

Christleton Conclave. No 504 - 30th August 2023

Our Provincial 2023/24 season got off to a great start with a cracking Induction Ceremony at Christleton Conclave No 504 meeting at Cheshire View Christleton on 30th August.

There was also the added bonus that it was really good turnout, with visitors filling in for the few missing Conclave Officers, the meeting got underway on time.

Once the Supreme Ruler WyBro Harry Wright had opened the Conclave he welcomed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, RWyBro Tony Stringer and also Deputy PGSR, WyBro Paul Burton.

With the muster role and salutations out of the way it was time for a ballot to be taken for a rejoining member, Bro Derek Scott, and new member, Bro Martin Geer, who is also the Cheshire Craft Provincial Grand Junior Warden.

Both ballots proved successful and Brother Scott was welcomed back into the Order and the Province.

Then the ceremony of induction was carried out.

Bro Geer was announced and met in the usual manner of the Order.

The Supreme Ruler, WyBro Harry Wright then conducted an excellent ceremony and was very ably assisted by WyBro Paul Richards who gave an excellent explanation of the signs.

The PGSR, RWyBro Tony Stringer then gave the explanation of the Weapons maintaining the high standard that had already been set by WyBros Wright and Richards.

WyBro Paul Richards then rounded off this first rate ceremony with the Address to the Candidate.

Mention must also go to the acting Chaplain for the meeting, RWyBro David Littlewood.

The PGSR welcomed Bro Martin Geer to the Order, the Province, and to the Conclave.

The next item of business was the election offices for the ensuing year.

WyBro Alan Harrison was elected to be the next Supreme Ruler.
WyBro Harry Crook was once again elected to the role of Treasurer and Bro Colin Sansom was elected Sentinel.

With the Conclave closed it was time for the joyful and amiable festive board.

In response to the toast to his health RWyBro Tony Stringer again thanked the SR, WyBro Harry Wright and WyBro Paul Richards for the quality of the ceremony that we had all enjoyed.

RWyBro Stringer then reminded everyone of the PGSR Sunday Lunch which will be held at Cheshire View on Sunday 8th October.

This is the main fund raising event for the Provincial Charity and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

This year to add to the amount raised for the Charity Fund, there is a virtual Charity Balloon Race, which run from 1st October until the Sunday the 8th.

Pick you own colour balloon and follow it on line.

Details have been circulated for this event.

The two Charities selected to receive donations this year are Claire House Children's Hospice and Vale of Clwyd MIND's DORIS.

Welcome to Bro Martin Geer and Bro Derek Scott may they have many happy years in the order.



Pictured: Worthy Brother Paul Burton, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; Brother Derek Scott; Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; Brother Martin Geer; Worthy Brother Harry Wright, Supreme Ruler.

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