

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

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler,

I have much pleasure in presenting my second and final report as Provincial Grand Guide.

My first report was presented at the time of the Covid-19 lockdown. Unfortunately, during this time I had contracted the virus and my health subsequently suffered afterwards too. My report was delivered via a Zoom meeting and read out by Worthy Brother John Owen with the support of the DPSR Worthy Brother Tony Stringer for whom I give thanks for their help.

I would like to formally thank all four Provincial Grand Visitors for all their reports and visits across Cheshire and North Wales. Throughout, their reports have been excellent. They have travelled many miles during the past year to fulfil their duties with diligence.

The two Provincial Grand Visitors Wy Bros John Owen and Derek Gaskell have received well deserved promotions to Provincial Grand Guide and Provincial Grand Counsellor respectively. I am sure both will be pleased to accept the office and I wish them both well. I am sure that Wy Bro John Owen, as my successor, will ensure that the role is in good hands.

The two current Provincial Grand Visitors, Wy Bro Othman Ghoshen and John Moritz will be joined by the two newly appointed Brothers into the team to continue the good work. I wish them all well for the ensuing year.

Three team visits took place in the past year. The main event has to be the consecration of Carreg Yr Wyddfa 633 in Bangor, North Wales. The Grand Supreme Ruler, Most Worthy Brother Andrew Christopher Sweeney accompanied with his Grand Team of Officers performed an absolutely outstanding ceremony. Almost all the Provincial Grand Team were in attendance to lend their support.

The next event was the 50 year celebration of Norton Priory Conclave 226. The Grand Supreme Ruler, Most Worth Brother Andrew Christopher Sweeney and his Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.Wy.Bro. Chris Davies, were in attendance and presented a certificate to the Conclave. Wy Bro Tony Stringer presented the history of Norton Priory which was well received and for this I would like to offer him my thanks.

The Grand Visitor, V.Wy.Bro. Stephen Holcroft, visited Vale of Weaver Conclave 278. He was impressed by what he saw and this was reflected in his report.

The PGSR has requested that we do a presentation to the Craft Lodges and granted permission for us to proceed. This is good news for the Order and will hopefully lead to more members.

I am very pleased to report that the Order of the Secret Monitor has a new website created by Brother Barry Billinge. The quality is excellent and is both informative and easy to navigate.

During the past year three members of the Province have been promoted to Grand Officers.

The PGSR's Arch of Steel maintain the high quality since the commander changed and I am quite pleased with the way they perform their duties.

During this report period the ceremonies of Second Degree and Induction compared to last year and membership of the Order was slightly increased. The Conclave that I am very pleased to say has the most members is Norton Priory.

Unfortunately, seven members have passed away and resignations have been caused by ill health and relocation.

The Conclaves continue to promote our sister order, the Scarlet Cord. Personally, I would like every OSM member to consider joining the Scarlet Cord also.

Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, I am pleased to report that your Conclaves are making every effort to increase their membership. Ceremonies have maintained a high standard. The Conclaves are well run and well organised by their respective Secretaries.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity of carrying out the roll of Provincial Grand Guide and look forward to continuing to support you and the Province in the future.

This, Sir, completes my report.

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Provincial Grand Guide.