The Scarlet Arrow

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Dear Brother Secret Monitors and Companions of the Scarlet Cord

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Scarlet Arrow which concludes our retrospective of the first half of 2024.

Wy Bro Ian Sullivan has once again produced a marvellous edition of our Provincial Magazine that has both enlightened me but more importantly, brought a smile to my face.

It may interest you to know that of our nine Conclaves in Kent, six are at their highest membership since this time in 2019, and during the same time our three Scarlet Cord Consistories are all at their highest level of membership since this time in 2019 too.

There has been much work going on behind the scenes on the administrative side, notably in speaking with all Secretaries to update the details of our Province and Conclaves for the Kent Red Book which details all orders beyond Craft and Chapter in Kent and sending out the offer letters for Provincial honours, which should now be with those called to higher Office.

In the next edition at the start of September, Wy Bro Ian will be detailing some of the highlights of the summer covering the fun and games at the Hog Roast and everything else that has been happening in July and August, along with further details about the Provincial Meeting at Freemason's Hall on the 12th October, but a little more of that on the next page, including a request for initial expressions of attendance so that we may better prepare ourselves for this unique occasion.

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

Wy Bro Scott Dunn

Conclave Meetings

Date	Conclave	Inst	Location
23/08/24	Medway Towns Conclave		Chatham
31/08/24	Temple Builders Conclave		Sidcup
11/09/24	Paddock Wood Conclave	Yes	Chatham
17/10/24	The Skilled Archer Conclave	Yes	Margate
23/10/24	Maeides Stana Conclave		Sittingbourne

Consistory Meetings

Date	Consistory	Inst	Location
23/08/24	Kent Consistory	Yes	Chatham
23/10/24	Man of Kent Consistory		Sittingbourne
26/10/24	The Kentish Man Consistory		Welling
15/11/24	Kent Consistory		Chatham

Saturday 12th October 2024 — Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent Annual Meeting

A message from our Provincial Grand Recorder, Wy. Bro. Paul King

On the 12th October 2024 for the first time in its 38 year history, the Order of the Secret Monitor Province of Kent will, **for one time only**, hold its Provincial Meeting outside of the Province.

Even more special is that this is the first ever OSM meeting in the Order's history to be held in the magnificent Temple 10 at Freemasons' Hall, London (also known as the Egyptian Temple).

Following the meeting, a champagne reception will precede lunch which will be held in the magnificent Gallery Suite in Freemasons' Hall surrounded by portraits of past Grand Masters and other prominent Freemasons.

The special price of lunch £25.00 per person including reception and wine and whilst the final menu is being finalised, rest assured this will be premium dining as is befitting our location within the home of English Freemasonry and all those attending.

As detailed before, we will be providing a number of coaches from various points in Kent based around numbers attending and I can announce that we have **increased** the train allowance to £15.00 cash on the day for those travelling by train.

Some Brethren have indicated they may drive and are willing to car share. The driver will receive a £15.00 contribution to travel and we are currently investigation if we can arrange parking nearby.

We are restricted to 240 in the temple and 210 dining and with expected demand for this showcase event to be high, we are asking for initial expressions of attendance and/or dining to be emailed to the below:

october24@kentosm.org.uk

Please detail:

- Full Name
- Rank
- If you are attending only or wish to dine
- If you wish to travel by coach
- If you wish to claim the train allowance
- If you are driving and are willing to car share

We will then email you with a link to the formal booking form with menu choices towards the end of August.

Start time is 10:45hrs (seated), lunch 13:30hrs with an aimed finish of 15:30hrs

This offers all Secret Monitors the opportunity to attend a once in a lifetime OSM event at a very special price and the executive sincerely hope that you will attend and take part in the historic event.

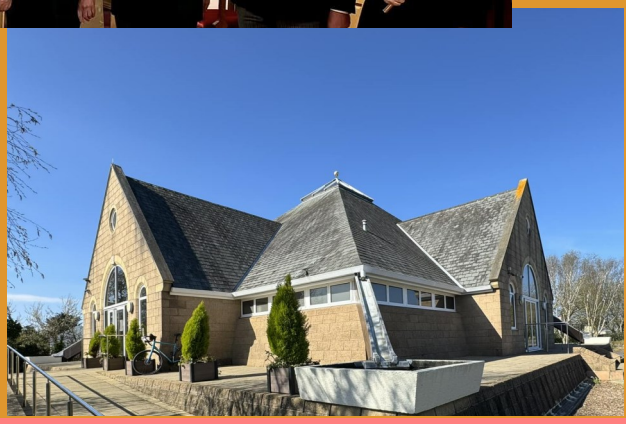
Best wishes,

Paul

21st April — Kent OSM goes International!

A fantastic day representing the Province of Kent at the OSM Province of the Channel Islands Annual Meeting in Guernsey.

