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Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The communiqué published at the beginning of April on the home page of our extranet site invited all lodges to exercise the greatest caution about organizing lodge meetings “in person” and advised them to favour video conferences. This advice still stands.

Obviously, such remote meetings will never have the same highly symbolic nature as the gathering of all in the same place in the Lodge. However, they make it possible to maintain the link which, more than ever during the difficult period which we are going through, must ensure the strength of our fraternity.

During the first months of the situation, hitherto unseen, in which we have found ourselves, many among us had a legitimate fear that some of our members might distance themselves from the Jurisdiction. This has proved untrue, since the number of resignations recorded in 2020 is inferior to that of 2019. This testifies to the efforts towards solidarity which have taken shape within the Lodges and a proof that fraternity is not an empty word.

Like any other Lodge, perhaps more than any other considering the long journeys some of its members have to make, the Supreme Council could not escape the difficulties entailed by the situation. As a result, it could only meet at a distance.

Four of those meetings were devoted to the taking of decisions of administrative nature of which you were informed in previous monthly letters.

In the wake of the reflection carried out with the Presidents of the Sectors at the remote electronic meetings of January 27th and 29th 2021, seven more video conferences were dedicated to a debate on the functioning of the Jurisdiction in general and on that of the Supreme Council in particular. This long period of exchanges bore on three points:

- Internal functioning of the Supreme Council;
- Life and animation of the Jurisdiction;
- Policy of influence and development

The outcome was a set of suggestions which the various commissions of the Supreme Council are now examining. They will deliver their conclusions next June to the Supreme Council who will have to make the decisions. As a matter of course, you will be informed of those.

In the meantime, please rest assured that The Supreme Council is paying special attention to the well-being and to the interests of the Jurisdiction, without relinquishing anything of the specificity of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite which we practise.

Fraternal greetings to all.

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