

Provincial Grand Guide Report June 2024

Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler,

I have much pleasure in presenting my second report as Provincial Grand Guide.

I would like to first express my thanks and appreciation to the Provincial Grand Visitors for their support and assistance as all Conclave meetings were attended, although one Visiting Deacon had to stand down due to family illness.

In particular I would like to thank Worthy Brother John Moritz and our Provincial Grand Councillor, Worthy Brother Derek Gaskell for going the extra mile for me, as unfortunately I have had on going health problems this year and not been able to attend as many Conclaves as I would have liked.

Sir, your aim this year as last is to promote the Order, and you have again been willing to visit any Craft Lodge in the Province to talk about and expand the ideals of the Order.

Our Order is continuing to grow in membership in the Province, albeit slowly, as all Companion Orders are fishing from the same pond. Of course, there has been deaths and resignations, and any resignation is regretful, but almost all have been through age; ill health or work related issues.

The highlight of this year has got to have been the Centenary Celebration of Fidelity Conclave No.50 at Stockport Masonic Guild Hall,

in the presence of the Grand Supreme Ruler, Most Worthy Brother Andrew Christopher Sweeney.

Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was well supported by the acting Provincial Officers and his Arch of Steel, and well attended by 60 brethren.

An excellent time was had by all celebrating the occasion, topped with the field promotion of Worthy Brother Bob Jordan to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies by the Grand Supreme Ruler.

All the Conclaves in the Province are well supported by their members and what is surely a feature of this Order is the number of visitors that attend on a regular basis, and are willing to offer assistance in any way; it really goes to show what a friendly Order this is.

Chester Conclave No.155 will move from Flint back to Hawarden Masonic Hall, and its next meeting in September will be held there.

This year there has been 11 Inductions and 8 Princes Degrees. There has also been three Team visits to Seal of Solomon, Verney Clayton and Dewi Sant Conclaves and three are planned for the coming year at Christleton, Maen Achwyfan & Shield of David Conclaves.

The Province continues to support and promote our sister Order the Scarlet Cord and to that end all Conclaves now have Scarlet Cord representatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Worthy Brother John Moritz, who is taking over from me as Provincial Grand Guide, and his team of Provincial Grand Visitors, Worthy Brother William Caren and Worthy Brother Gary Oates, who are continuing in office, and new

Provincial Grand Visitors, Worthy Brother Tim Knowles and Worthy Brother Graham Kirby, every success for the coming year.

I believe that the Province is in good health and there is enthusiasm at all levels in exploring the various mediums for attracting new candidates. I am certain that we can look forward to the future with confidence

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity of carrying out the roll of Provincial Grand Guide over the last two years and look forward to continuing to support you and the Province in the future.

That, Sir, completes my Report.

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