



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Grand Master
Heads of Jurisdictions
Grand Magistral Council
Spiritual Protector

Following the Grand Magistral Council (GMC) meeting on 28th March 2008 in Toronto, it is important that you are made aware of various matters which were discussed:

1. Consistent with my earlier memorandum, 13th January 2008, giving advice that a Chapter-General might be convened in early September, the GMC agreed that the Chapter-General be confirmed and held in Manchester, England on 12th/13th September 2008. Further details will be advised by the Grand Referendary in due course.
2. A written Committee Report on the succession of the Grand Mastership was received and considered. The GMC accepted, with great regret and reluctance, the expressed desire of the Grand Master to retire by the end of the year. The GMC noted, with much appreciation, the role of the Grand Master in the reunification of the Order. The Committee Report indicated that over 20 names of possible candidates had been considered and of these the GMC decided that a number would be considered further. A panel of GMC members will continue the selection process and report to the GMC as soon as possible.
3. A written progress report concerning reunification with the Norwich Group was received and considered. It was noted that amicable and constructive meetings between the Grand Commander, The Rt. Hon. Viscount Gough and other representatives of the Order had led to a meeting between the Grand Master and The Rt. Honourable, the Earl Ferrers for and on behalf of the Norwich Group. Fundamental to this meeting was the agreement, "that all present were seeking a reunification in accordance with their respective constitutions in order to pre-empt actions by any parties who might seek to perpetrate discord or advance their own agendas to the detriment of the Order". Since then, a further meeting between senior officers has taken place and others are planned shortly to progress the objective of reunification.

Additional matters were considered and will be advised to National Jurisdictions by the responsible Principal Grand Officers at the appropriate times.

Confraternally, in Faith, Hope and Charity

David J. James

Grand Commander

