



THE SCARLET ARROW

OSM AND SCARLET CORD NEWSLETTER FOR THE PROVINCE OF KENT



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Dear Brethren & Companions

Welcome to the second edition of the Scarlet Arrow, which is the combined newsletter of the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Order of the Scarlet Cord.

The first edition has been well received throughout the province and we are looking to expanding on this in coming editions. Kevin did the forward for the first edition, so, being the daughter Order it falls to me to introduce the second issue. There is a certain irony here as the ritual and history for the Scarlet Cord are older than the Order of the Secret Monitor!!

The history of the Scarlet Cord is interesting, it was founded to be the OSM Benevolent Fund 'degrees'. Originally membership was restricted to a handful of senior OSM members who paid a 'donation' to the Fund. The Order went into abeyance in the 1920's. The late Grand Supreme Ruler, Peter Glyn Williams, gave a talk on the order and such was the interest that it was revived in 2007 where a number of Scarlet Cord Conclaves were formed under the OSM banner.



On the 21st July 2010 the inaugural meeting of the Grand Senatus was held at Freemasons Hall and these Conclaves then transferred to Consistories when the Scarlet Cord became its own Sovereign Order. Many people were instrumental in reviving the order, our current Grand Summus spearheaded rewriting some of the ritual, but the learning behind the first three grades remains the same, Faith, Hope and Charity. Much has happened since then, Kent still has 3 Consistories and all are doing well. It is heartening to visit them to see the expansion, joy and friendship within the Consistories. It is still the fastest expanding order governed by Mark Masons' Hall and I have recently discovered that it has almost as many members now as the Allied Masonic Degrees'

On a personal note and to make you all aware in a few weeks time I'm going into hospital to have my 'good' knee replaced. I had the other one done seven years ago. I plan to be back on my bike after recovery and I am looking forward to next year, all being well, where I shall cycle some sponsored events for three charities: OSM Benevolent Fund; Kent Mark Benevolent Fund (I'm the Provincial Grand Charity Steward in Mark) and the London Air Ambulance appeal (I'm on the Met Grand Charity Team). If anyone wants to join me on these ventures you are more than welcome.

I am extremely lucky in having a good team around me to help and support me in my role as Provincial Grand Summus and I thank them all. Enjoy the rest of your summer break and I look forward to seeing you all soon in the various orders we all belong too

Yours Phil

Conclave Meetings

| Date | Conclave | Inst | Location |
|----------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 11/08/23 | Medway Towns | | Chatham |
| 13/9/23 | Paddock Wood | Yes | Chatham |
| 19/10/23 | Skilled Archer | Yes | Margate |
| 25/10/23 | Maeides Stana | | Sittingbourne |
| 2/11/23 | Golden Arrow | | Ashford |
| 4/11/23 | Temple Builders | | Sidcup |

Consistory Meetings

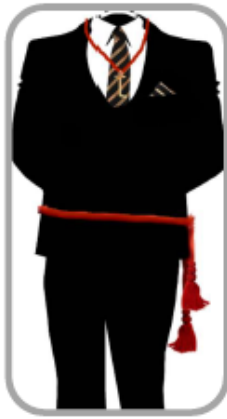
| Date | Consistory | Inst | Location |
|----------|----------------------------|------|---------------|
| 25/08/23 | Kent Consistory | Yes | Chatham |
| 25/10/23 | Man of Kent Consistory | | Sittingbourne |
| 28/10/23 | The Kentish Man Consistory | | Welling |
| 17/11/23 | Kent Consistory | | Chatham |

A handy guide to the Regalia of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

For the information of those existing Companions of the Order and to give those Brethren in the OSM who are not yet members of the Scarlet Cord a small taste of what they can expect to see when they join the Scarlet Cord. For more information please contact [The Provincial Grand Secretary](#) who would be delighted to assist you in your Masonic journey!



ANCIENT AND MASONIC ORDER OF THE SCARLET CORD Regalia Quick Reference Guide



1st Grade

Cord worn around waist with tassels on left hip. Ancient key suspended around neck.



2nd Grade

Cord worn around waist with tassels on right hip. Miniature scroll suspended around neck.



