



THE SCARLET ARROW

OSM AND SCARLET CORD NEWSLETTER FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT



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Dear Brother Secret Monitors and Companions of the Scarlet Cord

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Scarlet Arrow.

As 2023 comes to an end, I think we can look back with satisfaction on a successful year for our orders. Both The Order of the Scarlet Cord and The Order of the Secret Monitor saw multiple new members join our ranks. This was tinged with the sadness of seeing Channel and Kent Installed Supreme Rulers Conclaves surrender their warrants, however this was planned with the Province countering an over-expansion in the 1980s and not one member was lost as all remaining members relocated across our 9 remaining Conclaves. This consolidation of Conclaves has worked out nicely for the Scarlet Cord with each of the 3 consistories now being more closely aligned to 3 conclaves.



In 2023 a number of events were jointly run between our two orders; the Sunday lunch again proved successful, sadly I couldn't attend as I'd just had my knee replaced, the magnificent evening at Gillingham with our fish & chip supper being entertained by the wonderful 'Benidorm Tom' and the launch of the Provincial Mess. These events raised over £1000 for the OSM Benevolent Fund and £300 for the Metropolitan London Air Ambulance Appeal, (as a donation to our Mess guest speaker W Bro Stratton Richey) and with the launch of our joint recruitment and retention plan headed by the ever present Scott Dunn and his team, more events will follow next year, so watch this space!

Both Kevin and I hope you all have an enjoyable festive period and we look forward to seeing you all next year in the Conclaves & Consistories of the Province. Remember if you are bored between Christmas and the New Year then Temple Builders Conclave are meeting on Saturday 30th December at Sidcup. This is part of the now famous Sidcup Saturday Club, we have a Red Cross in the morning and then Allied and Order of the Secret Monitor in the afternoon. If you do come, you'll see me do some work as I'm again currently the Master of Hartley Council.

Looking forward to next year, I'm hoping for very much of the same. Dist Comp James Trevillion, who after 5 years as my Assistant and then Deputy will be standing down in February. He has been a credit in supporting Kent around the country and long may this continue. As the Scarlet Cord Provincial Appointments begin to arrive in the inbox of recipients, I am pleased to announce that I have asked Dist. Comp Scott Dunn to be my Deputy from February and I am delighted to say that he has accepted this appointment.

May the God of our Fathers and The Friend of all Friends keep us all safe

Phil Clare

Conclave Meetings

Date	Conclave	Inst	Location
13/12/23	Invicta Pride of Kent Conclave	Yes	Gillingham
30/12/23	Temple Builders Conclave		Sidcup
27/1/24	Eric Norman Le Fre Conclave	Yes	Welling
3/2/24	Temple Builders Conclave		Sidcup
8/2/24	The Skilled Archer Conclave		Margate
8/3/24	Medway Towns Conclave	Yes	Chatham

Consistory Meetings

Date	Consistory	Inst	Location
13/12/23	Kent Consistory		Gillingham
8/2/24	Man of Kent Consistory	Yes	Sittingbourne
27/4/24	The Kentish Man Consistory	Yes	Welling
23/8/24	Kent Consistory	Yes	Chatham

Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent Annual Meeting

A bright Saturday morning in the Garden of England saw over 80 brothers of David and Jonathan and a good number of heads of other orders descend on The Franklin Rooms in Gillingham for the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent.

Maybe it was to congratulate Right Worthy Brother Kevin Johnson as he entered his third year as our Provincial Grand Supreme ruler or perhaps the lure of free bacon and sausage baps and tea and coffee could explain why so many arrived early as the Centre.




With the temple filling with Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers of other Provinces who had made the journey to the south-east and our distinguished guests and heads of other orders in attendance the main event was ready to proceed.

The Order of the Secret Monitor
or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan
in the British Isles and its
Districts and Conclaves Overseas

Provincial Grand Conclave
of Kent

ANNUAL MEETING



R.Wy.Bro. Kevin Christopher Johnson
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

Wy.Bro. Daniel Robert John Unthank
Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

at
The Franklin Rooms, Franklin Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7
4DG

on
Saturday 14th October 2023 at 11.00am

Luncheon 1.00pm

Masonic Dress: Dark Suit, White Collar, Plain Black or Tie of the Order



The Provincial Arch of Steel resplendent in their regalia were called to order to receive the Officers of the Province of Kent.

To rapturous applause R Wy Bro Kevin Christopher Johnson entered the Temple and opened Provincial Grand Conclave.



You would hardly know it from the photograph but this was a happy and special day for Wy Bro Scott Dunn but more on that later.

Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent Annual Meeting cont.

With Provincial Grand Conclave opened, the brethren were called to order to salute R Wy Bro Kevin with seven, who in his inimitable fashion thanked the Brethren for their salutations. The brethren were once more called to order and saluted Wy Bro Daniel Unthank, DPGSR, with five and were thanked by Wy Bro Daniel who greeted everyone well.

To round off the salutations all those below the rank of Right Worthy Brother rose and saluted Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers of other Provinces and other Right Worthy Brethren, including Right Worthy Brother Noel Alfred Brian Grout, Grand Chancellor, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Kent.

With the Provincial Arch of Steel acting as the Remembrance Party and guarding the Ezel, Wy Bro Daniel Unthank remembered those brethren of the Province who had been called into the care of the Almighty Friend of All Friends

Wy.Bro. Alexander Joseph Gillespie	Wy.Bro. Frank Lucas Powell
Bro. Colin Francis Smith	Wy.Bro. Ralph Richard Smithers
Wy.Bro. Robert James Howlett	Wy.Bro. John Richard Pomfret
Wy.Bro. Roy Alan Warman	

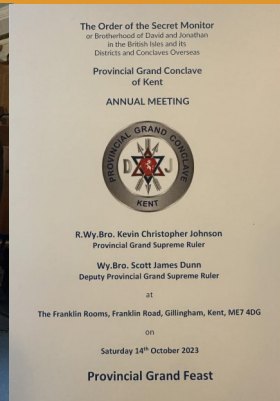
The Provincial Grand Chaplain, Wy Bro Howard Pashley, delivered a moving prayer to those dear departed Brethren.



