The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine



and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist

Dear Brother Secretary and Companion Scribe E,

My name is James Blackhurst, and I am currently Most Puissant Sovereign of Rose & Lily Conclave No. 387 within the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Our Head of Order for the Somerset and Bristol Division, David Palmer, has been in discussion with the Heads of Orders of the Somerset Craft and Holy Royal Arch in agreeing to allow me to approach our local Lodges and Chapters. We meet at Nailsea Masonic Centre, thus the letter due to your proximity.

Like many progressive orders, we are looking at increasing our membership and are actively seeking joining or new members to join our Christian Order.

Therefore, on behalf of my Conclave, I am inviting the members of your Lodge or Chapter to join us at a special "Meet the Red Cross of Constantine" event following our regular meeting on Monday 6th June.

At that meeting our current members will be completing some business following which, the fully erected conclave will remain, and we shall then open our doors to our visitors, being non-members of the conclave and order in general. During the evening, we shall introduce the Order, the officers within the Conclave and the Division (equivalent of the Province).

Following the discussions in the temple, we shall have a buffet style festive board, which will allow our visitors to meet and talk further with our members should they wish to know even more. We are hoping this will be complimentary although as with many masonic functions, any donations would be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

The general running order is planned to be as follows at Nailsea Masonic Centre:

- 18:30 Conclave opens and members complete a short business meeting
- 19:00 Conclave opens its door to our visitors
- 19:15 Meet the Red Cross of Constantine event commences in the Temple
- 20:15 Buffet Style Festive Board

To assist with our planning of the event, especially dining arrangements, please could I ask that any of your members who wish to join us, notify Ron Blackhurst (Conclave Recorder) by email at <u>ron@roseandlily.org.uk</u> or on 01275 875252.

Please feel free to circulate this letter and the attached flyer to your members, which includes a link to the website of the Bristol & Somerset Division. The Conclave thanks you for your anticipated support.

Yours in faith, unity, and zeal,

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