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ORDER TWINNING

The Knights of the Southern Cross and Les Chevaliers de Marie Rien de la Paix have entered into a “twinning” arrangement which will forge a closer working relationship between the two Orders. We wish every blessing on this arrangement and pray that it bears fruit for both Orders.

STUDY GUIDE ON MIGRATION

Brother Billy Roe KCSG, Secretary for Studies, is currently working on this document and it should be available shortly. Brother Billy has suffered the deaths of a number of close relatives and friends over a short period of time this year and this has held up this project. We offer Billy our sympathies on the deaths of his sister, his sister-in-law and his long-time friend and neighbour.

MICHAEL BELL MEMORIAL AWARD

All Orders are reminded that the closing date for receipt of applications is 30th of September 2006. Two applications have been received to date.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Some confusion in relation to the 2004 audited accounts at the 2005 International Council meeting in South Africa gave rise to a resolution seeking a re-audit of the accounts. Due to the illness of Brother Tony Rouse KC*SG at the time and the lack of some information it was very difficult to undertake this task. Eventually, the accounts were re-submitted by Brother Tony to the auditor. They are now available and have been signed off by the president of the day, Bro. Geoffrey Renner and by the secretary general of the day, Bro. Tony Rouse. They are being circulated to the voting members of the Order who, under the terms of the resolution and the rules on postal ballots, must submit their votes to me within 40 days. If an Order does not return a vote within that timescale the Order will be recorded as having abstained.

THE WAY FORWARD

As you know I was asked to set up a committee to examine certain aspects of the Alliance and produce a set of recommendations for consideration by each Order. These are now being sent by post to all Supreme Knights, Alliance Officers and Past Presidents. They will be sent electronically to all brothers on our database. Each Order should examine the short number of recommendations and give their views to me before the end of this year.

EXPANSION

I am currently looking at the possibility of setting up fraternal Orders in a number of countries. At the moment the most promising is Portugal. There are a number of men in Portugal who would be willing to help form an Order and negotiations are currently ongoing. This is a very slow process. A formal request for approval has been sent by me to the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon and I await his reply.

UNUM OMNES

The triennial General assembly of Unum Omnes will take place in September in Ghana, West Africa. I shall be present and will, as usual, issue a comprehensive report in due course.

BRO. TONY ROUSE

Our Secretary General Emeritus has been in hospital for over a month recently and is currently at home but is quite weak. I would ask you all to remember him in your prayers.

Niall M Kennedy KCSG Secretary General