

Christleton Conclave No 504 Installation



Christleton Conclave, No 504 held their Installation meeting at Cheshire View, Christleton on Wednesday 30th March.

It was a cold wet night outside but the atmosphere among those attending the meeting was very warm and friendly. In fact, this meeting was the very essence of our order, 'Friendship'.

Christleton Conclave is short of members and this was highlighted when of the 19 members attending the meeting 12 were visitors. However the spirit and willingness to help out was heart-warming. WyBro Derek Gaskell had been asked to take the chair for the installation. The Provincial Director of Ceremonies WyBro Paul Burton, DPGSR designate, took on the role of conclave DC for the night and volunteered to do the Explanation of Weapons. WyBro Malcolm Orr, Provincial Grand Chaplain, took on the role of Chaplain for the meeting and WyBro John Owen acted as Counsellor for the night.

The one person missing at the start of the evening was WyBro Harry Wright, the Supreme Ruler Elect. Not to be done out of a ceremony a Plan B was quickly hatched. (Sorry, carefully planned).

With the Conclave open the next item was an In Memoriam, given by WyBro Paul Richards for WyBro Graham Douglas who was the Supreme Ruler of the Conclave. Graham was a well known motorbike enthusiast; rider; instructor and even part of the blood bikes team. Prayer and a moments silence was then observed.

Then it was good news time, when WyBro Harry Wright arrived. The dispensation to allow the Conclave to elect and Install on the same night was read out and with the minutes approved and Salutations done it was time for the big event.

WyBro Paul Burton, acting DC and WyBro Trevor Simcock acting ADC, presented the Supreme Ruler elect to the installing office WyBro Derek Gaskell who then Installed WyBro Harry in due form.

It was a most enjoyable ceremony with everyone taking part.

With the ceremony over the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, WyBro Tony Stringer congratulated and thanked the new Supreme Ruler for taking the chair once again. During the risings it was WyBro Harry Wright's turn to congratulate WyBro Stringer on becoming Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate and at the same time he also congratulated WyBro Paul Burton on becoming the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate.

Both Tony and Paul will be elevated into their new positions at the Provincial Meeting to be held at Cheshire View, Christleton on Wednesday 15th June, and all members of the Order are encouraged to attend.

Christleton Conclave No 504 is in need of new members and this situation will be discussed over the next months. In the mean time if you can visit Christleton Conclave for a meeting, I am sure it would be very much appreciated. The Installation meeting showed the true meaning of the order of David and Jonathan; and a good time was had by all who attended.

Our congratulations go to Supreme Ruler Harry Wright and hope that he is inundated with ceremonies during his year in office.

Words and picture by Derek Gaskell