

## Team Visit to Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278.

Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278 received a visit from the Cheshire and North Wales Provincial OSM team at Middlewich Masonic Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It was nice to see the hall so full.

At 18.30 the Arch of Steel came to order to receive the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, RWyBro Tony Stringer and his deputy WyBro Paul Burton; who were on this occasion accompanied by VWyBro Christopher Base, Grand Visitor and Provincial Officers.



***Members of the Arch of Steel make ready.***

Members of the team then took up offices in the Conclave. With all the offices now in place the Supreme Ruler, WyBro Kevin Atherton opened the Conclave before welcoming the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Grand Visitor. When the salutations had been carried out, it was time for the demonstration of the Ceremony of Induction. Bro David Ginger had volunteered to be the Candidate and was announced by the acting Guarder, WyBro Terry Oke, PAGDC. The acting Visiting Deacons, WyBros, Graham Kirby, PrGStwd and John Owens, PrG.G. then took charge of the candidate after he had entered in the correct manner. WyBro Kevin Atherton then carried out an excellent Induction Ceremony, which was enjoyed and appreciated by all present. During the risings, the Grand visitor, VWyBro Christopher Base, who is also the provincial recorder for the Channel Islands; gave an interesting insight into how promotion system works within the order. This was followed by WyBro Dennis Schiff; PAGDC, who gave a short talk on the Scarlet Cord degree.



***L to R; VWyBro Christopher Base, Grand Visitor, Supreme Ruler Kevin Atherton ,  
WyBro Paul Burton, Deputy PrGSR***

At the festive board more praise was heaped on WyBro Kevin Atherton for his excellent ceremony.

RWyBro Tony Stringer gave out the dates of upcoming events which included the Annual Provincial meeting at Christleton on 21<sup>st</sup> June; which will be the completion of his first full year in charge.

Thanks must go to VWyBro Christopher Base for attending the meeting and all those Provincial Offices who turned out to support RWyBro Tony Stringer and WyBro Paul Burton. Thanks also go to Vale of Weaver Conclave for the warmth of the welcome and excellent ritual on the night.

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