

Dear Brethren

I would like to address all of you and take this opportunity to express my thanks to the MW Grand Master Carol for the enthronement ceremony this afternoon and the support of all Grand Officers working under these unique circumstances. I would also like to mention, in particular the background work undertaken by MW Bros Carl and Kassy with the ritual and Zoom.

The last time we met was in January in Nottingham and shortly afterwards, I had prepared myself mentally for a busy year as Grand Master and had planned a schedule of visits for both home and abroad. This year there has been a welcome growth in lodges and new members in GLMMM, and links with Orders in France, Germany and Austria, both individual and associated with Catena.

This is reflected in the amount of correspondence I receive as well as various postings on social media. I have not yet attempted Spanish – I shall leave that to MW Bro George who has local expertise!

The current situation we find ourselves in will be one of the most significant challenges that we will encounter in our lifetimes. Let us continue to appreciate the risks taken and dedication of the health and care professionals who strive to contain the current epidemic. Messages from our friends overseas describe their experiences of similar issues that we experience here, and local efforts being made to contain the virus, sometimes under more stringent conditions that we are currently used to over here.

I sincerely hope that towards the middle of the year we shall be able to see some light at the end of a very long and dark tunnel, and hope that our lives, both personal and masonic will resume again to a semblance of normality as experienced in 2019.

Brethren, there is always a pale light shining in the East during our darkest hour and this will provide encouragement and give us strength to continue with building our great temple.

I was pleased to read about the progress being made with our new website and look forward to using it as soon as it becomes fully operational. Many thanks to MW Bros Kassy, Luther and Andrew for their endeavours.

Freemasonry is not static and will continue to provide us with new challenges as the order develops and progresses into a new decade. However, we can be thankful that we can fall back on a rich history and learn from biblical experiences, both ancient and modern.

May the Great Architect shine upon our endeavours, both now and in the future

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