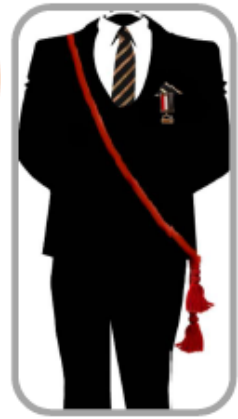
3rd Grade

Cord worn on left shoulder with tassels on right hip. The breast jewel should also be worn in the O.S.M. to the left of the Princes jewel.



President

Presidents and Past Presidents wear an anointing horn on the ribbon of their 3rd Grade breast jewel.



4th Grade

Cord worn on right shoulder with tassels on left hip. The breast jewel should also be worn in the O.S.M.



Provincial Officer*

Provincial sashes are worn over the top of the cord. The collarette is worn under the shirt collar.



4th Grade & Provincial

The 4th Grade cord is still worn under any Provincial sash as is the breast jewel.



Grand Officer*

Grand Officers do not wear cords but do wear the breast jewel indicating their Grade.



Inauguration jewel

If owned, should be worn to the left of the 3rd or 4th Grade jewel.



5th / 6th Grade

The star of the Grade is worn even with a chain, and under any robe of office as well as in the O.S.M.



Dep. & Asst. Prov. G. Summus

if also Grand Officers, will usually wear their red regalia *unless* in their own Province *and* acting in their Provincial capacity, in which case they wear their yellow regalia.

Regalia in the Consistory

- Companions wear the regalia of their highest rank, with the exception of the President of a Consistory who wears the President's sash in place of his own.
- The collar or chain of President and Primus is worn over any sash.
- Only one sash is to be worn at once, including during investiture of officers.
- Apart from the President, Consistory sashes are only worn if the officer holds no other rank.

✕ **Tzaddikim** wear their collarette at all times, even at the Festive Board, but should only wear their sash of office and carry a sword when acting in the discharge of their duties as Tzaddikim. They continue to wear the jewel of their Grade, and when not on duty wear their cord.

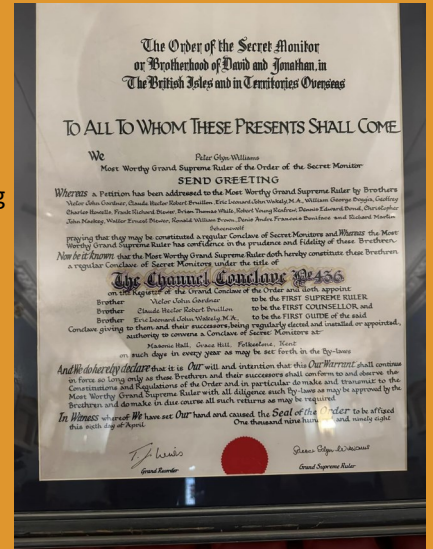


OSM Channel Conclave No. 463 Closes



A very sad meeting at Deal Masonic Centre on 3rd July 2023 where Provincial Grand Recorder, Wy Bro Scott Dunn, represented the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler to receive the Warrant from Channel Conclave No 436 following the members decision to close.

The Conclave have struggled for a number of years and had only seven subscribing members when the difficult decision was taken to surrender the Warrant. All seven members were in attendance and are shown in the picture on the left.



The good news is all seven members have found new homes in neighbouring Conclaves that are performing well and should offer them a much more complete Secret Monitor experience.

Wy Bro Peter Preidel assisted by his Officers performed the sad duty and passed the Warrant to Wy Bro Scott Dunn.





A good number of Kent OSM members and Provincial Officers attended to wish



the members of Channel Conclave well, to support Wy Bro Dunn in this most sad duty and to celebrate with the members of Channel Conclave one last time.

We all look forward to seeing them in their new Conclaves. Following the meeting the brethren dined together in peace, love and unity.

Forthcoming Events OSM and Scarlet Cord

| Date/Time | Title | Description | Location |
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| 20/8/23 12:30 | The Big Sunday Lunch | Returning after his successful appearance last year, West-End Star Chris Till will once again sing and entertain us before, during and after lunch. Everyone welcome! Where else can you get a 3 course Sunday Carvery plus your first drink for £28.00 AND be entertained by a West End Star please contact scott_dunn@hotmail.co.uk to book your places | Gillingham  |
| 29/9/23 19:30 | Friday Night Live | Benidorm Tom will be belting out all of the Welsh crooner's best hits and shaking his hips for the girls whilst we all enjoy a fish and chip supper. Benidorm Tom is that good that you could easily mistake him for the real Tom Jones - check him out online on Facebook or search for Benidorm Tom | Gillingham  |
| 14/10/23 11:00 | Kent Provincial Grand Conclave | Join us in supporting our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson, as he enters his 3rd year leading The Province of Kent. Kevin will install the new Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy Bro Scott Dunn, and the new and continuing Provincial Officers. After the meeting a lunch will be served which if last year's is anything to go by will be fantastic! | Gillingham  |
| 10/12/23 10:00 | Sunday with Santa | Bring the "little-uns" to meet the big guy. There will be lots of entertainment, fun and games and a few prezzies too! | Gillingham  |

