



In Conversation with...

**The Rev Canon Dr Joseph J. Morrow, The Rt Hon
The Lord Lyon King of Arms CBE QC LLD FRSE**

Thursday 21 January 2021 at 6pm

Subject: The Office and Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms



Dr Morrow was born in Alloa and brought up in Fife and has been resident in the Dundee area for over 40 years. For 35 years, he has been actively involved in community and civic life in Scotland, being involved with numerous charities, community activities and civic duties.

Dr Morrow is currently the Lord Lyon, which is one of the Great Offices of State in Scotland. He was appointed to that Office on 14th January 2014 and was sworn in before the Lord President of the Court of Session on 27th February 2014.

He is a member of the Faculty of Advocates. He had previously been a solicitor and was appointed Queen's Counsel in September 2015.

He has previously been a member of the prison visiting committees of HMP Perth and HMP Friarton. He was also Her Majesty's Commissioner for the Mental Welfare Commission of Scotland between 1998 and 2006.

Dr Morrow was President of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland from 2010 until 2014 and President of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland from 2008 until 2019.

Dr Morrow is a Knight of the Order of St John of Jerusalem and in July 2018, he was appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the

British Empire for services to mental health, and he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Edinburgh Napier University in 2016. Further he was admitted a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2020

Dr Morrow's interests include ecclesiastical history and the practical application of ceremonial to state, civic, military and ecclesiastical areas of Scottish life. He regularly gives lectures and talks throughout Scotland and overseas on the work of the Court of the Lord Lyon.

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