

OSM Monthly update – May 2025:

Brethren,

There were two meetings in April—at Chantry on the 11th and Skyrack on the 30th—both of which were well attended.

It was a lengthy night at Chantry with an Induction followed by the Installation!

After a lengthy absence, due to ill health, it was a pleasure to welcome Very Worthy Brother Rodney Williams back to his rightful position as Supreme Ruler.

Rodney has been a Secret Monitor for 37 years and during that time has been installed as Supreme Ruler no less than 7 times! – at Chantry (1994, 2018 & 2024): Pheonix (2000): WY Past Supreme Rulers (2007): White Rose (2013) & The Lewis Conclave (2016). Having Installed his successors he vowed that this will be his very last chair – Let's wait and see!

The evening commenced with the Induction of Brother Olukayode Olutayo, where I had the pleasure of explaining the secrets and addressing the candidate. At the last meeting of the Conclave there were two candidates Inducted and at this meeting, yet another candidate was proposed. Things are really looking up at Wakefield.

The evening ended with the Installation of Jeremy Archer as Supreme Ruler.



18.04.2025 - Chantry Conclave – Bro Olutayo is congratulated on his Installation, Together with V Wy Bro R Williams and the Supreme Ruler Wy Bro J Archer.

The meeting at Skyrack (30th April) was an excellent evening – the members at Leeds were depleted and there was no ceremony planned. Following a request from the members of the Denis Slights Conclave – in the Province of North and East Yorkshire – it was agreed that the Conclave would perform a Princes Degree and admit Brothers Michael Earnshaw-Beatie and David Taylor, on their behalf.

The West Yorkshire active officers of the year were contacted with a view to assisting with the ceremony and I was delighted to see no less than 13 visitors in attendance most of whom took active part in the ceremony – a perfect example of how the members support each other and work together for the good of the Order. There were also members from North and East Yorkshire present.

It was also pleasing for me to be able to present the OSM Benevolent Fund Vice Patrons jewel to the Supreme Ruler.

In achieving this status, the Conclave is supporting the OSM Benevolent Fund – a fund from which we receive £1000 each year to support our local charities – and I would encourage other Conclaves to consider making such donations.



30.04.2025 – Skyrack Conclave – The Supreme Ruler, Wy Bro G Blackburn, is presented with the OSM Benevolent Fund Vice Patrons jewel. The newly admitted Princes are shown together with those taking part in the ceremony.

May 2025:

There are five meetings in May.

Odersfelt meet on the 16th.

There will be an Admission of a Prince at White Rose on the 19th. Prior to the Conclave meeting there will be the Installation of White Rose, Scarlet Cord with Richard Bentley taking the chair.

There will be a lecture at the West Yorkshire Past Supreme Rulers Conclave on the 23rd.

The Grand Visitor will be attending Westwood Conclave on the 27th – this will also be a full Provincial Visit – the first of the year.

The month ends at Claro True Friendship Conclave – with a Triple admission in the Prince's degree.

Please support these meetings if you are able.

Yours in the friendship of the Order.

Dave