

Busy times in Cheshire & North Wales

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the Order of the Secret Monitor and Scarlet Cord Provinces of Cheshire & North Wales.



Members and visitors at Mercia Consistory.

Firstly, the crowds gathered at Macclesfield Masonic Hall for the Installation as President of the Immediate Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, David Littlewood in The Mercia Consistory No 72, following his excellent work conferring the Second Grade on Companions Bob McMillan, a former APGM in the Mark Province of Cheshire, and Bill Caren, a former Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Mark Province.



Pictured: Bob McMillan; Bill Caren; Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; Chris Welton, Provincial Grand Summus; David Littlewood, newly Installed President; John Green, Installing President.



Three Provincial Leaders:

Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor;

Christ Welton, Provincial Grand Summus, Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord;

David Littlewood, Immediate Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor.

Then the party moved to Shield of David Conclave No 345 in Wallasey on Wirral for an international and cross-border affair.

The Conclave hosted the Admission Ceremony for three Princes, one from their own Conclave, Bro. Peter McMahon, who is also a fletcher; Brother Stuart Jones, from Dewi Sant Conclave No 457 in Rhyl, North Wales; and John Kennedy, from Prestcote Conclave No 375, who meet in St Helens in West Lancashire.

Brother John was ably supported by a travelling posse of 7 members of his home Conclave, boosting attendance to 27, including one reigning Supreme Ruler from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Worthy Brother Chris Tudor-Jones.



Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Cheshire & North Wales, is joined by a travelling posse from West Lancashire.

Then, the fun moved back to Macclesfield for a meeting of Semper Fidelis Conclave No. 261, where 30 members and guests witnessed Very Worthy Brother Peter Schick, a visitor, conducted an excellent Admission ceremony for two new Princes, Brothers Stephen Flood and Andrew Bushell, both members of the Conclave.

The Supreme Ruler, David Hibbert, also welcomed Ray Degg as a joining member to the Conclave.

Ever the wit, the Conclave Secretary, offered swordfish on the Festive Board menu!



Peter Schick, David Hibbert. Steve Flood, Ray Degg, Andy Bushell & Tony Stringer at Semper Fidelis Conclave.

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