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Dear Sir and brother

I write to inform you that V.:P.:Bro Sir Frederick Crawford DL 33° has announced his intention to retire from the Supreme Council with effect from 31 December 2019, at the age of 88. The Supreme Council wishes to acknowledge publicly his outstanding contribution to the Craft in general and to this Order in particular. Born in 1931, he was Raised in 1959 and Perfected in 1989. He served as Junior Grand Deacon in the Craft in 1989–90, as Junior Grand Warden in 1996–97 and as Senior Grand Warden from 2004 to 2006. He was the Grand Sword Bearer in the Royal Arch in 1998–99 and Grand Scribe Nehemiah in 2012–13. He was elected to the Supreme Council in 2000 and appointed Grand Chancellor, remaining in that post until 2012, when he became Lieutenant Grand Commander, a post he held until last year when he reverted to his former office.

It is unclear how he has managed to find time to achieve so much in freemasonry whilst having also been Chairman of the Criminal Cases Review Commission, Vice-Chancellor of Aston University, a Professor at Stanford University, a director of three plcs (Legal & General Group, PowerGen and Rexam), High Sheriff of the West Midlands, a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (*inter alia*) and a Past Master of two livery companies in the City of London, among many other achievements. The Members of the Supreme Council are sure that all members of the Order will join them in wishing V.:P.:Bro Crawford a happy retirement. He has been elected an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council with effect from 1 January 2020.

As a consequence, the Supreme Council has agreed that M.:Ill.:Bro David Kenneth Williamson 33° will revert from the office of Grand Treasurer General H.:E.: to his previous office of Grand Chancellor; M.:Ill.:Bro John Boyington CBE 33° has been elected Grand Treasurer General H.:E.: in his stead.

Finally, and as a further consequence, the Supreme Council is delighted to announce that V.:Ill.:Bro James Thom QC 33°, Inspector General for the St James Group of London Chapters, has been elected to Membership of the Supreme Council and appointed to the office of Grand Chamberlain (as vacated by M.:Ill.:Bro Boyington). Membership of the Supreme Council will therefore stand as set out overleaf with effect from 1 January 2020, in order of precedence.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

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Grand Secretary General H.:E.:

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By Order of the Supreme Council

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1 January 2020