

Semper Fidelis Conclave No. 261



Pictured: Very Worthy Brother Ray Johnson, Grand Visitor; Brother Steve Flood; Brother Andy Bushell; Worthy Brother David Hibbert, Supreme Ruler; Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

Semper Fidelis Conclave No261 held their final meeting of the season on 2nd May at Macclesfield, Masonic Hall.

It was a refreshing and almost unique occasion in recent times to see all the officer chairs filled by members of the Conclave and with no visitors having to fill an office.

The meeting was also attended by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, RWyBro Tony Stringer, and one of the Grand Visitors, VWyBro Ray Johnson, supported by several members of the current Provincial team.

The Conclave was opened on time by the Supreme Ruler, WyBro David Hibbert.

Salutations were given to the RWyBro Tony Stringer and VWyBro Ray Johnson.

It was then time for the main item on the summons, a double induction.

There came a knock on the door and VWyBro Shaun Crutchley the Guarder announced the presence of the candidates, Bro Andrew Bushell and Bro Steve Flood, and the ceremony was under way.

VWyBro Shaun Crutchley met the candidates in the correct manner of the degree. The Supreme Ruler, WyBro David Hibbert worked his way through the ceremony in fine style and was assisted by two visitors; WyBro Derek Gaskell presented the signs and RWyBro Tony Stringer gave the Explanation of the Weapons.

At the end of the ceremony RWyBro Tony Stringer welcomed Bros Andrew Bushell and Steve Flood into the order and particularly into the Province of Cheshire and North Wales.

The two candidates were also greeted by VWyBro Ray Johnson who gave them a brief insight into the role of a Grand Visitor.

During the risings the RWyBro Stringer presented a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro Cameron Chalmers.

VWyBro Ray Johnson brought greetings from Grand Conclave and congratulated the Supreme Ruler and his team for their performance.

We wish Bros Andrew Bushell and Steve Flood a long and happy association with the Order.

A reminder, Provincial Grand Conclave will be held at Cheshire View, Christleton on 21st June.

Derek Gaskell, Provincial Grand Counsellor