



THE SCARLET ARROW

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Dear Brother Secret Monitors and Companions of the Scarlet Cord.

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Scarlet Arrow which sees us looking back to the wonderful summer Hog Roast but also looking forward to the Provincial meeting on 12th October and “A very Dolly Christmas”.

We have been very lucky to secure the International Sensation Kelly O’Brien who is ranked as the No.1 Dolly Parton impersonator AND Peter White the premier Kenny Rogers impersonator for one night only. Be ready for over 2.5hrs of all those hits you can sing along and dance to, along with a light dinner. Venue to be confirmed depending on booking numbers.

Check out Kelly [here](#) and get a preview of Pete [here](#) I'm certain you will want to come along and join us for a fabulous evening. All welcome. To express an interest in joining us please email [here](#).

The summer has been a particularly busy period in the background with the Secretariat primarily focussed on organising the Provincial meeting, including contacting the 34 Provinces and confirming the attendance of:

- 19 Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers
- 11 Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers
- 12 Provincial Grand Recorders
- 53 Provincial Officers
- 120 other Members of the Order



We are now well versed in using Microsoft Forms to organise all of this and trust that the effort put in here will serve our successors in organising future Provincial Meetings.

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

Wy Bro Ian Sullivan

Upcoming Conclave Meetings			
Date	Conclave	Inst	Location
17/10/24	The Skilled Archer Conclave	Yes	Margate
23/10/24	Maeides Stana Conclave		Sittingbourne
26/10/24	Eric Norman Le Fre Conclave		Welling
07/11/24	Golden Arrow Conclave		Ashford
11/11/24	Knole Conclave		Bromley
15/11/24	Medway Towns Conclave		Chatham

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

Saturday 13th July — Provincial Hog Roast

The first Annual Provincial Hog Roast was a great success, bringing together Secret Monitors, their families and a good few Master Masons, three of whom are now Candidates with a further three very interested in joining our ranks, after all, where else in Masonry do you get to arm yourself with both sword and bow?



The archery competition brought out the competitors amongst us...



With some questioning the referee, possibly with good reason!

The winner of the caption competition here rightly guessed **"he's not worth it Paul!"**

Although none could come close to Peter Priedel who beat us all into a cocked hat to take the grand prize of a magnum of champagne



But the highlight of the day was the opportunity to surprise R. Wy. Bro Kevin Johnson with this beautifully decorated and mounted Harley Davidson Sportster fuel tank commemorating his retirement as our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



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18th July — Surrey Scarlet Cord Provincial Meeting



R Dist Comp Nigel Thomson the new Provincial Grand Summus for Surrey after being installed in an excellent ceremony by our Grand Summus M. Dist Comp Ian Currans and his team.

The day in Surbiton is always well attended and the usual warm welcome of our Surrey Companions made for a marvellous day out.



Facebook wags offered us the caption choice of “Used Car Salesmen”, through “Used Regalia Salesmen” but our own Lew Finnis gave us the more succinct “Rogues Gallery”!

20th July — Worcestershire OSM Provincial Meeting



A fantastic attendance at the Provincial Grand Conclave of Worcestershire for the installation of the now R.Wy.Bro. Robert Christopher Vaughan as PGSR.



22nd July — Norfolk OSM Provincial Meeting

Provincial Grand Conclave of Norfolk, superbly overseen by the PGSR, Stuart Offord, who was holding his first full meeting following his investiture last year.

Well done to all those appointed and to the Secretariat and Ceremonial Teams



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Friday 23rd August — Medway Towns Conclave , Kent's Fine Dining Conclave



It was a busy night at Medway Towns Conclave as Wy.Bro. Phil Clare stepped in as Supreme Ruler to bring two new Brethren into the Order under the watchful eye of the Dep.PGSR in Charge and afterwards dined on Venison, Black Bream, varying sorbets and 'posh' cheese.

