

OSM monthly update March 2019

I would like to start by thanking those brethren who attended the meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave at Tapton Hall on Saturday 23 February. The meeting was a great success and I am most grateful for the tremendous support given by members of the Province.

All 13 Conclaves within the Province were represented, and it was a pleasing to see no less than 10 Conclave Supreme Rulers present. There were 122 brethren present, including 12 Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from all parts of the Country.

The whole day ran smoothly, and I have received many complimentary comments from our distinguished visitors on the high quality of the organisation and the ceremonial. This reflects well on the Province and is down to the hard work and preparation undertaken by Wy Bro's Michael Bunce (Recorder), Neil Davies (DC), David Spivey (DDC) and David Grand (ADC). I would personally wish to record my thanks and sincere congratulations to all these brethren for the professional manner they performed their duties.

It was also a pleasure to welcome 3 new members who had been inducted into the Order during the year and I thank Bro's John Alsop and Richard Morley, both inducted into Dore Conclave on 29 March 2018 together with Bro Derek Smart, Inducted into Lux Diei Conclave on 27 June 2018, for attending and supporting the Province.

Next year's meeting will be on Saturday 29 February 2020 - please note the date and support the Province if you are able.

There were three Conclave meetings in February, and I would like to congratulate Bro Marios Adamou on becoming Supreme Ruler Elect of Chantry Conclave and Wy Bro John Sawdon on his election to the chair of Phoenix Conclave. I look forward to being present at both installations.

March

March is a busy month with four Conclave meetings - three of these are installations together with the first Provincial Visit of the year, at Dore Conclave (29th).

The meeting of Bishop Blaize (6th) will see Bro Tony Tarver Installed as Supreme Ruler. Wy Bro Paul Levey will become Supreme Ruler of Lux Diei Conclave (27th), having been previously Supreme Ruler of Chantry Conclave for two years (2015 & 2016).

The installation meeting at Odersfelt (16th) will be a very special occasion with R Wy Bro Stewart G. Carley taking the chair yet again. There will also be a delegation from the Province of East Lancashire attending.

Stewart was Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for ten years and was inducted into Oderfelt Conclave in 1982. This will be his fourth time as Supreme Ruler of the Conclave (previously 1988, 2011 & 2012) in addition he has been Supreme Ruler of three other Conclaves (White Rose 2000: West Yorkshire Past Supreme Rules 2000 and Roses 2008). Stewart has been a tremendous supporter of the Province and all our Conclaves for many years and I would ask as many brethren as possible join me in attending to show our appreciation.

Yours in the friendship of the Order

Dave