OSC Man of Kent Consistory No 36TI

An excellent evening at Man of Kent Consistory No.36TI on the 4th July, with 5 Companions taking their 2nd Grade.



An official visit by the Provincial Grand Summus, Phil Clare, accompanied by the DPGS, Jim Trevillion, and the APGS, Kevin Bampton, with a retinue of Provincial Officers and our gallant Provincial

Secretary, Dist.Comp. Scott Dunn acting as Provincial GDC

With forms for 3 more candidates for the next meeting, Man of Kent is a shining star within this Scarlet Cord Province of Kent.

OSM Worcestershire Provincial Meeting

Another away day representing the Province of Kent at the Provincial Grand Conclave of Worcestershire



Pictured R Wy Bro Peter Wise, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R WY Bro Kevin Johnson, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Provincial Grand Recorder, Wy Bro Scott Dunn

OSM Away Day to Beds, Cambs and Herts

An OSM away day representing the Province of Kent at the Provincial Grand Conclave of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire



Pictured with Provincial Grand Recorder, Wy Bro Scott Dunn, are the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, DPGSR and the Provincial DC and ADC of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.

OSC Surrey Provincial Meeting

Surrey Scarlet Cord Provincial Meeting at Surbiton Masonic Hall on 20th July.

Provincial Grand Summus, R Dist. Comp Phil Clare and Dist. Comp Scott Dunn represented Kent at the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey.



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OSM Provincial Grand Officers Designate 2023/24

At Gillingham Masonic Centre on Saturday the 14th October 2023 the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent will be held and I am delighted to communicate that R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson will begin his third year as our much loved Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

R Wy Bro Kevin will invest the following Brethren with Active Provincial Grand Rank

| | | |
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| Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler | Wy Bro Scott Dunn | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Provincial Grand Chancellor | Wy Bro David Jordan | Medway Towns |
| Provincial Grand Counsellor | Wy Bro Alan Cook | Temple Builders |
| Provincial Grand Guide | Wy Bro Robin Gurney | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Provincial Grand Chaplain | Wy Bro Howard Pashley | Skilled Archer |
| Provincial Grand Treasurer | Wy Bro David Barden | Maeides Stana |
| Provincial Grand Registrar | Wy Bro Matthew Pook | Skilled Archer |
| Provincial Grand Recorder | Wy Bro Paul King | Maeides Stana |
| Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies | Wy Bro Michael Bull | Eric Norman Le Fre |
| Provincial Grand Almoner | Wy Bro John Norton-Doyle | Temple Builders |
| Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies | Wy Bro Paul Hutchinson | Temple Builders |
| Provincial Grand Visitor | Wy Bro Robert Hadlow | Golden Arrow |
| Provincial Grand Visitor | Wy Bro Derek Wilkins | Golden Arrow |
| Provincial Grand Visitor | Wy Bro Mark Woolcott | Knole |
| Provincial Grand Visitor | Wy Bro David Bondy | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Provincial Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies | Wy Bro Stephen Hugkulstone | Eric Norman Le Fre |
| Provincial Grand Sword Bearer | Wy Bro Oswald Hall | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Provincial Grand Standard Bearer | Wy Bro Noel Young | Knole |
| Provincial Grand Bow Bearer | Wy Bro David Green | Knole |
| Provincial Asst. Grand Recorder | Wy Bro Ian Sullivan | Maeides Stana |
| Provincial Grand Organist | Bro Glyn Harvey | Temple Builders |
| Provincial Grand Guarder | Wy Bro William Pennell | Maeides Stana |
| Provincial Grand Steward | Wy Bro John Wood | Medway Towns |
| Provincial Grand Steward | Wy Bro Barry Ball | Golden Arrow |
| Provincial Grand Steward | Wy Bro Leslie Smith | Temple Builders |
| Provincial Grand Steward | Wy Bro Michael Roberts | Maeides Stana |
| Provincial Grand Sentinel | Wy Bro Antony Maslin | Temple Builders |

