



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 third edition of the new Scarlet Arrow.

It's that time of year where the provincial administration team and the provincial Directors of Ceremonies team are busy making the final arrangements for our annual provincial meeting which is at 11am on the 14th October at The Gillingham Masonic Centre

It's an occasion where we, as a Province, get together to enjoy each other's company and to remember those brethren whom we have lost since we last met.

It's also an occasion to celebrate with those brethren receiving provincial honours, not only as a demonstration of our gratitude for the commitment they have given to their conclaves, but also in expectation that they will continue their invaluable contributions to this very special Order. I congratulate them all and look forward to investing them in October.

This will be the fourth time I've had the privilege of presiding over our annual meeting (my first being in 2020 via Zoom as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in charge) but, due to unforeseen changes in my life it will, regrettably, be my last.

It's a great honour to serve this province likewise a great sadness that I shall be relinquishing that service earlier than I would wish. Therefore I hope to see as many of you at Gillingham on the 14th as possible to have a chat, perchance a drink, and to behold how good and joyful thing it is brethren to dwell together in unity.

Yours in love and friendship.

Kevin



Conclave Meetings			
Date	Conclave	Inst	Location
19/10/23	Skilled Archer	Yes	Margate
25/10/23	Maeides Stana		Sittingbourne
2/11/23	Golden Arrow		Ashford
13/11/23	Knole		Bromley
17/11/23	Medway Towns		Chatham
13/12/23	Invicta Pride of Kent	Yes	Gillingham

Consistory Meetings			
Date	Consistory	Inst	Location
25/10/23	Man of Kent Consistory		Sittingbourne
28/10/23	The Kentish Man Consistory		Welling
17/11/23	Kent Consistory		Chatham

Annual Kent OSM & Scarlet Cord Sunday Lunch



Over 60 Brethren and Companions with their families came together for the Annual Kent OSM & Scarlet Cord Sunday Lunch on the 20th August at the Franklin Rooms, Gillingham.

A stunning 3 course Carvery with entertainment provided by West-End and TV Star Chris Till, made for a wonderful afternoon.



To cap off the day, £475.00 was raised for the OSM Kent Benevolent Fund.

Many thanks to Pip and Lin Nevell for assisting by acting as Master of Ceremonies and running the raffles.



Forthcoming Events OSM and Scarlet Cord

Date/Time	Title	Description	Location
7/10/23 11:00	Installation of new PGSR for Essex	Join the PGSR and the active Grand Officers of Kent in supporting the M Wy Grand Supreme Ruler, Andrew C Sweeney as he installs the new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Essex, R. Wy. Bro. Paul Frederick Fell. The conclave will be held at The Southend Masonic Centre, Saxon Hall, Aviation Way, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6UN and is followed by luncheon. If you would like to join us please book in using the details in the summons here and once booked in please email the Comms Team to let us know you are going.	The Southend Masonic Centre Saxon Hall Aviation Way, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6UN
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
16/10/23 11:00	Consecration of Sagittarii Britanniae Conclave No. 634 and Invictus Consistory No. 149	An opportunity to see the consecration of a new OSM Conclave by the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler, Andrew Sweeney and his team and the consecration of a new Scarlet Cord consistory by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus, Ian Currans. Join the PGSR and the active Grand Officers of Kent in supporting this unique event which will be held at The Arnold House Masonic Hall, Elsee Rd, Rugby, CV21 3BA and is followed by luncheon. If you would like to join us please book in using the details in the summons here and once booked in please email the Comms Team to let us know you are going.	Rugby
28/10/23 11:00	Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave of Hampshire and Isle of Wight	Join the PGSR and the active Grand Officers of Kent in supporting the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, R.Wy.Bro Richard Charles William Batchelor. The conclave will be held at Botley Masonic Centre, Brook House, Brook Lane, Botley, Southampton, Hampshire. SO30 2ER and is followed by luncheon. If you would like to join us please book in using the details in the summons here and once booked in please email the Comms Team to let us know you are going.	Hampshire
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

OSM and OSC Joint Meeting

The 26th August at Manor Road, Chatham and a fantastic night at the conjoined Medway Towns OSM Conclave and Kent OSC Consistory August meeting Companions taking their 2nd Grade.



In Kent Consistory Dist.Comp. David Jordan installed Em.Comp. David Lucas as President and a Certificate was presented by the Dep.PGS Dist.Comp James Trevillion.

At the OSM, Wy Bro Scott Dunn gave a talk on the Scarlet Cord and presented a Supreme Rulers Certificate and Members Certificate on behalf of the PGSR.

The highlight of the evening was the Festive Board which was out of this world...



