

OSM monthly update December 2017

November was another busy month with 4 meetings - three of which were installations and I would like to congratulate;

- Wy Bro Tobias Reece on his Installation and Commissioning as Supreme Ruler of Skyrack Conclave
- Wy Bro Bernard Dunne on his re-installation as Supreme Ruler of Claro True Friendship. Bernard was last in the chair in 2004
- V Wy Bro Tony Parker as Supreme Ruler of the West Yorkshire Past Supreme Rulers Conclave. This was the fourth time that Tony has taken the Chair of a Conclave - being the Supreme Ruler of Chantry Conclave twice and more recently in 2016 at Lux Diei. He was inducted into the Order in 1985 - and his support and commitment to our Order remains undiminished.

There was an excellent Princes Degree at Chantry and the Supreme Ruler Jim Wood, and his officers, are to be congratulated on the Ceremony.

The annual meeting of Grand Conclave saw the Installation of the new Grand Supreme Ruler, Andrew Sweeney. It also saw the 11 members of this Province receiving promotions and appointments to Grand Rank. It was extremely pleasing that all those brethren attended in person to receive their preferment and most were able to stay for the festive board afterwards- where we were joined by R W Bro Graeme Hutchinson, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

This was a special day for the Order and our Province and I would like to thank the 7 brethren who attended in support of those receiving



preferment - your support was appreciated.

Skyrack Conclave made an approach, via the Province, to support Martin House Hospice a charity caring for children with life limiting illnesses. The £500 donated from the Conclave received 'Match Funding' from Mark Masons Hall so we are now able to make a donation of £1000 to this very worthy cause.

I would ask that other Conclaves within the Province consider any worthy local charities in their areas and forward details in order that we are able to make donations in the future throughout the Province.

December

There is only one meeting this month a lecture, by Richard Middleton, at Phoenix Conclave (11th) and following the festive break Conclave meeting resume at Dore in January (29th).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Dates for the Future

Very Worthy Bro Captain Walter D Porter - the Grand Visitor will be attending the following meetings - Skyrack Conclave (31st January 2018), Westwood Conclave (27 February 2018) and Oddersfelt Conclave (18 May 2018). Where possible I would ask as many brethren, who are able, to attend these meetings to support the Conclaves concerned.

Lastly Brethren the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave will take place at Tapton Hall on Saturday 24 February 2018. It would be nice to see as many Brethren of the Province as possible in attendance and I would encourage everyone to attend if they are able.

Yours in the friendship of the Order

Dave