R Wy Bro Kevin will invest the following Brethren with Past Provincial Grand Rank

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer | Wy Bro Danny Philips | Paddock Wood |
| Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer | Wy Bro Nicholas Blackwell | Paddock Wood |
| Past Provincial Grand Bow Bearer | Wy Bro David Snow | Paddock Wood |
| Past Provincial Grand Bow Bearer | Wy Bro Bernard Wiles | Maeides Stana |

Provincial Arch of Steel

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Commander | Wy Bro Pip Nevell | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Deputy Commander | Wy Bro Nick Coletta | Eric Norman Le Fre |
| Registrar | Bro Colin Smith | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| Members | Bro Peter Laker | Skilled Archer |
| | Bro Peter Preidel | Skilled Archer |
| | Bro Lee Curtis | Temple Builders |
| | Bro Pierre Ambrody | Skilled Archer |
| | Bro Michael Gent | Temple Builders |
| | Bro Steve Hyland | Invicta Pride of Kent |
| | Bro Trevor Champ | Paddock Wood |
| | Bro Paul Nolan | Maeides Stana |

I am certain that you would like to come along and support our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and all of the members of the Province of Kent who are being honoured with active, past or Arch of Steel ranks. Please contact the [Provincial Grand Recorder](#) or the [Provincial Communications Team](#) to book you and your Brethren in for what promises to be a fantastic day for the Province of Kent.

OSC Be Prepared, Kent Consistory No 36TI Breakfast Meeting

Another early start and a trip to the Chatham District Masonic Hall in Manor Road Chatham. The first meeting at 8:15am was Kent



Consistory Scarlet Cord for no less than 7 companions taking the preparation ceremony.

There followed a delightful full English breakfast of a standard unrivalled in Kent masonry, our thanks to Ian and the team for a splendid repast.

The Kent Consistory received a full Provincial Team visit as R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare carried out the Ceremony of Preparation for 7 candidates. Additionally a joining member was received, details of a candidate for the next meeting were read out and over 40 Companions tucked into breakfast.

Following the record number of candidates received last year, the unit, (like the Province), goes from strength to strength.

A Brief History of the Scarlet Cord

The current Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord is based on an earlier Order, The Royal Order of Knights of the Scarlet Cord, developed in the British Isles in 1889, which was itself derived from 18th Century documents from the Amsterdam Masonic archives.

The rituals and ceremonies were rewritten and enriched by His Honour Judge Fredrick Adolphus Philbrick, KC, and were performed as appendant grades to the Order of the Secret Monitor. The rituals of the Order are taken from Old Testament times, commencing at the period of Joshua, the fall of Jericho and the story of Rahab. The main purpose was to raise considerable sums of money for the Secret Monitor Benevolent Fund, which still plays a significant role in Masonic welfare provision today. The Order ceased working in 1929.

A paper on the original Order written and delivered in 2001 by Peter Glyn Williams, the then Grand Supreme Ruler of the Secret Monitor, stimulated interest in the long-forgotten rituals. In 2006 a Secret Monitor Conclave was Consecrated with the sole purpose of reviving the old Order and conferring updated versions of the original six grades, some of which only remained in fragmented form. A huge appetite for the grades among Secret Monitors led to the Order being inaugurated as a separate Sovereign body in a magnificent ceremony in the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall on 21 July 2010.

The First, Second and Third Grade Jewels of the Order



The OSM Benevolent Fund

by R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

Dear Brother Secret Monitors.

Last summer I spent a very enjoyable afternoon with Ron Jakes (which is not a sentence I ever saw myself writing) but on this occasion we were at Detling showground presenting a cheque for £2,000 to the Kent Association for the Blind to assist with running "Iris" their mobile sight unit.



We were able to donate such a substantial sum because of the £1,000 match funding from the OSM Benevolent Fund. The OSMBF was set up in December 1899 with a starting credit of 17 guineas with the aim, like most funds of its kind, to provide assistance to individual members in times of need. However, it also provides annual match funding of £1,000 per province for local registered charities.

