



# NEWS @ CITY GRAND



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*Welcome to our monthly newsletter.*

You will be aware at present we are unable to meet in our usual fashion. Therefore to keep all members updated we will publish this monthly Newsletter. Please circulate accordingly.

## *City Grand Masters Remarks*

Fraternal greetings to all Sir Knights of The City Grand Chapter, I pray that each of you, your families and loved ones are safe and well, and remain free from the symptoms of Coronavirus and Covid-19.

In the Gospel of John Chapter 19 and verse 19 we read that on the evening of the First Easter Sunday the disciples were locked away frightened for their futures. We all are also frightened as we approach our sixth of lockdown and continue in the unparalleled lifestyles of self / home isolation and social distancing. How long will this continue? When we do come out of it will we return to our normal routines? Will the virus return? All genuine concerns. In that upper room Jesus appeared to His disciples and said "Peace be unto you, as the Father has sent me so am I sending you. (verse 21). Within a few weeks those same frightened disciples had turned the world upside down, preaching the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bringing thousands of people to a saving faith. Today Jesus says to all of us "Do not let your hearts be troubled Trust in God, Trust also in Jesus (John 14 verse 1 N.I.V.) Sir Knights I pray that we all will respond to His invitation, and face the future with confidence. God Bless You All.

## *Bereavements*

The following Sir Knights have had bereavement within their Families:

- Son of Wor Sir Knight Roy McGreechan No 4
- Mother of Wor Sir Knight's John & Dennis Larmour No 6

Please remember these families at this time.

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## ***Chaplains Corner***

*Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus . Philipians 4 v 6-7*

In these difficult challenging and uncertain times that we all find ourselves in to gather our faith, to trust and pray for not to be afraid? May we somehow find the strength and where-with-all to suppress the threat of COVID-19 to our daily lives. To combat, win over and yes, to survive this dreadful virus! I sincerely hope and pray you will find some quiet time to read the piece of scripture chosen below and find comfort and solace there! In this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. Amen!

## ***Scrubs Appeal***

This year our Charity Appeal is the Somme Nursing Home. Due to the current lockdown it will be hard for Preceptory's/Districts and even our City Grand Chapter to raise funds for this. However recently Rt Wor Sir Knight Harold McCloy ASGM has being making the most of his self employed business by making scrubs for all hospitals etc. Recently he delivered 100 sets to the Somme Nursing Home. Should you feel this is an appeal you can support please contact Harold on [harold22@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:harold22@hotmail.co.uk)



## ***Virtual Lounge***

During lockdown please keep close watch on our Facebook page. We hope to show some Parades and other events that either would have been due or from past time.

### **Website**

We are currently updating our website. This will contain information on each Preceptory and District. Given we are now in lockdown you may have slightly more time on your hands! Please assist us by sending us the history of your Preceptory or District and anything you would like included. Photos would also be good.

### **Booklet**

Unfortunately this year we were unable to produce our Booklet in hard copy. However all is not lost here is a link to the Booklet online. We would once again express our thanks to Wor Sir Knight Ed Spence for producing. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=ODA80873&v=11>

### **Scripture Quiz**

This year our Scripture Quiz for the Boys & Girls is available on our Facebook page. Copies of sheets can also be obtained via your District Registrar. Deadline for submissions is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with the winner being announced on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020. Prizes will be distributed to the winners thereafter.

### **VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**"TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1945 3PM CABINET OFFICE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL"**

*"My dear friends, this is your hour. This is not victory of a party or of any class. It's a victory of the great British nation as a whole. We were the first, in this ancient island, to draw the sword against tyranny. After a while we were left all alone against the most tremendous military power that has been seen. We were all alone for a whole year. There we stood, alone. Did anyone want to give in? Were we down-hearted? The lights went out and the bombs came down. But every man, woman and child in the country had no thought of quitting the struggle. London can take it.*

*So we came back after long months from the jaws of death, out of the mouth of hell, while all the world wondered. When shall the reputation and faith of this generation of English men and women fail? I say that in the long years to come not only will the people of this island but of the world, wherever the bird of freedom chirps in human hearts, look back to what we've done and they will say 'do not despair, do not yield to violence and tyranny, march straightforward and die if need be-unconquered.*

*Now we have emerged from one deadly struggle; a terrible foe has been cast on the ground and awaits our judgment and our mercy. But there is another foe who occupies large portions of the British Empire, a foe stained with cruelty and greed; the Japanese. We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing; but let us not forget for a moment the toil and efforts that lie ahead. Japan with all her treachery and greed remains unsubdued.*

*Tomorrow our great Russian allies will also be celebrating victory and after that we must begin the task of rebuilding our health and homes, doing our utmost to make this country a land in which all have a chance, in which all have a duty, and we must turn ourselves to fulfil our duty to our own countrymen, and to our gallant allies of the United States who were so foully and treacherously attacked by Japan. We will go hand and hand with them. Even if it is a hard struggle we will not be the ones who will fail. We must now devote all our strength and resources to the completion of our task, both at home and abroad.*