

Conclaves comprising the Province of Cheshire and North Wales

VERNEY CLAYTON CONCLAVE No. 45
FIDELITY CONCLAVE No. 50
CHESTER CONCLAVE No. 155
NORTON PRIORY CONCLAVE No. 226
SEMPER FIDELIS CONCLAVE No. 261
VALE OF WEAVER CONCLAVE No. 278
CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS' CONCLAVE NO. 302
SHIELD OF DAVID CONCLAVE NO. 345
CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES ARCH OF STEEL CONCLAVE NO. 377
DEWI-SANT CONCLAVE NO. 457
SEAL OF SOLOMON CONCLAVE No. 463
CHRISTLETON CONCLAVE NO. 504
MAEN ACHWYFAN CONCLAVE NO. 514
CARREG YR WYDFFA CONCLAVE NO. 633

HEALTH AND SAFETY

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY MEMBER ATTENDING THIS MEETING
SIGNS AN ATTENDANCE SHEET WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING

FIRE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

The Fire Exit is located behind the curtain in the South East.
Do not use the internal doors.
The Assembly Point is at the bottom of the car park identified by a green assembly sign.
Do not leave the car park or return to your vehicle until you have reported to the Guard and he has checked you off on the attendance sheet.
Do not re-enter the building for any purpose until instructed.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE ALARM RINGS THIS WILL BE A GENUINE EMERGENCY

If anyone feels unwell during the proceedings please let their neighbouring Brothers know.
Attract the attention of the Provincial DC who will assist the Brother to withdraw from the Conclave.
There are trained basic First Aiders on site who are trained in the use of a defibrillator which is located behind the members bar.

Order of the Secret Monitor

Or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan

M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney Grand Supreme Ruler
R.Wy.Bro. Keith Berwick Ferguson, Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler
R.Wy.Bro. Gasper Llewellyn Gill, Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler



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May 2025

Very Dear Brother,
The Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Conclave will be held at
Freemasons' Hall, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester, CH3 7BA
On Wednesday, 18th June, 2025 commencing at 11:00 a.m.

All Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, Supreme Rulers and members of Conclaves within the Province are hereby summoned to attend.

By command of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

Wy.Bro. Alan G. Harrison
Provincial Grand Recorder.

There will be a rehearsal for all active (retiring and to be appointed)
Provincial Officers at 19:00 hrs on the 17th June 2025.

Brethren wishing to attend the meeting should notify the Provincial Grand Recorder
Using the attendance/dining form by Tuesday 10th June, 2025
Luncheon will be served at 1.15pm

All brethren must be seated in the Conclave by 10.45 a.m

Dark Lounge Suit / Morning Suit and regalia of the order.
Supreme Rulers of Conclaves should wear the Sash of their Conclave
irrespective of rank.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave

held on Wednesday, 19th June, 2024, will be available for inspection from 9.00 a.m. in the Temple Entrance lobby.

Audited Accounts for 2024 – 2025 will be available for inspection and copies available from 9.00 a.m. in the Temple Entrance lobby.

Luncheon : Booking forms for luncheon should be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Recorder by Tuesday 10th June 2025. at the latest!

Provincial Officers to be Appointed 18th June 2025

Dep.P.G.S.R	Wy. Bro. Andrew Peter Christopher Tong	(Christleton)
Prov. G. Chancellor	Wy. Bro. James Tang	(Norton Priory)
Prov. G. Counsellor	Wy. Bro. John Derek Gaskell	(Maen Achwyfan)
Prov. G. Guide	Wy. Bro. John Maxwell Moritz	(Verney Clayton)
Prov. G. Chaplain	Wy. Bro. Malcolm Edward Orr	(Shield of David)
Prov. G. Registrar	Wy. Bro. Geoffrey Raymond Gill	(Arch of Steel)
Prov. G. Treasurer	Wy. Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt	(Chester)
Prov. G. Recorder	Wy. Bro. Alan George Harrison	(Norton Priory)
Prov. G. D. C.	Wy. Bro. Anthony James Lloyd	(Seal of Solomon)
Prov. G. Almoner	Wy. Bro. John Anthony Owens	(Chester)
Prov. Dep. G. D. C.	Wy. Bro. David Topp	(Vale of Weaver)
Prov. G. Visitor	Wy. Bro. Gary Oates	(Norton Priory)
Prov. G. Visitor	Wy. Bro. Timothy David Knowles	(Vale of Weaver)
Prov. G. Visitor	Wy. Bro. Graham Samuel Kirby	(Chester)
Prov. G. Visitor	Wy. Bro. Kevin Atherton	(Vale of Weaver)
Prov. Asst. G.D.C.	Wy. Bro. David Anthony Ainsworth	(Norton Priory)
Prov. G. Sword Bearer	Wy. Bro. Colin Anthony Lemin	(Dewi Sant)
Prov. G. Std. Bearer	Wy. Bro. John Bannell	(Chester)
Prov. G. Bow Bearer	Wy. Bro. Anthony C. Owens	(Fidelity)
Prov. Asst. G. Rec.	Wy. Bro. Brian Benjamin Williams	(Shield of David)
Prov. G. Organist	Wy. Bro. Peter MacCarthy	(Maen Achwyfan)
Prov. G. Guarder	Wy. Bro. Barrie Stuart Billinge	(Dewi Sant)
Prov. G. Steward	Wy. Bro. Michael Steggles	(Dewi Sant)
Prov. G. Steward	Wy. Bro. Robert Morrice Jones	(Verney Clayton)
Prov. G. Steward	Wy. Bro. David Bruce	(Vale of Weaver)
Prov. G. Steward	Wy. Bro. Howard John Waddell	(Fidelity)
Prov. G. Sentinel	Bro. Colin Sansom	(Christleton)

