

# **1<sup>ST</sup> REPORT OF PROVINCIAL GRAND GUIDE JOHN MORITZ DELIVERED AT 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE.**

## **RWy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler**

I have much pleasure in delivering my 1<sup>st</sup> Report as Provincial Grand Guide.

Firstly, I must place on record and thank the Team of Provincial Grand Visitors for the year. These are Wy Bros Bill Caren, Gary Oates, Graham Kirby and Tim Knowles. They have visited all of the Conclaves during the course of the year and have willingly stood in for each other where the assigned Provincial Grand Visitor could not make a particular meeting. Their Reports to me and the Executive of the Province are very important in passing on information about the health and welfare of the Conclaves and the Conclave Members.

It is also important that I thank all the Acting Officers and Visitors that regularly attend Conclave Meetings. They willingly take on jobs and fill gaps so that the individual Conclave's have very enjoyable meetings and Festive Boards.

This year I want to thank Bill Caren for all the hard work he has put in. He is retiring from his Acting Provincial Grand Visitor role after 3 years. I also welcome Wy Bro Kevin Atherton from Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278 as a new Provincial Grand Visitor joining the Team today.

During the 2024/2025 season there have been 12 new Inductions and 17 Princes degree ceremonies. Some of those 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ceremonies have involved 2 or even 3 candidates. In addition, a number of Conclave's have had joining Members. This shows growth in Membership although on a modest scale, even allowing for resignations and some notable death's during the Year.

Sir, you have brought back Friendship Meetings. A very successful Friendship Meeting was held at Seal of Solomon Conclave No 463 in March 2025 at Maesgwyn Hall in Wrexham. I personally was delighted to be part of the Team who explained Secret Monitor to a large number of potential members who gathered together and gained from the experience. I know that there are at least 2 more Friendship Meetings planned for other parts of the Province next year.

One of the highlights of the Year has been the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration of Semper Fidelis Conclave No 261 which was held in Macclesfield in May. This was well attended by Acting Team Officers and your Arch of Steel. I know it was well appreciated by the Members of that Conclave who worked very hard to make that event a success..

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

I believe that the Province is in good health and there is enthusiasm at all levels for exploring all the various ways in which we can attract 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 role of Provincial Grand Guide and I look forward to continuing in that role next year and supporting the Province.

That, Sir, completes my Report.

Wy Bro John Moritz PGBB Provincial Grand Guide

18<sup>th</sup> June 2025