



The Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees
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District of Yorkshire
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Dear Brethren

As you are aware, today would have been the District of Yorkshire Allied meeting at Castle Grove. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Firth Jackson and his team would have been in attendance at what would have been a very auspicious occasion at my Installation as the District Grand Prefect.

This would have been a bitter sweet moment for many of us as we would have remembered the sad passing of our dearly beloved brother David Malcolm Cordell and the meeting would have been tinged with sadness. It would also have been a meeting of celebration with the new team charged with continuing the good work done by our predecessors. As we are all reminded, with responsibility comes more commitment.

Today would have been the occasion to invest my Deputy, W.Bro. Brian Butterfield, and my first team of District Officers, something I was looking forward to immensely. Your commitment to the District and me is unstinting and I will take every opportunity to personally greet you when we return to normality. Unfortunately this may be a long time. The decision to resume will be taken by far more learned brethren than I.

It is important for us to keep in touch and I am sure initially when Freemasonry was suspended you may have felt bombarded with information. On behalf of the District, I agreed to limit the information distributed from our Worthy District Secretary and support the information sent from the Provinces. I do hope this means you are not constantly on your computer but enjoying the sunshine?

In my address to you I would have spoken about the new ideas we are implementing to drive the Allied Masonic Degrees of Yorkshire forward and my hope that you would support these ideas. Brethren, we cannot stand still and the Grand Master has charged me to make our District as good as I can. With your support I am sure we will not disappoint him.

Today would have also been an occasion for us to catch up with the great friends we have met from other Districts. I personally, have had great fun and banter with the Deputies and brethren I have met at these meetings and I thank the brethren of our District who have attended with me at these meetings. Your support has made these special.

May I close by thanking you all for your support. Masonry is one big family that is immensely strong. To my friends, old and new, I thank you for allowing me to be part of your family and I look forward to our time together on every occasion.

Yours sincerely & fraternally
Graham