

Provincial Grand Conclave - Leeds 29th February

The change of venue to Castle Grove Leeds was a success - there were sixty-five Brethren of the Province in attendance and I thank each of you for supporting me and the Province on this special day.

In addition, there were almost fifty visitors from other Provinces present, and I received many complimentary comments from our distinguished visitors on the high quality of the venue, meal, administrative organisation and the ceremonial.

Such comments and high standards reflect well on the Province and I am acutely aware that the smooth running of this event does not happen by accident and is down to a great deal of hard work and preparation over several weeks to ensure success - I would particularly like to thank Wy Brothers Richard Drury-Smith (Recorder), Gordon Renton (Treasurer), Neil Davies, David Spivey and Les Boyes (Directors of Ceremonies) for the professional manner they organised the proceedings.

All of our Conclaves were well represented, and it was pleasing to see no less than ten Conclave Supreme Rulers present and to welcome two new members Inducted into the Order during the year - Brother Matthew Sims (White Rose) and & Brother Simon Gray, (Skyrack).

It was a pleasure to formally recognise Brethren for their commitment and the hard work they undertake in their own Conclaves and, importantly, the support they give to other Conclaves in attending Installations and special events.

I congratulate all the Provincial Officers who were invested during the meeting. These preferments recognise their work and commitment to the Province and their Conclaves over many years.

At the conclusion of the meeting I was joined by the ten Conclave Supreme Rulers to present a Cheque for £1029 to R Wy Bro Trevor Cavell (PGSR Warwickshire) and his Deputy Wy Bro Neil Watkin. This donation, to the OSM Benevolent Fund, was raised by Conclaves throughout the Province in support of their sponsored slim!!

Brethren once again thank you for all your support at this meeting and throughout the year and I look forward to being in your company on many occasions in the forthcoming year.



Presentation to RWy Bro Cavell and Wy Bro Watkins with the Supreme Rulers of Claro, Bawtry, Westwood, Odersfelt, Roses, Lux Diei, Dore, West Yorkshire Past Supreme Rulers, White Rose and Skyrack Conclaves

DATE FOR THE DIARY - Next year's meeting will be held again at Castle Grove on Saturday 20th of February.

Yours in the friendship of the Order

Dave