

**Report of the Provincial Grand Guide
The Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire and North Wales**

16 June 2021

Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler,

I have much pleasure in presenting my first report as Provincial Grand Guide.

To compile this report I have been able to reference reports from my predecessors, none of which has been much help because we've never had a year like this before.

Since our last Virtual Annual Meeting and my appointment as Provincial Grand Guide, the Province has had just one physical meeting when Fidelity Conclave No 50 met under the Rule of 6 in September.

All of your Conclaves have held Virtual meetings using the Zoom platform, either informal meetings or Virtual Business Meetings, but one Conclave, Verney Clayton Conclave No 45, has taken particular advantage of the informal platform and invited several potential members to gatherings to introduce them to the friendly membership which has encouraged them to complete the required paperwork for joining when next able.

Several Conclaves do have members in waiting, so have not been inactive during our shutdown, and everyone is looking forward to a busy resumption, hopefully from September.

I would like to thank our Provincial Visitors - John Owens, Derek Gaskell, Othman Ghosheh and John Moritz. Whilst they have not been able to visit any Conclaves they have maintained contact with their Conclaves and kept me up-to-date with the various situations.

Sadly, the contact by Conclave Visiting Deacons has been erratic for various reasons, but I am assured that Conclave Secretaries have maintained contact with their membership so were able to respond positively with information when contacted by their respective Provincial Visitor.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone within the Order for their contact and support during my illness. I contracted Covid last September, and recovery has been a long, slow process, uncovering other health issues. As you are aware, I am a member of several Orders, but the support I have received from within the Order of the Secret Monitor has been superior to everything else.

Thank you, sir, for giving me the opportunity to be Provincial Grand Guide, and I look forward to carrying out my duties fully during this coming year.

James C Tang,
Provincial Grand Guide
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