No application has been made from Kent this year which is of course a missed opportunity to help support charities in our local communities and the reason for this is simply that too few people are aware of the OSMBF, what it does, and that this money is readily available. Indeed, at the recent PGSRs conference in London the M Wy Grand

Supreme Ruler himself raised this subject as the fund across the country as a whole isn't being utilised and money that could be used for good purposes is just sitting in the bank.

Therefore, brethren, if there's a local charity (it needs to be a registered charity) that you are trying to raise support for, if you're doing a marathon, fun run, parachute jump or any other activity then let the province know and we will support you as best we can. We also have a benevolent account which will be happy to consider any requests and of course we will happily petition the OSMBF for match funding.

There's money for good purposes just sitting idle in a bank account, let's do some good with it in Kent.

Yours,

Kevin Johnson

For more information please contact the Provincial Grand Almoner, Wy Bro. John McGriger Norton-Doyle by [email](#) or contact the [Provincial Comms Team](#) and they will put you in touch with the relevant people.

Inaugural OSM and Scarlet Cord Provincial Mess

An early morning trip to the Chatham District Masonic Hall in Manor Road Chatham in June where the first Kent OSM and Scarlet Cord



Provincial Mess was held. Brethren and Companions enjoyed a fabulous breakfast and were entertained by the musings of our speaker Stratton Richey, a former BA747 Captain who is a well known aviation 'character' being the voice of the Farnborough Air Show for over 40 years. Stratton is also a volunteer with the London Air Ambulance, Chairman of the London Freemasons' Charity and a former leader within Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

After his talk Wy Brother Scott Dunn, Provincial Grand Recorder was delighted to present Stratton with a cheque for £300 to the London Air Ambulance appeal on behalf of the OSM and Scarlet Cord Provinces of Kent. Which was hastily passed to Wy Bro Paul King the Metropolitan Grand Charity Steward



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Dear Worthy Brother Dunn

On behalf of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London please pass on my and their most sincere thanks to the brethren and companions of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent in the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Provincial Grand Senatus of Kent in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord for their most generous donation to London's Air Ambulance appeal. Please do bring this donation to the attention of your members and thank them for their help in this very important appeal.

The London Freemasons' 2023 Appeal in support of London's Air Ambulance is our latest charity appeal in support of the London Community. The appeal is the latest step in our objective to support the London community and help make London a safer place to live and work. It follows successive appeals to purchase a state of the art Cyberknife for Bart's Hospital, five rapid responder cars for the London Ambulance Service, the previous two million pounds donation to fund London's badly needed second Air Ambulance and the Metropolitan Masonic Charity London Fire Brigade Appeal which purchased two extended height aerial vehicles which have helped better equip the busiest fire and rescue service in the country.

Once again, my sincere thanks to you and all the members of these two wonderful and generous Orders.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Paul King
Metropolitan Grand Charity Steward

OSM The Kent Eight welcome the new PGSR for the Province of Norfolk

Following the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson's encouragement that members of the Province of Kent support other provinces, an early morning trip under the Thames and up to the Wensum Valley Golf Club near Norwich in the county of Norfolk saw the PGSR accompanied by no less than seven Kent Secret Monitors. A brilliant turn out to see the Grand Supreme Ruler, Most Worthy Brother Andrew Sweeney install Right Worthy Bro Stuart Offord as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Norfolk.



A delightful ceremony was witnessed by the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, R Wy Bro Keith Ferguson and a good representation from the Grand Team as well as a fine body of Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers and Provincial Officers and the very well represented Conclaves of Norfolk. The Grand Arch of Steel were present and performed their duties to the expected high standard.



R Wy Bro Noel Grout was attending in his capacity as Grand Chancellor along with Wy Bro Paul King as Grand Standard Bearer and Wy Bro Scott Dunn as Grand Steward.

The Province of Kent was also represented by R Wy Bro Kevin Johnson, Wy Bro David Jordan, Wy Bro Kevin Bampton, Wy Bro Ian Sullivan and Bro Peter Laker.

A very successful response to the call to arms by R Wy Bro Kevin and a new "away day" record for the

Province of Kent. Future trips to other Provinces will be circulated by the Provincial Communications team so that everyone can join in visiting outside of our Province.



A delightful lunch followed the ceremony attended by in excess of 120 Brother Monitors and then back down the A11 to the Garden of England. A Grand Day out to be repeated at future Provincial Meetings



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