

The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan
in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas



MINUTES

of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation and Annual Investiture of Grand Conclave

held on Thursday, 14 November 2024

at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall,
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

PRESENT

Grand Supreme Ruler

M.Wy.Bro. ANDREW CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY

Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler

R.Wy.Bro. KEITH BERWICK FERGUSON

Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler

R.Wy.Bro. GASPER LLEWELLYN GILL, *SLMM*

Past Deputy Grand Supreme Rulers

R.Wy.Bro. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, *RD, JP, Pres.E.C.*

R.Wy.Bro. J. R. Hodge

Grand Chancellors

R.Wy.Bro. N. A. B. Grout

R.Wy.Bro. R. W. Leavers

R.Wy.Bro. R. V. Wallis, *JP*

R.Wy.Bro. M. M. Elliott

Provincial and District Grand Supreme Rulers

R.Wy.Bro. J. S. Stevens.....Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Staffordshire & Shropshire
R.Wy.Bro. B. F. McDermottProvincial Grand Supreme Ruler for South Africa Northern
R.Wy.Bro. R. C. W. Batchelor Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Hampshire & Isle of Wight
R.Wy.Bro. I. R. Sullivan Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Dorset & Wiltshire
R.Wy.Bro. H. S. Markham Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Beds., Cambs., & Herts.
R.Wy.Bro. M. A. J. Barnard, *MBE* Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Cornwall
R.Wy.Bro. A. J. Van Der Burgh Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Sussex
R.Wy.Bro. D. C. Staniforth..... Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for West Yorkshire
R.Wy.Bro. R. J. Simpson..... Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for North Scotland
R.Wy.Bro. B. Wegerhoff Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Oxon, Berks. & Bucks.
R.Wy.Bro. U. PatelProvincial Grand Supreme Ruler for East Midlands
R.Wy.Bro. C. M. BeerlingProvincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Surrey
R.Wy.Bro. D. K. Bartlett..... Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for West Wales
R.Wy.Bro. I. C. G. FosterDistrict Grand Supreme Ruler for Southern Caribbean
R.Wy.Bro. D. G. Wheeler Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Glos & Herefordshire
R.Wy.Bro. P. C. EllenorProvincial Grand Supreme Ruler for North & East Yorkshire

R.Wy.Bro. J. Whitfield.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Devonshire
R.Wy.Bro. C. A. Givvons.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for East Lancashire
R.Wy.Bro. M. B. Le Conte.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Channel Islands
R.Wy.Bro. W. A. Stringer.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Cheshire & North Wales
R.Wy.Bro. J. A. N. Frost.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Somerset
R.Wy.Bro. C. M. Sturt.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for London & Middlesex
R.Wy.Bro. W. G. McColl.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Suffolk
R.Wy.Bro. A. D. Jones.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for South Wales & Monmouthshire
R.Wy.Bro. D. A. Freshwater.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Warwickshire
R.Wy.Bro. S. R. Offord.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Norfolk
R.Wy.Bro. J. D. Watts.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for The North-East
R.Wy.Bro. P. F. Fell.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Essex
R.Wy.Bro. R. C. Vaughan.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Worcestershire
R.Wy.Bro. Dr S. J. Dunn.....	Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent

Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers

R.Wy.Bro. S. G. Carley, P.Prov.G.S.R. (West Yorkshire)
R.Wy.Bro. M. F. Barnes, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Surrey)
R.Wy.Bro. I. P. Duff, P.Prov.G.S.R. (East Scotland)
R.Wy.Bro. K. D. Kennedy, P.Prov.G.S.R. (West Scotland)
R.Wy.Bro. R. Mussell, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Gloucestershire & Herefordshire)
R.Wy.Bro. P. J. Wise, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Kent)
R.Wy.Bro. R. Habbitts, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Norfolk)
R.Wy.Bro. M. J. J. Singleton, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Essex)
R.Wy.Bro. D. Littlewood, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Cheshire & North Wales)

