

The Richard III Society

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LEICESTER CATHEDRAL'S PROPOSAL FOR MARKING OF RICHARD III'S TOMB

A STATEMENT FROM THE RICHARD III SOCIETY

The Richard III Society welcomes today's decision by Leicester Cathedral to mark the final resting place of King Richard III with a raised tomb.

"I am thrilled that the last warrior King of England is to be honoured with a tomb and that Yorkshire stone is being investigated as the material for it. We had always hoped that any design would convey what was important to Richard in his life but also his move into the light of a new future for his much-maligned reputation. The white rose, I believe, conveys this aspect beautifully and the designers, Cathedral and staff are to be congratulated on all their hard work. My personal hope is that after all deliberations have taken place, we may see a heraldic cross on the tomb for Richard who founded the College of Arms."

"We found Richard in the exact place I said he would be. The ethos of the *Looking For Richard* project was clear from its inception in February 2009. It was to honour Richard III by finding the real man behind the many myths that surround him. This is what propelled, and underpinned, my search which was backed at every step by the Richard III Society. The proposal of a tomb for this anointed monarch is exactly what the King, the project and the Country deserves."

Philippa Langley, Originator of the *Looking for Richard* project

"We welcome the Cathedral's decision and look forward to being a part of the project moving forward. The entire country owes a great debt of gratitude to Philippa Langley and the members of the Society, without whom the *Looking for Richard* project would not have been possible. We submitted draft designs for a tomb to the Cathedral in February and although they have not been adopted, I think this design is absolutely fantastic and we are looking forward to working with Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England (CFCE) and Fabrics Advisory Committee (FAC) to offer as much assistance as necessary."

Dr. Phil Stone, Chairman, Richard III Society

Original release from the Leicester Cathedral can be found here.

<http://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/details/king-richard-iii-will-get-a-raised-tomb>

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