The unit itself is in 'fine' form as they have candidates lined up for the next meeting and a steady stream from a Craft unit the Conclave has been working on, a reminder to us all that fostering relationships with our Craft Units is key to our health as an Order



Friday 23rd August — Kent Consistory, Kent's Fine Dining Consistory



It was installation night at Kent Consistory as Dist.Comp. David Lucas installed the now Dist. Comp. Paul King as President of the Consistory in the presence of the PGS, Phil Clare.

The unit itself is in 'fine' form as they have 4 candidates lined up for the next meeting and more coming through the OSM shortly, thus proving that our plan to link the Conclaves and Consistories is having a very positive effect on Scarlet Cord membership.

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8th to 21st August — An Inducement to go to the East...

The Grand Team, including Wy. Bro Scott as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, travelled to Asia and India for a multitude of Consecrations of both Consistories and an Inspectorate, visiting Bangkok, Kolkata, Chennai, Kottayam, Pune and Lonavala.



The new officers and members of Siam Consistory of Bangkok with the Grand Team on the occasion of their Consecration



Moving on to the District Grand Lodge of Bengal in Kolkata, the Companions of the newly consecrated Uttar Bharat Consistory and those of the Inspectorate of Eastern & Northern India which was consecrated immediately after with V.Dist.Comp Amit Jyoti Sen as Grand Inspector



The Grand Team performed a wonderful 5th Grade ceremony for 15 candidates and an interloper in our own Dist.Comp. Scott Dunn, at Freemasons Hall in Chennai.

The final meetings were held in the oldest masonic temple in Pune, located within the military area of the Province. A busy day as the Team performed a 5th Grade for local companions, Installed a new District Grand Summus, (along with his Deputy and Assistant), finishing with the Grand Summus awarding a number of celebratory Grand Ranks.

A fitting way to finish the tour.



Tuesday 10th September — Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy

Yesterday afternoon I was pleased to attend the Kent Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy with our Provincial Almoner and Charity Coordinator Designate, Pip Nevell.

The purpose of the visit, to present the centre with a cheque for £2000 towards much needed equipment. £1000 from the OSM Brethren of Kent plus £1000 match funded from the OSM Benevolent Fund.



PCIT have used the funds to buy a Transfer Aid and an Emergency Lifting Cushion which was demonstrated to us by two of the voluntary physio assistants.

The centre provides personalised therapy programmes to improve the lives of people with Parkinson's and pioneers new treatments to help people with this condition live better for longer and it was fantastic to hear all about the work they are undertaking during a tour of the centre.

The charity was nominated as a thank you by the OSM Province to our retiring PSGR, Kevin Johnson and his wife Fiona who suffers with the condition.



Following a donation by the OSM, Scott was happy to make a donation on behalf of the Companions of Kent Scarlet Cord of 10 wheelchairs in, you guessed it, RED. In fact the Director of the Centre was so impressed with their 'sporty' look he tried taking one for a test drive.



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31st August — East Scotland OSM Provincial Meeting

OSM East Scotland Provincial Meeting superbly managed by Martyn Greene and his team



11th September — London & Middlesex OSM Provincial Meeting

A wonderful afternoon and evening at the London & Middlesex Provincial meeting overseen by R.Wy.Bro. Cliff Sturt.

The organisation by the Secretariat under V.Wy.Bro Ray Bodell and the DC team under Wy.Bro. Terry Hall was sensational, especially as a banner dedication was added in halfway through.



The festive board was excellent and the feeling of brotherly love was felt throughout, as could certainly be seen in these photos...



11th September — Staffordshire OSM Provincial Meeting

R.Wy.Bro John Stevens oversaw a great meeting as he installed his new Deputy, Wy.Bro. Ian Bennett who replaces V.Wy.Bro. Graham Holden after a fantastic 9 years of service.



But it is with the last photo of this edition of the Scarlet Arrow that I bring you that most rarest of gems, a smile from Wy.Bro. Scott Dunn

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