

Grand Visitor visits North Wales.



On Friday 17th June, Maen Achwyfan Conclave No 514 met at The Lady Augusta Masonic Hall, Mostyn, for their second meeting of the season.

Not content with having the attendance of the new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler RWyBro Tony Stringer and his Deputy, WyBro Paul Burton, the Conclave was also honoured by the presence of the Grand Visitor, VWyBro Stephen Holcroft.

With everyone in their places it was time for the Supreme Ruler, WyBro Paul Burton to open the Conclave.

He then officially welcomed RWyBro Tony Stringer and proffered him the gavel as a token of allegiance to the Province.

After the gavel had been returned WyBro Burton also welcomed the Grand Visitor and afterwards salutations were given.

The main item for the meeting was an induction ceremony.

WyBro John Thomson the Guarder announced that Bro Stephen Barrow stood at the door and wanted to join the order.

And so for the second time in two days WyBro Paul Burton conducted the induction ceremony as Supreme Ruler.

Bro Barrow was met in due form and was inducted into the order in fine form by WyBro Burton, (practice makes perfect).

On this occasion WyBro Burton, was assisted by WyBro John Owens, Pr.G.G, who took on the Chaplain's duties. (WyBro Owens was a visitor to the Conclave.)

WyBro Derek Gaskell presented the secrets and signs.

The Weapons were presented in fine form by Bro Ian Stone.

An excellent Address to the Candidate was given at very short notice by VWyBro Stephen Holcroft, Grand Visitor.

When the ceremony was complete Bro Steve Barrow was welcomed into the order by RWyBro Tony Stringer who said it was his second day in the job, his second visit and second new candidate.



After an enjoyable meeting, it was time for equally enjoyable meal.

In response to the toast to his health, RWyBro Tony Stringer said that he hoped that the level of new candidates joining the order could be maintained.

He also encouraged members of the order to visit other conclaves.

RWyBro Tony said that his main aim was to see that all conclaves were happy and so that happiness was spread to our Craft Lodge meetings in order to spread the word about the Order of the Secret Monitor.

He went on to say that a new initiative to help out struggling Conclaves, the Provincial Grand Chancellor, WyBro Jimmy Tang, is building up a list of Brethren who could stand-in occasionally to assist Conclaves with ceremonies when they unavoidably had missing Officers.

Our new PGSR and Deputy PGSR have got off to a flying start and we wish them well for the future.

Good wishes also go to Bro Steve Barrow and Maen Achwyfan Conclave.

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