

## **Reponement of Villiers Conclave No. 9 Red Cross of Constantine**

On Thursday 6th December 2012, the Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, Most Illustrious Knight Richard Wallis, GCC, assisted by Officers of Grand Imperial Conclave, carried out the Ceremony of Reponement of Villiers Conclave No. 9 in a most impressive manner. The Ceremony was conducted in the Norman Moore Temple at the Twickenham District Masonic Centre with more than 70 Founders and guests in attendance.

Villiers which had previously met at the Northumberland Hotel in Isleworth, was removed from the roll of Grand Conclave in 1923 due to declining numbers. It was decided that Villiers would be an Executive Conclave and among the 42 Founders are Provincial Heads of several Masonic Orders and members of Provincial Executives from Devon, Essex, East Anglia, Hampshire, Sussex, Kent, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire and London.

Villiers will now form part of the Metropolitan Division of the Order, and the Intendant General, Right Illustrious Knight Peter Fuchter was present and subsequently Installed the first Sovereign, Puissant Knight Keith Waters.

Having carried out the Ceremony of Reponement, which is almost identical to a Consecration, the Grand Sovereign requested the Grand Eusebius, Right Illustrious Knight The Rev'd Peter Blackwell-Smyth, GCC, to Install the Viceroy of the Conclave, Worthy Knight Brian Berry. The Grand Eusebius then carried out a full Ceremony of Installation to the delight of all present.

The new Sovereign, Puissant Knight Keith Waters then appointed and invested the remainder of his Officers.

The Grand Sovereign, his Assisting Officers and the Intendant General were elected Honorary Members.

At a very convivial lunch, the newly Installed Sovereign Puissant Knight Keith Waters, thanked the Grand Sovereign and his team for their most impressive contribution to the days proceedings and also thanked the Intendant General Right Illustrious Knight Peter Fuchter, for the help and encouragement he had received from him leading up to the Reponement. He also said that the Reponement simply would not have happened had it not been for the tireless efforts of the Conclaves Recorder, Right Illustrious Knight Roy Leavers who had been a constant source of help, encouragement and sage advice from the very start of the process.

Altogether a marvellous day and one that will linger long in the memory of all present.

Keith Waters

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