Past Rank – Promotions

P.Prov.G.G.	Wy. Bro. David J. A. Loughlin	(Seal of Solomon)
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Arch of Steel

Commander	Wy. Bro. Philip Rose	(Verney Clayton)
Deputy Commander	Bro. David Ginger	(Verney Clayton)

Agenda 18th June 2025

R. Wy. Brethren will enter Provincial Grand Conclave in procession

The R. Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, accompanied by Provincial Grand Officers will enter in procession.

1. To open Provincial Grand Conclave.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave held at Freemasons' Hall, Christleton, Chester, on Wednesday, 19th June 2024.
3. To call the roll of Conclaves in the Province.
4. To call the roll of Provincial Grand Officers.
5. In Memoriam.
6. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will welcome our Distinguished Guests and Heads of Other Orders.
7. To receive the Treasurers Report and Statement of Accounts for 2024 - 2025.
8. To elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt
ProvGTreas has been nominated.
9. To elect two Provincial Account Examiners for the ensuing year, Keith Butterworth and David Meacher-Jones have been nominated.
10. To receive the Report of the Provincial Grand Guide.
11. The R. Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will appoint and invest the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler: Wy.Bro. Andrew Peter Christopher Tong.
12. The R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
13. The R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will receive and invest his Arch of Steel.
14. The R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will address Provincial Grand Conclave.
15. To transact any other business for the good of the Order and for the benefit of The Province.
16. To collect Alms.
17. To close Provincial Grand Conclave.
18. National Anthems will be sung.
19. The R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Distinguished Guests and Grand Officers will retire in procession.

Minutes of the Convocation of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire and North Wales of the Order of the Secret Monitor held at Freemasons' Hall, Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester, on Wednesday 19th June 2024

Distinguished guests and Right Worthy Brethren entered in procession under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer, accompanied by Wy.Bro. Paul Morrison Burton, P.D.G.D.C. Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, and Provincial Officers entered in procession, to the acclaim of the brethren.

Before proceeding, R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer welcomed all brethren present.

1. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler opened Provincial Grand Conclave in due form at 11.00 a.m. There were 89 Brethren present whose names are recorded in the register attached to these minutes.
2. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to order and R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with 7 PDP, for which he thanked those present.
3. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to order and Wy.Bro. Paul Morrison Burton P.A.G.D.C. Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with 5 PDP, for which he thanked those present.
4. The Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order and R.Wy.Bro's Samuel Keery and David Littlewood Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers were saluted with 7 PDP, for which R.Wy.Bro. Sam thanked those present.
5. The Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the brethren to order and R.Wy.Bro. Uri Patel, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of East Midlands, and other R.Wy. Brethren were saluted with 7 PDP, for which he thanked those present on their behalf.
6. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler stated that the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday the 21st June 2023 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 Prov.G.Coun. and seconded by Wy.Bro. John Owens Prov.G.G. the minutes were approved by the brethren.
7. The Provincial Grand Recorder called the muster roll of Conclaves all of whom were well represented by a good attendance of their members.
8. The Provincial Grand Recorder reported that he had received two apologies from outgoing Provincial Grand Officers who had medical issues, other than those all Provincial Grand Officers were present.
9. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler reported that the following Brethren had passed to the Grand Conclave above since our last meeting:-

Wy. Bro Barry Howarth, PGStBr, member of Shield of David conclave 345. Died Sunday 20th August 2023 aged 76.

Wy. Bro Walter John Astbury, PPrGStBr, member of Semper Fidelis conclave 261. Died Wednesday 23rd August aged 77.

Wy. Bro. Thomas Idris Davies, member of Seal of Solomon 463 and Maen Achwyfan 514. Died Monday 30th October 2023 aged 94.

Wy. Bro. Bernard Bloom, PPGCoun, member of Verney Clayton conclave 45. Died Tuesday 14th November 2023 aged 92.

Wy. Bro. Kenneth Smith, PGStBr, Hon. Member of Shield of David 345. Died 19th December 2023 aged 92.

Wy. Bro. George Hughes, PGSwdBr. PProvGG, Hon Member of Norton Priory 226 and PGO 302. Died 17th March 2024 aged 88.

Bro. Peter David McMahon. Member of Shield of David conclave 345. Died 30th March 2024 aged 57.

