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| **Red Cross of Constantine, West Lancashire Divisional Accounts 2018-2019** | | | | |
| **2017-2018** | | **Income** | **2018-2019** | |
|  | £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** |  |
|  |  | **Expenditure** |  |  |
|  | -£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** |
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|  | £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** |
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|  | £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** |
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|  | £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

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| 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**  Pemberton | 15 | 5 | 10 | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Westhoughton 254,** Westhoughton | 19 | 7 | 12 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **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** | | |  |
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| **45** Members are in Multiple Conclaves,  **31**  in 2,  8 in 3, 5 in 4, 1 in 5. | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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**In Memoriam:**

**V. Ill. Kt. T C Kenneth Tickle, PGH Chanc. Died 9.4.19**

**P Kt. Kenneth Bowdler, P Div.G Chamb. Died 16.1.19**

**P Kt. Brian W Bawden, P Div.Registrar. Died 27.5.19**