Mike and the team put on a great show followed by a very impressive lunch.



28th April 2024 — Kentish Man Consistory

A busy day at Kentish Man Consistory as the PGSR of Kent, Dist.Comp. Kevin Johnson, installed the Past Deputy PGSR, Em.Comp. Daniel Unthank, as President of the Consistory.

Dan is the current Craft GDC of West Kent.

To honour the occasion the PGS, R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare accompanied by his Deputy and Assistant PGS plus the Provincial Recorder, attended the meeting to offer their congratulations.

And to top it all off, two forms for candidates were read out so lots of work for the next meeting

28th April — Eric Norman Le Fre Conclave

A sad day for Kent OSM as R.Wy.Bro. Kevin Johnson carried out his very last official duty as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

Accompanied by a number of Provinicial Officers, R.Wy.Bro Kevin oversaw a fantastic demonstration of the induction ceremony and the reading of a form for a joining member before giving an emotional farewell speech.

The occasion was followed by the usual photo calls with one capturing the past, present and future - R.Wy.Bro Peter Wise as Immediate Past PGSR, R.Wy.Bro Kevin as current and Wy.Bro Scott Dunn as PGSR Designate.

Got a Story? Want to promote a meeting?
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11th May — Warwickshire Provincial Meeting

Another opportunity was taken to visit the lovely Temple at Rugby and experience the very warm welcome that is always extended.

16th May — Consecration of River Thames Consistory

Kent was well represented at the excellent Consecration of the River Thames Consistory 152 at Cole Court Twickenham, carried out by the Most Distinguished Companion Ian Stanley Currans

To quote the Provincial Grand Summus of Surrey, R.Dist.Comp Johnathan Wallis:

"A great day and to say that I am a proud PGS would be an understatement. I was overwhelmed by the support not only from Middlesex but also from our sister Provences as well, what a great birthday present to have given our Grand Summus!"

1st June — North East Provincial Meeting

A 6am start for Wy.Bro Scott Dunn to travel to Gateshead for the Annual meeting of the OSM North East Province.

The meeting was run superbly by R.Wy.Bro. John Watts, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and expertly organised by his team.

This was followed by a really tasty festive board and a raffle for a rather large bottle of whiskey.

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2nd May — Grand Senatus

Another Grand Day out at Grand Senatus, a spectacular event that was a marvel of organisation

Many Hours before the meeting we see The Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Watchman meticulously setting up the temple and ensuring everyone has a seat. So as you take your seats at such events, spare a thought for those who have worked so hard to make it a success

Conferral of 4th Grades were conducted on the day before Grand Senatus, and with 4th and 5th Grades only conferred by the Grand Team, and only obtained if you attend in person, Alan Gillespie had been unable to obtain his 4th due to poor mobility, so to rectify this Scott and Phil Clare paid for a car to take him to Mark Mason's Hall and back so he could take his 4th Grade and celebrate with our very own Kevin Johnson

And where would we be without the opportunity to complete that celebration of our marvellous Order over two days by raising a glass to one and all?

On this occasion we saw 186 sit to dine, just 10 or so shy of the maximum capacity at Mark Mason's Hall

But a day would not be complete without the obligatory Kent photo with the smiles hinting at how great an Order this is and how much fun we have when we come together

12th June — Golden Arrow Conclave

An eventful Golden Arrow saw Wy Bro Ian Sullivan parachute in to Install Bro Shaun Ball when Barry Ball was stuck in Spain

And the opportunity was taken for Wy Bro Scott to present Bro Jason his Certificate, always a illuminating oration!

But with a special prize on offer, Wy Bro Scott has commissioned a caption competition to uncover what Wy Bro Ian was say whilst holding "The Stick of Power

12th June — Man of Kent Consistory

But it would be remiss of me to fail to note the presence during both meetings of Our Deputy PGSR and PGS, Wy Bro Scott and his Escorting Officer Terry Hall

With both covering the entire range of emotion their particular brand allows!

The othe half of this double-header saw three Companions receive the 2nd Grade—Comp Don Hepple, Comp Michael Knowles & Comp Keith Wildey

And taking a large part in conducting the Ceremony and also presenting a 3rd Grade Certificate to Comp Ian Sullivan, was the PGS, R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare, accompanied by his Deputy and Assistant PGS

Continuing the caption competition, one wag has already suggested a 'Seven Dwarves' theme...

15th June — North and East Yorkshire Provincial Meeting

'Up North' seems to be becoming a second home to Wy. Bro Scott as he attended the Provincial Meeting of North and East Yorkshire.

A superbly run meeting by R.Wy.Bro. Phillip Ellenor, PGSR, (enriched with his usual wit and charm), followed by a wonderful festive board.

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