R Wy. Bro. Arthur Clare, PGG. Honorary Member of Norton Priory Conclave 226. Died 9th April 2024 aged 98.

Heartfelt condolences were, and had been, offered to the bereaved. At the request of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Wy.Bro. Malcolm Orr P.A.G.D.C. offered a prayer for these worthy brothers and called the brethren to stand in silence in respect of departed merit. The Provincial Grand Organist then lead the brethren in the Hymn "The day thou gave them".

10. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then introduced R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers and Brethren from other Provinces and also Brethren of other Orders within the Province. He thanked them for their attendance and their support at this meeting. The Brethren were acclaimed with enthusiasm by the members present.
11. 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 Prov.G.Counc. and seconded by Wy.Bro. John Owens Prov.G.G. the accounts were approved by the brethren.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The Provincial Grand Guide, Wy.Bro. John Owens, addressed the meeting and presented his annual report. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the Provincial Grand Guide for his comprehensive report and for his work throughout the year.
15. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then rose and stated he had the greatest pleasure in re-appointing his Deputy, Wy.Bro. Paul Morrison Burton P.A.G.D.C., and thanked him for his support throughout the year.
16. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then appointed/re-appointed and invested Provincial Officers for the ensuing year, including four promotions to Past Provincial Grand Rank.
17. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers' Arch of Steel to order and presented the Commander of the Arch of Steel, Wy.Bro. Philip Rose to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Rose then individually presented each member of the Arch of Steel to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and his Deputy. New members were invested, and current members were thanked for their continued support of the Arch of Steel by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.
18. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer then addressed Provincial Grand Conclave and a full copy of his address is attached to these minutes.
19. Alms were collected in the sum of £320.71.
20. The Provincial Grand Recorder reported he had no other business to be transacted.
21. Provincial Grand Conclave was closed by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler at 12.10 p.m. after which the Welsh National Anthem and first verse of the National Anthem were sung.

The recession of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Provincial Officers, Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from other Provinces, R.Wy. Brethren and Distinguished Guests, was acclaimed by the Brethren at 12.20 p.m.

**Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire and North Wales
Order of the Secret Monitor**

**Income & expenditure Account
Year Ended 31 March 2025**

GENERAL FUND

			2024	
	£	£	£	£
Annual dues		1,354.50		1,375.50
Fees of Honour		180.00		120.00
Bank Interest		-		-
Regalia hire and sales		230.00		200.00
Annual meetings income	2,100.00		1,760.00	
Annual meetings costs	(2,514.48)		(2,236.80)	
		(414.48)		(476.80)
Provincial Lunch income and donations	2,552.50		2,431.00	
Provincial Lunch costs	(2,552.50)		(2,346.00)	
		-		85.00
		1,350.02		1,303.70
Expenditure				
Miscellaneous costs	52.20		85.14	
Prizes for balloon race	90.00		-	
Regalia repairs / replacements	300.00		495.00	
		442.20		580.14
Surplus of income for the year / (Excess of expenditure)		907.82		723.56

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance at beginning of year		7,920.75		8,271.09
Incomes:				
Alms Collection at annual meeting	320.71		325.86	
Provincial Lunch - Raffle	1,432.00		1,000.00	
Grand Conclave - match funding	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Donations from Conclaves and Individuals	2,440.00		1,305.00	
Balloon Race (net income)	1,000.00		718.80	
Other donations/sales	30.00		-	
Bank Interest	-		-	
		6,222.71		4,349.66
		14,143.46		12,620.75
Donations				
Save the Family	2,500.00		-	
My Space (Marches)	2,500.00		-	
Vale of Clwyd MIND, DORIS Project	-		2,350.00	
Claire House Children's Hospice	-		2,350.00	
		5,000.00		4,700.00
Fund at the end of the year		9,143.46		7,920.75

**Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire and North Wales
Order of the Secret Monitor**

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

			2024	
	£	£	£	£
Bank Balances (Lloyds Bank plc):				
PGC of Cheshire & North Wales OSM		19,054.26		16,948.73
Debtor		-		-
Fees in advance		(85.00)		(150.00)
		18,969.26		16,798.73
Financed by:				
General accumulated reserves				
Balance at beginning of year		7,957.98		7,234.42
Surplus arising during the year		907.82		723.56
		8,865.80		7,957.98
Benevolent Account (as opposite)		9,143.46		7,920.75
Members regalia deposit scheme:				
Balances brought forward		920.00		1,000.00
Deposits received		80.00		120.00
Deposits refunded		(40.00)		(200.00)
Deposits held at end of year		960.00		920.00
Total Funds under management		18,969.26		16,798.73

R Glyn Hewitt
Provincial Treasurer

21 April 2025

Examiners Report to the Members of the Provincial Grand Conclave

We, having been appointed Account Examiners, report that we have examined the books, and other records maintained by the Treasurer and confirm that the accounts as presented agree therewith and reflect a fair and accurate position of the finances of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Cheshire & North Wales as at 31 March 2025.

D Meacher-Jones
Account Examiner

K Butterworth
Account Examiner

Dated: _____ 2025