Grand Officers of the Year

R.Wy.Bro. J. C. Roberts.....	Grand Counsellor
R.Wy.Bro. P. R. Crudge.....	Grand Guide
V.Wy.Bro. Rabbi Z. L. Solomons, Dep.G.Chap.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.Wy.Bro. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, <i>RD, JP</i> , P.Dep.G.S.R.	President of the Executive Committee
R.Wy.Bro. R. A. H. Morrow, P.G.G.....	Grand Treasurer
V.Wy.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.Reg.....	Grand Recorder
R.Wy.Bro. R. S. Ellis, P.G.G.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.Wy.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, <i>JP, DL</i> , P.G.Reg.....	Deputy Grand Registrar
V.Wy.Bro. H. S. Sagoo.....	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.Wy.Bro. M. A. Thompson-O'Connor.....	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.Wy.Bro. C. M. Base.....	Grand Visitor
V.Wy.Bro. G. S. Franklin.....	Grand Visitor
V.Wy.Bro. A. H. Daniels.....	Grand Visitor
V.Wy.Bro. C. L. Hawke.....	Grand Visitor
V.Wy.Bro. R. F. Knight.....	Grand Visitor
V.Wy.Bro. M. D. Saxon.....	Grand Visitor
Wy.Bro. C. R. Manuel.....	Assistant Grand Registrar
Wy.Bro. I. N. Clark.....	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Wy.Bro. J. K. Starley.....	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
Wy.Bro. D. J. Norris.....	Grand Sword Bearer
Wy.Bro. J. Thomson.....	Grand Standard Bearer
Wy.Bro. N. J. Hood.....	Deputy Grand Standard Bearer
Wy.Bro. A. J. Spall.....	Grand Bow Bearer
Wy.Bro. A. T. Morris, P.G.Swd.B.....	Deputy Grand Organist
Wy.Bro. D. Jordan.....	Grand Guarder
Wy.Bro. A. J. Boniface.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. D. C. Greenway.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. J. J. Harrison.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. J. Malcolm.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. J. M. Pybus.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. J. Rafftree.....	Grand Steward
Wy.Bro. K. W. M. Sprague.....	Grand Steward

Past Grand Counsellors

R.Wy.Bro. T. D. Currans

Past Grand Guides

R.Wy.Bro. B. A. Calcutt

R.Wy.Bro. J. Williams

R.Wy.Bro. L. B. Mee

R.Wy.Bro. D. J. Knight

R.Wy.Bro. S. Jackson

R.Wy.Bro. M. A. Jacques

R.Wy.Bro. D. H. Liddington

R.Wy.Bro. C. M. L. Davies

Overseas Brethren of our own Constitution

SOUTH AFRICA NORTHERN

Wy.Bro. C. N. Burn, P.G.Swd.B.

Wy.Bro. R. J. Jones, P.G.B.B.

Wy.Bro. L. J. Marx, P.G.Gdr

Wy.Bro. J. M. S. Maciel

Bro. J. M. Maciel

Bro. V. M. Cicione

SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN

Wy.Bro. M. Drayton, P.G.St.B.

Wy.Bro. M. N. Munroe

Bro. K. P. Hinds

Bro. D. C. E. Smith

Bro. D. S. A. Babb

SPAIN

Wy.Bro. R. A. Mitchell, P.A.G.D.C.

Wy.Bro. D. R. Mitchell, Dist.G.Rec.

UNATTACHED CONCLAVES

Fidelitas Conclave No. 494 (The Netherlands)

Wy.Bro. P. J. Nagel

Lusitania Fidelis Conclave No. 614 (Portugal)

Wy.Bro. A. F. D. Paiva, P.A.G.D.C.

Wy.Bro. Sir J. F. F. Da Costa Henriques

Brethren from Grand Conclaves Overseas

GRAND CONCLAVE OF FRANCE

R.Wy.Bro. C. B. M. Barthet, Dep.G.S.R.

R.Wy.Bro. G. R. D. Leconte, G.Chan.

GRAND CONCLAVE OF INDIA

Bro. A. Paranthaman

GRAND CONCLAVE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

R.Wy.Bro. Dr I. P. Ellston

Heads of Orders

R.Wy.Bro. J. H. Prizeman, P.G.Coun.

M.Wy.Bro. P. R. Clement, P.G.S.R.

R.Wy.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.Coun.

R.Wy.Bro. G. L. Flight, P.G.Coun.

R.Wy.Bro. T. F. Jackson, P.G.Coun.

R.Wy.Bro. I. S. Currans, G.Chan.

V.Wy.Bro. Dr P. Mycock, P.G.Reg.

R.Wy.Bro. C. G. Maiden, P.G.Coun.

Pro Grand Master – Mark

Grand Master – K.T.

Grand Master – R.S.M.

Grand Sovereign – R.C.C.

Grand Master – A.M.D.

Grand Summus – Scarlet Cord

1st Grand Master Mason – The Operatives

Grand High Priest – K.T.P.