The Provincial Grand Supreme ruler then rose and welcomed our distinguished guest and visitors, some of whom had travelled great distances to be with us on our special day. Having introduced them and shared a moment or two of banter with them the brethren of the Province of Kent welcomed them all with hearty applause.

The Provincial Grand Recorder in his last act in that role called the roll of Provincial Officers the majority of whom were present. He then called the Roll of Conclaves within the Province of Kent. All conclaves were well and worthily represented by members of those conclaves. The PGSR thanked the brethren for representing their Conclaves in such good numbers.

Having thanked Wy Bro Dan Unthank for his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province, R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson then proceeded to install Wy Bro Scott Dunn as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler (you might even see the flicker of a smile).



The PGSR then invested the Officers of the Year and addressed Provincial Grand Conclave in his inimitable fashion both of which we will cover in a future edition of The Scarlet Arrow. Provincial Grand Conclave was closed and the brethren dined together in peace and harmony on a menu drawing inspiration from the traditional meals and celebrations of the New Moon Feasts which directly relate to the tale of David and Jonathan.

OSM and OSC Represented at Province of Kent

Mark Master Masons AGM

R Wy Brother Kevin Johnson and Rt. Dist. Comp. Philip Clare represented the Province of Kent OSM and Scarlet Cord as the heads of their respective orders at the Kent Mark provincial Meeting at Detling on 30 September.

A very enjoyable day was had by all the representatives of our Orders and a number of our brethren were invested with active rank including Phil Clare as Provincial Grand Charity Steward, our DPGSR Scott Dunn and Trevor Champ as ProvAGDCs, Paul King as ProvGSD and Terry Hall as ProvGStwd.



New PGSR for Essex

The 8th October and a quick trip through the Dartford Tunnel to Southend to support Wy.Bro. Paul Fell being installed as PGSR for Essex.



Great to see so many friends, not only from Essex but around the country, attending to witness Paul's installation.



OSM and SC Consecrations

Another day of masonic journeys as a number of the Kent brethren and companions travelled to Arnold House, Rugby for the consecration of the OSM Sagittarii Britannic Conclave No 634 and Scarlet Cord Invictus Consistory No 149.

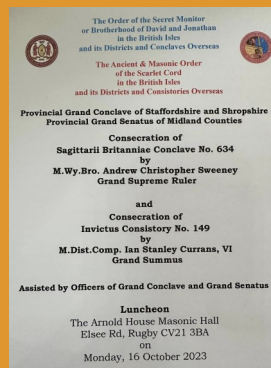


A number of Kent brethren and companions assisted the M Wy Grand Supreme Ruler and the M Dist Grand Summus in birthing these two new units

Scarlet Cord Midland Counties Provincial Meeting

Four go mad in traffic! The Provincial Grand Summus, Phil Clare and his Deputy, Jim Trevillion had planned a trip to the Midland Counties Provincial meeting only to get caught up in that Great Car Park—the M25!

Having made just 30 miles in over two hours our intrepid Companions turned around and made their way back to Kent.



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Kent at East Midlands Provincial Senatus

R Wy Brother Kevin Johnson and Rt. Dist. Comp. Philip Clare and Provincial Grand Secretary, Dist Comp Scott Dunn represented the



Province of Kent Scarlet Cord at Belper in Derbyshire for the Provincial Meeting of East Midlands where R Dist Comp Peter Harley Brown presided.



A fantastic centre full of charm which filled quickly with Companions from around the country.

Man of Kent Consistory

It was a busy night at Man of Kent Consistory starting with an official visit from the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare accompanied by his Deputy and Assistant and not forgetting his hard working Prov Secretary, Scott Dunn.



Then the Consistory got to work with a candidate taking his 1st Grade,



no less than 5 Companions taking their 3rd Grade and the presentation of 5 Preparation Certificates.



OSM Maeides Stana Conclave

Following the Man of Kent Consistory (above right) Wy Bro Scott Dunn made his very first outing as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Kent in the Order of the Secret Monitor at



Maeides Stana Conclave in Sittingbourne. The work started with the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Sullivan, giving a Shakespearian performance as Bros Hill and Cook took their Princes Degree. Following the drama of the Princes Degree, the DPGSR presented Wy.Bro. Ian

with his SRs Certificate and we all listened intently as applications for two new members were read out.

Maeides Stana is another strong unit in Kent benefiting from our Recruitment and Retention initiative.

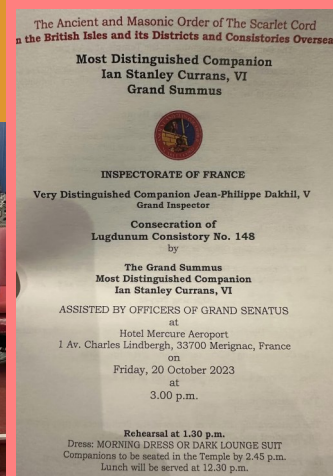


Scarlet Cord en Bordeaux



A good number of Companions, Officers of Grand Senatus, from the Province of Kent assisted the M Dist Grand Summus, Ian Currans in consecrating

four new Consistories in Bordeaux in France over two days in October.



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