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Dear Sir and brother

I write to inform you that M.:Ill.:Bro the Reverend Dr John Railton 33° has announced his intention to retire from the Supreme Council with effect from 31 December 2021, after ten years' exemplary service to the Council. The Supreme Council wishes to acknowledge publicly his outstanding contribution to the Craft in general and to this Order in particular. Born in 1945, he was Raised in 1979 and Perfected in 1983. He served as Assistant Grand Chaplain in the Craft in 1994–95, Deputy Grand Chaplain in 2002–04, Grand Chaplain in 2008–12 and as Junior Grand Warden in 2016–17. He was appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Royal Arch in 1998 and Past Grand Sword Bearer in 2011, and for the past two years has served the Supreme Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe Nehemiah. Elected to the Supreme Council in 2012 as Grand Prior, he has fulfilled that role with exemplary dedication and complete success for the past decade.

Before his Ordination in 1985 he had already spent over twenty years in the banking profession, and his research into the law relating to electronic fund transfers led in 1982 to the award of a PhD in Law from the University of London. His varied career, both lay and clerical, has been of the utmost use to the Supreme Council in its deliberations over the years, and the Members of the Supreme Council are sure that all members of the Order will join them in wishing him a happy retirement. He will be elected an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council with effect from 1 January 2022.

As a consequence of the vacancy created by his retirement from office, the Supreme Council is delighted to announce that Ill.:Bro the Reverend Dr Simon Alexander Thorn 32° has been elected to Membership of the Supreme Council and will be appointed to the office of Grand Prior, both with effect from the beginning of next year. Ill.:Bro Thorn will be promoted to the 33° on Monday 29 November 2021.

Membership of the Supreme Council will therefore stand as set out overleaf with effect from 1 January 2022, in order of precedence.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

Dr G R E Shilson 33°
Grand Secretary General H.:E.:

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By Order of the Supreme Council

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1 January 2022