There were also present a large number of Past Grand Officers, Supreme Rulers, Past Supreme Rulers and Princes of the Order.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

Grand Conclave was opened in Ample Form by the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler referred with great regret to the death of a number of Brethren, including 121 Grand Officers, which had occurred since the previous annual meeting of Grand Conclave. He mentioned in particular the loss of: R.Wy.Bro. Michael Edward Herbert, P.Dep.G.S.R.; R.Wy.Bro. David Kenneth Jesson, P.Prov.G.S.R. (Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire); R.Wy.Bro. Ronald Webster, P.Dist.G.S.R. (South Africa Northern); R.Wy.Bro. Arthur Clare, P.G.G.; R.Wy.Bro. Lt Col. Bruce Swift Dyson, P.G.G.; R.Wy.Bro. Roger Thomas Alfred Gray, P.G.G.; and R.Wy.Bro. Keith Barry Jackson, P.G.G.

The Brethren stood to order while the Deputy Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

3. TO CALL THE ROLL OF ACTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Recorder called the roll of the Active Officers all being present except those who had sent apologies.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9 November 2023, having been circulated with the Summons, were taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On the proposition of the President of the Executive Committee, seconded by the Grand Recorder, the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2024, having been circulated as **Appendix A** in the Summons for this meeting, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

6. REPORT OF THE GRAND GUIDE

The Grand Guide presented his report for the twelve months ended 31 August 2024. It was seconded by the President of the Executive Committee, and the report, having been circulated as **Appendix B** in the summons, was taken as read and confirmed.

7. AUDITED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

The Grand Treasurer proposed that the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, having been circulated as **Appendix C** in the Summons for this meeting, were formally approved and adopted.

8. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer reported that both the General Fund and Benevolent Fund were in good order.

9. GRANTS AWARDED BY THE OSM FUND OF BENEVOLENCE

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler called upon the President of the Executive Committee who advised that the following match-funding grants had been awarded during the year ending 31 August 2024:

Channel Islands – Guernsey Employment Trust	£500
Channel Islands – Jersey Employment Trust	£500
Cheshire & North Wales – Vale of Clwyd Mind	£1,000
Cornwall – Supporting Kernow's Young Diabetics.....	£1,000
Dorset & Wiltshire – Mosaic.....	£250
East Lancashire – Greater Manchester Blood Bikes	£500
East Lancashire – Kidneys for Life	£500
East Midlands – Make Them Smile	£500
East Scotland (Claverhouse Conclave No. 334) Montrose Community Trust	£250
Essex – RNLI, Southend-on-Sea Lifeboat Station.....	£1,000
Gloucestershire & Herefordshire – Hereford Music Fund	£1,000
Kent – Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy (University of Kent).....	£1,000
London & Middlesex (Arch of Steel Conclave No. 445) – St Christopher's Hospice..	£500

North & East Yorkshire (Meridian Conclave No. 394)	
– National Coastwatch Institution	£500
North & East Yorkshire – York Carers Centre	£250
Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire – Crackerjacks.....	£500
South Africa Northern – The Lighthouse Baby Shelter.....	£1,000
South Wales & Monmouthshire – Ysgol Y Deri Parents & Friends Association.....	£1,000
The North East – Newcastle Hospitals Charity.....	£1,000
Warwickshire – Shipston Nursing Home	£500
West Lancashire – Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team.....	£250
West Lancashire – Cumbria Blood Bikes	£250
West Lancashire – Papyrus (Warrington).....	£250
West Lancashire – Newton-le-Willows Under 10 Football Team.....	£250
West Lancashire – Springfield Trampoline Academy	£250
West Scotland (Antonine Conclave No. 440) – Meadowbank Cars 4 U.....	£500
West Wales – Goodwick Brass Band	£700
West Yorkshire – Sheffield Hospital Radio	£500
Worcestershire – Dogs For Good	£500
Worcestershire – High Riders.....	£500
TOTAL	£17,200

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS

On the proposition of President of the Executive Committee, seconded by the Grand Recorder, the amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations, having been circulated as **Appendix D** in the Summons, were formally approved and adopted.

11. ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND SUPREME RULER

The Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler proposed that M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney be re-elected Grand Supreme Ruler. The President of the Executive Committee seconded the proposition and M.Wy.Bro. Sweeney was elected with acclamation as Grand Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that ANDREW CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY, Bachelor of Commerce with Honours of the University of Liverpool; Master in Business Administration of the University of Aston; Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales; Past Senior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and a Member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council (Honoris Causa) in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Knight Commander of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle of the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Senior General in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Summus in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Member of the Seventh Degree (Honoris Causa) in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Knight Commander of the Priestly Orders of the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Grand Almoner in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent

of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire and Shropshire in the Royal Order of Scotland; Adept of Christian Rosenkreutz, Magus Honoris Causa, Ninth Grade in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Grand Supreme Ruler, etc., etc., etc., has this day been elected and proclaimed Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; whom may the Almighty Friend of All Friends long preserve.

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler returned thanks.

12. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE DEPUTY GRAND SUPREME RULER

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler announced the reappointment of R.Wy.Bro. Keith Berwick Ferguson as Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year. He was then proclaimed by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies as follows:

Be it known that KEITH BERWICK FERGUSON, Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Junior Deacon in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed, obligated, invested and installed Right Worthy Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; whom may the Almighty Friend of All Friends long preserve.

The Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler returned thanks.

13. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND SUPREME RULER

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler announced the re-appointment of R.Wy.Bro. Gasper Llewellyn Gill, *SLMM*, as Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that GASPER LLEWELLYN GILL, Recipient of the St Lucia Medal of Merit (Gold); Past District Senior Grand Warden in the District Grand Lodge of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past District Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the District Grand Chapter of Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and Holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Great Registrar in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree, for the District of the South Eastern Caribbean in the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Prefect in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; District Grand Master for the District of South and East Caribbean in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils

Overseas; District Grand Summus for the Province of Southern Caribbean in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Grand Superintendent for Southern Caribbean in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; A member of the Seventh Degree, Honoris Causa, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler; etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Worthy Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; whom may the Almighty Friend of All Friends long preserve.

The Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler returned thanks.

14. CONSTITUTION OF THE INSPECTORATE OF PORTUGAL AND APPOINTMENT, OBLIGATION, INVESTITURE AND INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR.

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler announced the Constitution of a new Inspectorate and called upon the Deputy Grand Chaplain for prayer. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler then proceeded to constitute and form three formerly unattached Conclaves, Olisipo Fidelis Conclave No. 464, Lucitania Fidelis Conclave No. 614 and Portuscale Fidelis Conclave No. 636, into a regular Inspectorate to be known as the Inspectorate of Portugal. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the duly formed and regularly constituted Inspectorate.

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler announced the appointment of Wy.Bro. Amadeu Ferreira De Paiva, P.A.G.D.C., as Grand Inspector of the new Inspectorate and instructed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present him for investiture. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler then addressed the Grand Inspector designate, enquiring of him whether he was ready, willing and able to accept the office and to undertake and discharge the duties and responsibilities thereof. The Grand Inspector designate replied in the affirmative and the Grand Recorder proceeded to read the patent of appointment. Wy.Bro. Paiva then knelt for the benefit of prayer given by the Deputy Grand Chaplain, took the solemn obligation of a Grand Inspector, and was then conducted by the G.D.C. to a position on the dias.

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler proceeded to invest V.Wy.Bro. Paiva with the collarette and sash of the Office of Grand Inspector, followed by the presentation of a copy of the Constitutions & Regulations of the Order and the Patent of Appointment. He was then instructed to appoint and invest the Officers of the new Inspectorate at the next meeting within the Inspectorate, and at the same time approve and confirm the Inspectorate By-Laws.

The Grand Supreme Ruler returned to his throne and the Grand Inspector was conducted to a seat on the immediate right of the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed as follows:

Be it known that AMADEU FERREIRA DE PAIVA, Past Deputy Grand Master in the Grande Loja Legal de Portugal / Grande Loja Regular de Portugal; Past Grand High Priest in the Supreme Grande Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Portugal; Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for Portugal; Past Grand Master in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of Portugal under the American York Rite; Past Deputy Grand Chancellor in the Grand Priory of Lusitania in the Chevalier Bienfaisant de la Cité Saintee; Magus Honoris Causa – Ninth Grade and Chief Adept for the Province of Portugal in the Societas Rosicruciana in Lusitania; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed, obligated, invested and installed Grand Inspector for the Inspectorate of Portugal in the Grand Conclave for the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; whom may the Almighty Friend of All Friends long preserve.

The Grand Inspector was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Grand Inspector returned thanks.

15. ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The President of the Executive Committee proposed that R.Wy.Bro. Robert Anthony Henry Morrow, P.G.G., be elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. The proposition was seconded by the Deputy Grand Recorder and carried by the Brethren.

16. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The President of the Executive Committee proposed that Messrs Crowe U.K. LLP be re-appointed as auditors to Grand Conclave. This was seconded by the Grand Recorder and the proposition was carried.

17. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Grand Recorder reported that in accordance with Regulation 20, nominations for election to the Executive Committee had been received in respect of:

R.Wy.Bro. J. S. Stevens, Prov.G.S.R. for Staffordshire and Shropshire

R.Wy.Bro. I. R. Sullivan, Prov.G.S.R. for Dorset and Wiltshire

R.Wy.Bro. H. S. Markham, Prov.G.S.R. for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire

R.Wy.Bro. Drs A. J. Van der Burgh, Prov.G.S.R. for Sussex

R.Wy.Bro. B. Wegerhoff, Prov.G.S.R. for Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire

R.Wy.Bro. P. C. Ellenor, Prov.G.S.R. for North & East Yorkshire

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler announced that there being only six nominations for six places on the Executive Committee, he declared these six Brethren duly elected.

18. APPOINTMENT OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Recorder read the names of the Brethren whom the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler had appointed to Grand Rank. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler invested those present:

GRAND OFFICERS 2024/2025

Grand Counsellor.....	Michael Bernard Squires
Grand Guide	Paul Robert Crudge
Grand Chaplain.....	Rabbi Zvi Lewin Solomons
President Executive Committee.....	Cdr Charles Jonathan Aspinell, <i>RD, JP</i> , P.Dep.G.S.R.
Grand Treasurer	Robert Anthony Henry Morrow, P.G.G.
Grand Registrar	Jonathan Charles Whitaker, <i>JP, DL</i>
Grand Recorder	Daniel Mark Heath
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	Raymond Stewart Ellis, P.G.G.
Deputy Grand Chaplain	John Keith Starley
Deputy Grand Registrar.....	Clive Robert Manuel
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies	John Johnston Stevenson
Grand Visitors	Mark Anthony Thompson-O'Connor
	Robin Francis Knight
	David John Butler
	Douglas Alan Hatfield
	William David Lloyd
Assistant Grand Chaplain	Revd Howard Thomas Pashley
Assistant Grand Registrar.....	Allan Ramsay Armbrister
Assistant Grand Recorders.....	Derek Mersh
	Lt Col. Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones, <i>TD</i>
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies	Matthew Redgwell Burt
	John Francis Edward Davies
	Paul Sumedho Howard
	Paul Arthur Joynson
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Colin Douglas Crombie
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	Mark Ian James Currans
Grand Standard Bearer	Leslie Alan Darby
Deputy Grand Standard Bearer	Robert Charles Greenhead, <i>JP</i>
Grand Bow Bearer.....	Clifford Caleb Summers
Grand Organist.....	Andrew Timothy Morris, <i>JP</i> , P.G.Swd.B.
Deputy Grand Organist.....	Lewis George Clement, P.G.St.B.
Grand Guarder.....	Mervyn Dennis Symes
Assistant Grand Guarder.....	Jose Manuel Spinolla Maciel

Grand Stewards.....	John Derek Allen Alan Cook Ian Dixon Nigel Keith Dunlop Oswald Terence Hall Peter Roland Hopkins Dennis Andrew Potter Duncan Anderson Smart Robert Lloyd Williams Paul Busby
Grand Sentinel.....	

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Counsellor
Francis Charles Spencer

Past Grand Guide

Thomas Frederick Auber
Laurence Eric Bourne
Ronald James Bridger
Timothy Jon Crawshaw
The Ven. Dr Geoffrey Kenneth Glover
Peter Sidney Green
Ian Charles Harper
Daniel Mark Heath
Gary Raymond Horstman

Barry George Hurst
Anthony William Llewellyn
Henri Anthony Lyons
Leslie Alexander Martin
Richard Arthur Middleton
George Bissett Mitchell
Dr Paul Mycock
Stephen Rhodes
Trevor Marley Sharpe

Past Grand Registrar

Gareth Hughes
George Ross Philp

Michael Andrew Stephen
Revd William Whitfield

Past Grand Visitor

David Peter Barden
Michael Martin Bull
William Henry Carlyon, *JP*
Geoffrey Melvyn Cowley
Albert Edward Paul Dodd
Phillip William John Evans
Douglas John Forster
Stephen Arthur Gowers

