Three members of Fidelity Conclave attend Trafalgar Day Dinner at Stanlow Lodge 6257



A Trafalgar Night to Remember

Stanlow Lodge No. 6257 decided to do something a little different on Friday 16th October when they held a Trafalgar Night, and what a night it turned out to be!

The Lodge was delighted to welcome Cheshires' Provincial Grand Master, RWBro David Dyson, who joined the Brethren and their guests for what was to become a very special evening.

One of the highlights of the night was the recognition of Bro Derek Harvey, who served his country for over 30 years in the Royal Marines, rising to the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), and who also served with the Special Boat Service (SBS).

Derek was recognised not only for his distinguished military career but also for the tremendous amount of work he continues to do within Freemasonry, particularly his support for charitable causes.

To Derek's complete surprise, he received a field promotion to Past Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer, a very rare honour indeed for a Brother who has yet to reach the Chair of King Solomon. It was a fitting tribute to someone who has spent so much of his life in the service of others.

The evening also included a special appearance by the Royal Marines Band, which was particularly fitting given the occasion and Derek's own connection with the Royal Marines.

Being a White Table event, the lodge was able to welcome a number of non-Masonic guests, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Hopefully, after seeing the friendship and camaraderie on display, a few might even consider joining!

In attendance and pictured - and all from our very own Fidelity Conclave are (Kelvin) Lee Hodsdon (Royal Navy), Steve Holgate (Royal Signals) and Bob Jordan (Royal Army Medical Corps)

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