

**Installation of Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate  
Wy. Bro. William Anthony Stringer, P.A.G.D.C.  
and  
The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire & North Wales  
of the  
Order of the Secret Monitor  
held at  
Freemasons' Hall, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester, CH3 7BA  
on  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The Presiding Officer, R. Wy. Bro. James Mckeeman P.Prov.G.S.R, opened Provincial Grand Conclave at 10:50hrs. in due form.

There was a report and the Grand Director of Ceremonies was admitted and announced the presence of the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Grand Supreme Ruler and Installing Officer, M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, entered Provincial Grand Conclave in procession under an Arch of Steel accompanied by: -

R.Wy.Bro. Gaspar Llewellyn Gill	Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler
R.Wy.Bro. John Stafford Stevens, P.G.S.R.	Grand Counsellor
R.Wy.Bro. Paul Crudge, G.G.	Grand Guide
R.Wy.Bro. Louis Keats, G.Chap.	Grand Chaplain
V.Wy.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.Reg.	Grand Recorder
R.Wy.Bro. Christopher M.L. Davies, P.G.V.	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.Wy.Bro. Roger Richardson	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Wy.Bro. Robert Dewbery	Grand Sword Bearer
Wy.Bro. David Ainsworth, P.G.Std.B.	as Grand Standard Bearer
Wy.Bro. Derek Whatling, Prov.G.Org.	as Grand Organist
Wy.Bro. Mark Gleave, Prov.G.Gdr.	as Grand Guarder
Wy.Bro. Gary Oates, Prov.G.Sent.	as Grand Sentinel

The Grand Supreme Ruler assumed the chair and appointed his Officers.

The Installing Officer was then saluted with Eleven under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Installing Officer directed the Grand Recorder to call the Roll of Conclaves in the Province and the brethren stood as their respective Conclave was called.

The M. Wy. Grand Supreme Ruler addressed the brethren. He welcomed Distinguished brethren and members of the Province and thanked them for attending the meeting. He then outlined the purpose of the meeting – to Install Wy. Bro. William Anthony Stringer as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

He said he would like to record his appreciation of R.Wy.Bro. David Littlewood, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who was held in high regard in the Order and could be proud of his many achievements as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Cheshire and North Wales for the past five years.

The Installing Officer then directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and introduce the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate. The Grand Director of Ceremonies called the following Brethren of the Province to form Cushion Bearers and Escort, namely: -

V.Wy.Bro.	Peter B. Schick	P.G.V.	The Verney Clayton Conclave No 45
Wy.Bro.	John B. Goldsmith	Past Supreme Ruler	Fidelity Conclave No 50
Wy.Bro.	Colin A. Lemin	Supreme Ruler	Chester & Dewi-Sant Conclaves No's 155 & 457
Wy.Bro.	James C. Tang	Past Supreme Ruler	Norton Priory Conclave No 226
Wy.Bro.	Kevin Atherton	Supreme Ruler	Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278
Wy.Bro.	David J. A. Loughlin	Supreme Ruler	Seal of Solomon Conclave No 463
Wy.Bro.	Harold P. J. Wright	Supreme Ruler	Christleton Conclave No 504
Wy.Bro.	Derek Gaskell	Founding Member	Carreg Yr Wydfffa Conclave No 633

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate and his Escort entered The Temple in procession under the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.

The Installing Officer gave a summary of Wy. Bro. William Anthony Stringer's past record and achievements in his Academic, Professional and Masonic duties and then addressed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate, who confirmed he was willing to accept the Office and undertake the duties required thereof.

The Patent of Appointment was then read by the Grand Recorder.

The Prov.G.S.R. designate knelt for the benefit of prayer by the Grand Chaplain

The Prov.G.S.R. designate recited the solemn Obligation of a Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and was duly Invested and Installed Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to Order and proclaimed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in all his styles and titles. He then called the brethren to salute the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler with Seven. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the brethren for their fraternal salutations.

### **Investiture of the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.**

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler named Wy. Bro. Paul Morrison Burton P.G.Stwd., to be his Deputy and asked the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain if the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate was in attendance. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies confirmed that he was and requested that he be admitted.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then directed the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and introduce the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate. The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the following Brethren of the Province to form Cushion Bearers and Escort, namely:-

V.Wy.Bro.	Peter B. Schick	P.G.V.	The Verney Clayton Conclave No 45
Wy.Bro.	John B. Goldsmith	Past Supreme Ruler	Fidelity Conclave No 50
Wy.Bro.	Colin A. Lemin	Supreme Ruler	Chester & Dewi-Sant Conclaves No's 155 & 457
Wy.Bro.	James C. Tang	Past Supreme Ruler	Norton Priory Conclave No 226
Wy.Bro.	Kevin Atherton	Supreme Ruler	Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278
Wy.Bro.	David J. A. Loughlin	Supreme Ruler	Seal of Solomon Conclave No 463

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate and his Escort entered The Temple in procession under the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then addressed the brethren, he complimented Wy. Bro. Paul Morrison Burton on the manner in which he had carried out his various duties in the Province. He was a very respected and well liked member in the Order. He then asked the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate if he was willing and able to accept the Office and to undertake the duties and responsibilities thereof to which the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate replied in the affirmative.

