

## Qualifications for membership

As a Royal Arch Mason, you are now entitled to seek membership of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Since the establishment of the Grand Imperial Conclave in 1865, the Order has steadily grown with Conclaves formed throughout the English-speaking world.

## Why Constantine?

Candidates in this degree recognise how Christianity can be embraced by seeing how the legend of Constantine's conversion is set within Masonic ritual that is linked with the history of the Roman Empire.

## History of Constantine

Constantine, a Roman, was destined for the College of Emperors, but following the death of his father, he was hailed by the legions in York as Augustus and became the Governor of Britain and Gaul. After several successful battles across the Alps and Italy, he eventually established himself as the lawful Emperor of both East and West and transferred the capital of the empire from Rome to Byzantium later to be named after him.

He was the first Roman Emperor to openly encourage Christianity and his conversion began one evening after a long day's march with his army when, in what he believed was a sign from heaven, he and his army saw in the sky, and by the rays of the setting sun, a pillar of light in the form of a special cross.

To sanctify the minds of his pagan army, he had made a standard bearing a Cross like that seen and ordered it to be carried before him in his wars. Several Christians in his army came

forward and avowed their faith following which Constantine directed that they should wear on their armour a red cross.

Having been successful in battle it is said that Constantine with the help of his chief bishop, Eusebius, opened a Conclave of the Knights of the Order whose members became the bodyguard of their Sovereign.

## About the Order

This Christian Order is in two parts. The first ceremony consists of the Candidate's admission, obligation and then the installation as a Knight-Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine in which the ultimate aims of Freemasonry are revealed.

In separate ceremonies the Knight-Companion builds on what he has already been taught and in the ceremony of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist this knowledge is further expanded. These together with the two Installation ceremonies, leading to the principal chairs in the Red Cross of Constantine are certainly amongst the most impressive ceremonies in the whole of Masonry.

Regalia for this Order is simple - just a sash and a jewel. Most Conclaves meet only four times a year with a Divisional meeting each November.

## Social Events

Once a year, the Division holds a banquet evening when our ladies are invited and this, together with a church service held jointly with other Christian Masonic Orders, rounds off a well-balanced year of events.

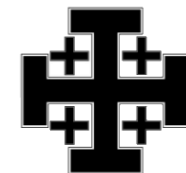
Listed in the leaflet, are the names of the Conclaves in the Division, where they meet and the name and telephone number of their Recorder.

If you need any further help or information, just contact the Divisional Recorder, or one of the Recorders, who will only be too pleased to assist you.

Right Illustrious Knight Stephen Roberts  
Intendant-General for Lincolnshire



*Symbol of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine*



*Symbol of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre*



*Symbol of the Order of St John the Evangelist*



INTENDANT-GENERAL  
R. Ill. Kt. Stephen Roberts

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## Conclaves in the Division

**Thornton Abbey Conclave, No. 223**  
Masonic Hall, 1 Kings Road, Cleethorpes,  
DN350AJ  
2nd Thursday October, November, March  
& June.

Terry Willis  
01472 601252

**Lindum Colonia Conclave, No. 257**  
Masonic Centre, 116 Nettleham Road,  
Lincoln, LN21RR  
1st Monday November & April, 3rd Monday  
May & 4th Monday June.

David Wicks  
01777 870455

**Ancaster Conclave, No. 282**  
Masonic Rooms, Watergate, Sleaford,  
NG34 7PG  
1st Tuesday September, 4th Friday January,  
4th Wednesday April, 3rd Tuesday June.

Niall Armstrong  
07757 207140

**Thornholme Conclave, No. 314**  
Masonic Hall, Normanby Road, Scunthorpe,  
DN15 6AJ  
1st Monday September, 2nd Friday October  
1st Friday February & 1st Thursday May.

Terry Walton  
01724 842485

**Tattershall Castle Conclave, No. 326**  
Masonic Hall, Bank Street, Horncastle,  
LN9 5BW  
4th Tuesday January, May, June & September.

Peter Mason  
07979 100103

**Spalding Conclave, No. 346**  
Masonic Hall, 21 Pinchbeck Road, Spalding,  
PE11 1QD  
1st Monday September, 2nd Wednesday  
December, April & June.

Barry Humphrey  
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**Fryston Conclave, No. 366**  
Masonic Hall, 19 Queen Street, Louth,  
LN11 9AU  
4th Thursday September, 4th Wednesday  
November & February 1st Wednesday April.

Ian Maxey  
07818 035461

**Viceroy Conclave, No. 445**  
(Past Sovereigns' Conclave)  
Masonic Hall, Banks Street, Horncastle,  
LN9 5BW  
Last Weekday in September & 5th Friday in  
January, February, March or April.

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of St. John the Evangelist

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