

## **St John Conclave No 332**

On Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1979 the Division of North & East Lancashire held an especial meeting at the Freemasons Hall, Institute Street, Bolton, Lancashire at 5pm.

The reason for this especial meeting was to consecrate, dedicate and constitute the St John Conclave No 332.

The Constituting Officers were as follows:

Constituting Sovereign: Intendant General V. III. Kt. Major A E Glover.

The Consecrating Eusebius: V.III. Kt. S Burgess PGHAlm, Deputy Intendant General.

The Enthroning Officer: V.III. Kt. J Slater PGHChan, Divisional Viceroy

Assisted by P Kt S Stretch, Acting Div Senior General; P Kt Major P Hanks, Div Junior General; P Kt Rev F E Brown, Div High Prelate; V III Kt E G Hodgkinson PGHAlm, Div Recorder; V III Kt B N Briggs, PGHAlm, Div Marshal; P Kt Major T E Leech, PDiv Senior General, Div Deputy Marshal; M P Kt J Taylor, acting Div Sword Bearer; P Kt J E Dixon, Div Std Bearer (C); P Kt J R Ainscough, Div Standard Bearer (L); Em Kt H A Creamer, Div Organist; MP Kt P C I Edmunds, Div Steward, Div Herald; W Kt W Mottram, Acting Div Sentinel.

St John Conclave No 332 was then Consecrated, Constituted and Dedicated.

The Officers of the Conclave were then Enthroned, Consecrated and Invested as follows:

M P Sovereign E S Kitson; Viceroy Em Kt A C Hill; Sen General W Kt F Whewell; Junior General W Kt H B Woodhead; High Prelate W Kt G Finney JP; Treasurer III Kt T A Lloyd; Recorder M P Kt T G Saint; Marshal III Kt H Cort; Dep Marshal III Kt R Kay; Orator W Kt L O Spencer; Standard Bearer (C) C Williams; Standard Bearer (L) M P Kt D K Rhodes; Prefect W Kt J Turner; 1<sup>st</sup> A De Comp W Kt E Deakin; 2<sup>nd</sup> A De Comp W Kt D Lamb; Herald W Kt G A Wood; Sentinel W Hodgkinson; Stewards L Williams.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at the Masonic Hall, Saul Street, Preston, Lancashire, the Division of Cumbria was constituted along with the Installation of V III Knight Norman James Thompson P G H Chancellor as Intendant General.

The Division is made up of Five Conclaves, Dykes No 36, Ulverston, St Leonards No 276, Windermere, St John No 332 Workington, Cumbria No 347, Millom and Luguvalium No 494, Dalston.

The Conclave progressed at Bolton for many years but in recent times were finding it difficult to get Candidates, also the cost was increasing at the Masonic Hall, Bolton. At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall Farnsworth on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2005 moving it to The Masonic Hall, Gordon Street, Workington was discussed and the Dep Intendant General of North & East Lancashire, V III Kt N J Thompson stated that

if the move to Workington goes ahead he had eight members prepared to become Joining Members, also two possible candidates.

At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Francis Street, Farnsworth, Lancashire on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2005, the Marshal, Ill Kt Ian Robson gave Notice of Motion that at the next meeting, which will be at Workington, he will propose that the by-laws be amended appertaining to the move to meeting at Workington on a permanent basis.

On August 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 a meeting of St John Conclave was held at the Masonic Hall Workington via a dispensation and present on that occasion was the Intendant General R Ill Kt Colin Williams and the Deputy Intendant General V Ill N J Thompson of North & East Lancashire. At this meeting the following Knights were made joining members of the Conclave; V Ill Kt N J Thompson Dep Int Gen, Ill Kt B Graham, W Kts A Trtespaderne, JWM Minshaw and P Kt D S Hetherinton.

A ballot was then taken to install Companions Peter Mawson, Keith Beattie and Barrie Bower, the ballot proved in favour and they were then installed as Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine by the MPS G J Turner and his Officers.

The conclave's move to Workington was proving to be successful and Candidates were coming forward enabling them to have a candidate at every meeting, this carried on until 2015 when we had to change meeting dates because the hall was not available on a regular basis and was affecting the attendance both by Members and Visitors.

The Conclave was now finding it difficult to get a suitable and regular meeting date at Workington Masonic Hall due to circumstances beyond the control of the Conclave and after trying to get a regular night with the Management of Workington Masonic Hall we found it not possible. The two evening that were suitable had been rented to a weight watchers class, so after many discussions and considerations of moving to another venue with a Temple large enough to suit the Degree, it was decided that the Temple at Maryport was ideal as it was about the same size as Workington. At the meeting held at Workington on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Ill Kt J W M Minshaw proposed that the Conclave meetings in future would be the fourth Friday in the months of February (E), July and October, this was seconded by P Kt N J Eve and was carried by the Brethren present. The move was favourable with the management committee of Maryport Masonic Hall and they welcomed the Conclave and wished them well on the move.

The Conclave has now settled with regular meeting days and is progressing very nicely and looking forward to the future of Red Cross Masonry at Maryport.

If any Royal Arch Companion is interested in the Order they may contact the recorder or any Conclave member and we will be pleased to explain the Order to them.