

Arch of Steel

You qualify to become a member of the Arch of Steel, once you become a Prince of the order. Should you wish to be considered for membership, please make contact with your Conclave Recorder or the Arch of Steel Commander whose details are given below:

Once accepted, you will be invited to attend one of our outings with the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, where you will see the work of the Arch of Steel in action.

You will normally be formally announced as a member at the annual Provincial meeting, where you will be invested with the collarette of the Arch of Steel. This is on loan for as long as you remain an acting officer of the Arch of Steel and can be yours for life.



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Arch of Steel Conclave

To support the formation of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel, a conclave for current and past members of the Arch of Steel has been created.

This elite Conclave is non progressive and membership is only attained through the Arch of Steel. Many current and past members of the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers Arch of Steel are members and attend the meetings.

It meets three times per year and is formed to celebrate the Arch of Steel's high prominence within the Province, it also gives any current members an opportunity to hone their drill skills in a friendly and unpressured space.

Past members are encouraged to get involved and new members qualify to join and attain their potential.

To find out more go to:
osmcheshireandnorthwales.org.uk

Meeting Dates: 1st Monday in September (Installation), March & June

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Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers Arch of Steel



About

The Arch of Steel, is a ceremonial part of the Order of the Secret Monitor, it is the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers personal Body-Guard. As a member you are expected to accompany the PGSR to conclaves throughout the province and at the Annual Provincial Meeting.

It consists of specially selected members, who qualify to join and are able and willing to be a part of this most prestigious role.

The Arch is formed when the PGSR enters and exits the conclave and for other important guests .

It parades with swords in militaristic fashion and follows a strict drill code, that when practiced well is an incredible sight for all present to behold.

You must be a Brother of the Order and a (2nd Degree) Prince to join the ranks.






Once you have been through the chair or have Provincial rank you no longer qualify, unless you are the Commander or Deputy.



For more information about the Arch, visit our webpage.

Duties

Subject to Family and business commitment, which should always be considered before taking any acting role within masonry, those who get involved with the Arch of Steel are considered to be provincial acting officers, and as such are expected to attend all:

-  Practices at Arch of Steel Conclave and attend pre meeting practice, thirty minutes before the start of any meeting
-  Attend with the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler at his visits throughout the year.
-  Support other Arch of Steel members, by keeping in regular contact
-  Attend the Annual Provincial Meeting in June at the designated time
-  Support the Commander by informing him as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a meeting

These commitments should be considered carefully, they are why the Arch of Steel is so highly regarded and the reason for the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers 'special' interest in its members.



F.A.Q

Q. How many meetings will I be expected to attend?

A. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler attends two or three visits per season you are not expected to attend all these meetings as they will be across the province, however you are expected to attend the annual Provincial meeting and investiture in June.

Q. Will I need to buy regalia, is there any ritual to learn?

A. All regalia is provided, (Sword, Sash and Collarette) at no charge, and there is no verbal ritual to learn.

Q. Are there any Dues?

A. No, however, it would be beneficial to join the prestigious AOS Conclave, as a member of the AOS you are expected to attend the meetings for practices and sword drill.

Q. Is the Arch of Steel important?

A. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler considers membership of his Arch of Steel to be one of the most important posts within the Province and it greatly increases consideration for acting Provincial roles and it is the main recommendation for The Grand Supreme Rulers Arch of Steel.