The Patent of Appointment was then read by the Grand Recorder.

Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate knelt for the benefit of Prayer by the Grand Chaplain

Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate then recited the solemn Obligation of a Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and was duly Invested and Installed Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to Order and proclaimed the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in all his styles and titles. He then called on the brethren to salute the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler with Five.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the brethren for their fraternal salutations.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler confirmed in Office those brethren appointed at the last Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave, with the exception of Wy. Bro. Paul Morrison Burton.

Under the direction of The Grand Director of Ceremonies the Acting Grand Officers were replaced with Provincial Officers.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the Provincial Bye Laws to The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for approval and confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the M.Wy. Grand Supreme Ruler for the confidence he had shown by appointing him Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and also for conducting the Ceremony of Installation. He also thanked the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler for attending along with the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Recorder and the Installing Team for participating in the ceremony. Also the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel for their attendance on this memorable day.

The M.Wy. Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for his remarks and said this was a Province he held in high regard and for which he had a special affection. He wished the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler much happiness and success in his new appointment.

The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers then retired from the Conclave under the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler stated that the minutes of the Annual Investiture Meeting held on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 had been distributed to members by email, published on the website & had been available for members to read outside the Lodge Room since 09.00 hrs. and on proposition of Wy.Bro. Derek Gaskell acting Prov.G.Counc. and seconded by Wy.Bro. James Tang Prov.G.G. were approved by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Recorder reported that all Provincial Grand Officers were present, other than two who had submitted apologies for unavoidable absence due to ill health.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler delivered a eulogy in respect of the following Brethren who had passed to the Grand Conclave above since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave: -

Bro. William Edward Halon called to Higher Service on 30/7/2021 aged 78.

Wy.Bro. Bernard Poole called to Higher Service on 1/8/2021 aged 105.

Wy.Bro. Kenneth Bardsley called to Higher Service on 7/11/2021 aged 87.

Wy,Bro David Peter Flaherty called to Higher Service on 8/11/2021 aged 75.

Wy.Bro. Graham Douglas called to Higher Service on 14/11/2021 aged 73.

Wy.Bro. Geoffrey David Worrall called to Higher Service on 27/11/2021 aged 74

Wy.Bro. David Kinsey called to Higher Service on 22/2/2022 aged 87.

Heartfelt condolences were, and had been, offered to the bereaved families. The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered a prayer for these worthy brethren and the brethren stood for a moments silence in respect of departed merit.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed Distinguished Guests and Brethren from other Provinces along with the Heads of other Orders. The Brethren were acclaimed warmly by the members present.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler announced that the Annual Statement of Accounts had been distributed to members by email, published on the website & had been available for members to read outside the Lodge Room since 09.00 hrs. and on proposition of Wy.Bro. Derek Gaskell acting Prov.G.Counc. and seconded by Wy.Bro. James Tang Prov.G.G. the accounts were approved by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler reported that the only nomination for Treasurer was for Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt and in the absence of any other nomination or any brother requiring a ballot he declared Wy.Bro. Hewitt duly elected.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler also reported that the only nominations for Account Examiners was for Wy.Bro.'s Keith Butterworth & David Meacher Jones and in the absence of any other nominations or any brother requiring a ballot he declared them both duly elected.

The provincial Grand Guides Report had been distributed to members by email, published on the website & had been available for members to read outside the Lodge Room since 09.00 hrs. and was taken as read by the members.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then appointed/re-appointed and invested Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, including appointment to and promotion in Past Provincial Grand Rank, as per the notice convening the meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave.

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers' Arch of Steel to order, and presented them to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Bro. Philip Rose Dep.Cmdr. then individually presented each member of the Arch of Steel to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and his Deputy. New members were invested with the distinctive Collarette and Jewel of the Arch of Steel by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer then addressed Provincial Grand Conclave and thanked everyone for their attendance. He looked forward to working with everyone in his new position and stressed the need to encourage recruitment into the Order to offset the losses we had incurred during the lockdown.

The Provincial Grand Recorder reported he had no other business to be transacted.

Alms were collected and raised the sum of £343.62.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler closed Provincial Grand Conclave at 12.35 pm. following which the National Anthems were sung with enthusiasm by the Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Provincial Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from other Provinces, R.Wy. Brethren and Distinguished Guests retired.

Alan Harrison,  
Provincial Grand Recorder  
June 2022

Signed..... Prov.G.S.R. Signed..... Prov.G.Rec