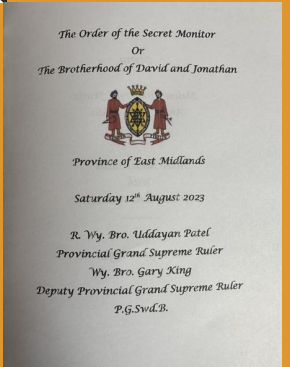
Annual Meeting of East Midlands OSM

An OSM away day representing the Province of Kent at the Provincial Grand Conclave of East Midlands on the 12th August



Pictured from left to right Peter Wise, Kevin Johnson, David Jordan and Scott Dunn

Below the PGSR and DPGSR of the Province of East Midlands



OSM Paddock Wood Conclave

To Manor Road on Wednesday 13th September for the Installation meeting of Paddock Wood Conclave which saw Wy Bro Alan Gillespie continue as Supreme Ruler for a further year. Following a successful meeting the subsequent White Table festive board had more than 20 guests join for a delightful meal as has become expected of the fantastic catering of Ian and the team at Manor Road.

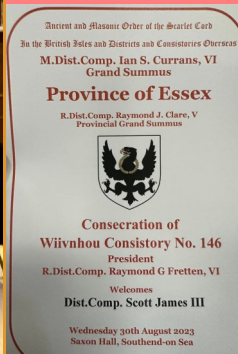


OSC Consecration Essex



A wonderful day on the 31st August venturing through the tunnel into Essex for the consecration of the Wiivnhou Consistory No.146 in the Scarlet Cord.

The Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian Currens presided accompanied by a goodly number of Grand Officers and escorted by the Grand Tzaddikim many of whom are from our own Province of Kent.



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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

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

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

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.

Provincial Grand Conclave of London and Middlesex



15 September and a trip to London to visit, London Zoo? Buckingham Palace. No of course not, this was a delightful day at Mark Masons Hall for the Provincial Grand Conclave of London and Middlesex. Reconstituted in 2023, combining the Provinces of London and Middlesex

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Cliff Sturt has done a fantastic job bringing these two Provinces together and maintaining the wonderful harmony both Provinces enjoyed.



To make the day even more special our very own Provincial Recorder, Worthy Brother Scott Dunn was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Counsellor of the new Province.

Right Worthy Brother Kevin Johnson was in attendance with Worthy Brother Terry Hall



Friday Night Live at the Franklin Rooms

Something not often seen in Gillingham is the perennial Las Vegas megastar Tom Jones.



But on Saturday the 30th September for one night only our Provincial Grand Recorder had organised just that!

Well almost... Worthy Brother Scott Dunn organised an evening of magic which saw over fifty Brethren, Companions, family and friends come together to enjoy 'Benidorm Tom' in the first Kent OSM & Scarlet Cord Friday Night Live event.

'Tom' put on a 70 minute show of all the Welsh Crooner's best hits and had everybody singing and dancing along.

To top it all, another £250.00 was raised for the Kent OSM Benevolent Fund and the Provincial Grand Summus, Right Distinguished Companion Phil Clare, despite his recent surgery hobbled along

to the event and was delighted to receive the cheque from Tom.

The popularity of the videos of the event on Facebook have ensured this type of event will be repeated in the future in our Province. Look at for flyers from the Comms Team!



OSM The Provincial Arch of Steel



Becoming a member of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel presents a great opportunity for members below the chair to get around the Province and meet new friends in the Order. There is nothing quite like turning out in your distinctive regalia and sword to accompany the Rulers as they perform their duties and visit Conclaves.

Applications to become a member of the PGSR's Arch of Steel are now being accepted from members of the Province who have not yet attained Provincial Rank if you or a Brother known to you would like to the next step in OSM Masonry.

Membership of the PGSR's Arch of Steel is limited and as such

it is an honour to be selected. Being a member gives an excellent insight into the workings of Provincial Meetings and Visits providing a firm grounding for future promotion to Provincial Office and beyond.

Candidates should ideally be at least 2 or more years away from the Office of Supreme Ruler to really enjoy not only the position but also the camaraderie of the members of the Arch; that said, applications from those in higher Conclave offices will be considered. To give you some insight, the PGSR's Arch of Steel is called out for the Provincial Meeting, (this year on 14th October) and accompanying the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler on his official visits across Kent, (although we do try to keep you local to where you live).



There is clearly a time and travel commitment as there will be around 4 'Official' visits a year across Kent. Members are required to cover the cost of their own dining when attending meetings, however there is no commitment to dine other than at the Provincial Meeting. There is NO requirement to purchase a sword or sash as these will be supplied by the Province, however you will need to purchase an Arch of Steel Collarette which becomes yours for life and can be worn at dining throughout your OSM membership even after you leave the Arch of Steel. Finally, becoming a member of the Arch of Steel allows you to join the prestigious 'Invicta Pride of Kent Conclave' which is reserved for past and present members of the Arch of Steel and has the honour of parading their banner



into Provincial Grand Conclave each year.



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