



# The Order of the Secret Monitor

Provincial Grand Conclave of West Yorkshire



R. Wy. Bro. David Crawshaw Staniforth  
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

---

8 Ecclesfield Court ~ Ecclesfield ~ Sheffield ~ S35 9AD

Tel: 01142 403369 ~ email [davestaniforth@yahoo.com](mailto:davestaniforth@yahoo.com)

11 February 2020

## **Phoenix Conclave - 10 February - Grand Visitor**

The meeting of Phoenix Conclave was a special occasion with the presence of the Grand Visitor - Very Worthy Brother Stephen Holcroft.

Stephen is from the neighbouring Province of East Lancashire and is no stranger to West Yorkshire. He is an active member of Roses Conclave and a regular visitor to many other Conclaves in this Province. The visit to Phoenix was his first official duty since his appointment and he should be congratulated on such a well-deserved and high-profile appointment.

In the absence of a candidate the Conclave had arranged an enactment of an Induction ceremony. However, this became uncertain when just prior to opening we were informed that, owing to illness, the Supreme Ruler was unable to attend.

As discussions were taking place the Supreme Ruler of Odersfelt Conclave arrived - one Right Worthy Brother Stewart G. Carley - the Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler - who was expecting a quiet night! He immediately volunteered to 'save the day' and agreed to take the chair - only 10 minutes before the opening. The ceremony was a resounding success with the acting Supreme Ruler delivering a perfect ceremony from memory!!!

Stewarts' ability to deliver such a marvellous ceremony with such short notice demonstrates his commitment to our Order - he is indeed an example to us all.

The standard of the ritual throughout the ceremony was outstanding and all those taking part should be congratulated. The evening was concluded by the Grand Visitor delivering the address to the candidate.

There were eleven visitors in attendance, and I thank these Brethren for taking the time to support the Province and the Conclave on what is a special event - I also wish the Supreme Ruler a speedy return to good health.



**Pictured above - Wy Bro Alan Webster, Deputy PGSR, Very Wy Bro Stephen Holcroft, Grand Visitor, the PGSR and the acting Conclave SR - Right Wy Brother Stewart G Carley.**

Yours in the Friendship of the Order

*Dave Staniforth*

PGSR - West Yorkshire