

29th December 2020

Dear EMA member

Postponement of the forthcoming EMA visit to Londonderry.

Brethren as you are aware the next gathering for members of the association in Londonderry Northern Ireland was postponed from April 2020 until September 2020 and subsequently again until April 2021.

Following consultation with David Parkhill who is arranging the visit and taking into account the prevailing situation relating to Covid-19 the decision has been taken to further postpone this event.

The welfare of the membership and partners has to be our priority. The situation throughout Europe is deteriorating during this winter period and whilst the commencement of a vaccine rollout is a welcome development we cannot be sure that the majority of those who wish to attend will have received it in time for an April meeting. We are also reliably informed that there is little likelihood of any Masonic activity taking place in Ireland until June / July 2021.

I am sure that you will all agree that given the demographic of the EMA we would be extremely foolish to continue with our plans as they stand.

I am however pleased to advise that thanks to the co-operation of all concerned it is proposed that **our next meeting of the association will take place in Londonderry Northern Island sometime in September 2021.** David Parkhill has confirmed that the hotel has agreed to transfer the booking until September 2021 and will be in a position to advise the actual dates early in the New Year.

Every effort will be made to keep costs as near as possible to those previously notified, but bearing in mind inflation! there will no doubt be some increases that will have to be taken into account. For those who have already booked and paid, David has confirmed that he is willing to retain the payments received and notify those members of any additional payment required, but if any brother who has booked and is unable to commit at the present time he will arrange the necessary refund.

For those members who for whatever reason were unable to commit to the 2020 dates and would now like to join us in September 2021 for what I am sure will be another excellent gathering a revised booking form will be made available as soon as possible on the Web site.

As it now stands our revised EMA programme of visits is as follows.

September 2021 Londonderry. Spring 2022 Durham. Autumn 2022 Cyprus. Spring 2023 Stirling
Autumn 2023 offers invited!!

I cannot end this note without expressing on your behalf our continued gratitude to David Parkhill for all his efforts.

On behalf of your executive may I wish you all a very Happy safe and peaceful New Year.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly

John Sharratt

Speaker EMA

