.e. 45 in 2 Conclaves; 13 in 3; 6 in 4 & 1 in 5. Last year's figures at this meeting stood at 254 individuals, so we are well down on that figure which is extremely disappointing. Whilst we are getting new members, clearly they are not keeping pace with those we are losing through deaths or resignations. Our overall subscribing membership is now **303**.

Team Visits.

In the cycle of visiting all of the Conclaves in the Division, excluding Past Sovereign's Conclaves, once every three years, the Acting Officers of the Division made visits to five Conclaves during this season; to St. George's in October 2018, Croston in November 2018, Red Rose in January 2019, Rose Hill in March 2019 and to Lancastrian in May 2019.

These Team visits always give a positive lift to the Conclaves and are enjoyed by all those members and visitors who come along; and in many instances those attending are treated to memorable displays of Masonic Ritual, none more so than at the recent Lancastrian meeting. Ill.Kt. Gordon Turner, a visitor, stood in for the absent MPS and gave a superb Enthronement ceremony ably assisted by the Conclave EV, James Tang who gave an equally exceptional performance in Consecrating his successor. Let's hope for more of the same next season. The Team visits next year will be to: Agnus Dei 220, Leonard Heeley 241, Westhoughton 254, Prescot 91 and Ormskirk 294. The dates are not yet finalised but everyone will know as soon as they are confirmed.

Divisional Officers Dinner

The Divisional Officers' dinner recently took place on 17th May at Pemberton Masonic Hall where it was hoped it would be a venue with easier access for many of the Team, and thus generate more enthusiasm for the event. Sadly only 17 were initially booked in but only 15 actually made it! Clearly there is a need for a rethink on whether we hold the event in future or revamp it at another time of year?

Divisional KHS.

The Annual "Divisional KHS Meeting" was again held under the auspices of Sovereign's Unity Conclave, this time with changes to both venue and date, moving to Ormskirk Masonic Hall and in January 2019 instead of December 2018. The event proved to be a successful one as usual with a fine demonstration of a KHS ceremony, the three points being conducted by various members of the Division.

Annual Church Service

The Church Service is back at its usual venue of Croston Parish Church and the School Hall across the gardens was booked to allow us to have refreshments in some comfort. Once again, we were pleased to have P Kt. Gratten Williams conducting the Service. There was a good turnout of members to the Service and as we have come to expect a thoughtful, enlightening and enjoyable Service given by P Kt. Gratten Williams who is of course a Lay Reader at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. So our thanks to him for conducting the Service and for its content.

Other Divisional Visits.

The Division of West Lancashire will have been represented at approx. 17 other Divisions around the country particularly by the Deputy Int-General, Fred Hargreaves and where possible by myself and our Int-General Michael R Walker.

Once again I wish to emphasise the matter of attendance at our Divisional meeting as it is always interesting to note that the proportion of members at the other Divisions who actually come along to their own annual meeting is quite substantial. As an example, at the recent N. Wales Divisional Conclave, there were 119 present in the Temple of which approx. 80 were actual N Wales members, 65% of those attending ! It is a message that we must take back to our Conclaves and encourage all our own members to actively support the Annual Conclave Meeting.

West Lancs Divisional Meeting

Divisional Conclave in September will be held at Park Hall Hotel, Charnock Richard, which proved to be a very successful venue last year with many Knights and visitors impressed with both the facility and the meal provided. Invitations to all members will be going out shortly. It is hoped the members of West Lancashire turn out in greater numbers to support the Meeting.

Honours

Grand Imperial Conclave have introduced a new system for Grand Honours whereby they will be awarded purely on the number of individual members and not on multiple subscriptions as was the previous practice. Therefore based on our current membership we are only entitled to five this year. However London has granted us a reprieve for this year only, and therefore have allowed us six Honours. But unless our figures improve next year, we will be restricted to five. The Int-General and our Deputy Int-General have a difficult time trying to decide who should get what and when but this year they have decided to appoint four members to Grand Rank and promote a further two. The new Appointees being, P Kt. Iain Brown, P Kt. Ron Pearson, P Kt. Alan Burgess, and P Kt. Bob Duff. Promotions have been awarded to Ill. Kts. Steve Gregory and Geoff Gill. Congratulations to them all is well deserved.

Regarding Divisional Honours, the letters of appointment or promotion were sent out in April and I'm pleased to say I have received confirmation of their acceptance by all except two members, one declining due to other Masonic commitments and one member failing to respond at all. His offer has of course been withdrawn. Those Officers so honoured will be formally invested in September and we encourage all Knights of their respective Conclave to come along to support them.

Right Illustrious Intendant-General and Worthy Knights I thank you for the kind attention you have given to the presentation of my report and I submit it for approval and acceptance

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES SEPT 2018- AUGUST 2019

Conclave	Members	Multiples	Singles	Died	Res.	Inst.	Joined	Hon.
St.Georges 42 Chorley	23	8	15	0	0	0	0	0
Lancastrian 164,Widnes.	7	2	5	0	3	0	0	0
Red Rose 188 Widnes	10	2	8	0	1	1	0	0
Warrington 206 Warrington	14	2	12	0	2	0	1	0
Agnus Dei 220 Southport	27	4	23	0	0	2	0	0
Leonard Heeley 241	15	5	10	0	2	0	0	0
Pemberton Westhoughton 254,	19	7	12	0	1	0	0	0
Westhoughton Constantine 261 Pemberton.	29	29	0	0	0	0	5	0
Dr. W R Waters 269, Leigh.	30	3	27	1	0	0	0	0
Prescot 291 Prescot.	18	4	14	2	2	0	1	0
Ormskirk 294 Ormskirk.	14	8	6	0	1	0	0	0
Rose Hill 298 Bryn.	16	5	11	0	1	2	0	0
Hesketh 309 Chorley	17	1	16	0	3	1	0	0
Swinton 355 Swinton.	11	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Croston 362 Chorley.	21	3	18	0	2	0	1	0
St.Helena 378 St.Helens.	15	8	7	1	0	0	0	0
Sovereign's Unity 406 Chorley.	16	15	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	303	111	195	5	18	6	8	0
Subscribing Memberships including multiples. 302.						Individual Members 237		
45 Members are in Multiple Conclaves, 31 in 2, 8 in 3, 5 in 4, 1 in 5.								

In Memoriam:

V. Ill. Kt. T C Kenneth Tickle, PGH Chanc.
P Kt. Kenneth Bowdler, P Div.G Chamb.
P Kt. Brian W Bawden, P Div.Registrar.

Died 9.4.19
Died 16.1.19
Died 27.5.19