Anthony John Henshall
Anthony Stewart Jones
Daniel James McMeeken
Keith Moir
Andreas Spyropoulos
Gordon John Tartaglia
Roland John Wade
Roy Browne Woodhouse

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Trevor Dixon Armstrong
Douglas Dennis Black
Angus Donald Cameron
Raymond Joseph Clare
George John Deacon
David Douglas
Malvin Drayton
Steven Charles Frankland
John Vaughan Christopher French
Francis William Edward Hatton
Daryl Sydney Hayler, *MBE*
Benny Chu Hung Lo

Simon McCarthy
Ian Arthur Murray
Robert Olive
Gavin Thomas O'Sullivan
Ian Alvyn Colquhoun Perry
Clive Roberts
Alexander Sharp
Captain (R) John Railton Simons
Stanley William Scott Southgate
Eric Edward Stocks
Robert William Wishart

Past Grand Sword Bearer

Bernard Lionel Andrew
Hugh Bennett
Gregory Gordon Boughton
Michael Frank Bull
Robert Edward Grainger
Matthew Damian Hampson

John Charles William Hickman
Rory Jesse Jones
Werner Lothmann
Anton Rowell Ramcharan
Robert Ian Rea

Past Grand Standard Bearer
Levi Jan Marx

PAST RANKS (FIRST APPOINTMENTS)

Past Grand Sword Bearer

Anthony James Allgood
Leslie Baker
Gp Capt. Peter John Brindle
Michael John Crago
Martin Charles Grahame-Dunn
Robert Heavisides
Michael Hopkins
Duncan Robert Mitchell
David John Palmer
Stephen John Poland
Arthur James Reece

Matthew Richards
Derrick Martyn Silver
David John Smith
Geoffrey Smith
George Henry Steele
Christopher John Tudgay
Derek Arthur Upton
Peter Whittaker
Stephen John Williams
George Angus Wilson
Yuen Tin Laurence Wong

Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer
David Leslie Armstrong

Past Grand Standard Bearer

Clifford Leslie Andrew
Richard Allen Assenheim
James Alexander Carey
Oliver Paul Insanally
Ian Richards Johnson
Stephen James Kearns
Paul Trevor Kentish

Kelvin John Larcombe
James William Marrison
Marlon Neilson Munroe
Shirish Pranlal Patel
Robert Graham Pickard
Timothy Charles Ward
Peter Michell Young

Past Deputy Grand Standard Bearer

Simon Ralph Emms
William Emrys Jenkins
Robert Hector McDonald

Klaus Joachim Rolf Nüsse
Allan Wilson
Harold Peter John Wright

Past Grand Bow Bearer

William Edward Caren
Robert Alexander Grant
William Haddon
Thomas Lloyd
Robert Charles Neal

Glenn Colin Packer
James Iain Pigott
Eric Robert Charles Watson
Leslie Max Wertheimer

Past Grand Guarder

Dr Elie Hettena
Paul Mayger

Nicholas Ridley Robinson
Ariez Jehangir Vachha

Past Assistant Grand Guarder
David Topp

19. ARCH OF STEEL

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler received the Commander, Wy.Bro. S. Higson, and the Deputy Commander, Wy.Bro. D. Ursell. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler then proceeded to inspect the Arch of Steel.

20. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORTHY GRAND SUPREME RULER

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler addressed Grand Conclave as follows:

'Very Dear Brethren, it is a great honour for me to preside over this very large gathering of Secret Monitors here today, and I extend to each and every one of you a very warm welcome to this our one hundred and thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave. I wish to express to the founders of the four Conclaves that we have consecrated over the last year our sincere congratulations and good wishes for their future success and my

personal thanks for all the Brethren and Grand Conclave officers who worked diligently to achieve that aim. These were: The Dennis Slights Conclave No. 635 in January; in April, the Portuscale Fidelis Conclave No. 636 in Porto, which has led to the constitution of the Inspectorate of Portugal; Hibernia Conclave No. 637 at Mark Masons' Hall in June; and The Supper of King David Conclave No. 638, a fine dining Conclave at Nailsea in October.

'In May I was invited to assist in the celebrations of the centenary meeting of Fidelity Conclave No. 50 at Stockport. I also had the pleasure of presenting certificates and jewels for 50 years of loyal service to the Order to R.Wy.Bro. David Keith Rhodes of Fylde Conclave No. 125 at the Provincial Grand Conclave meeting of West Lancashire on 21 September; and to R.Wy.Bro. Revd William Desmond Payne-Jeremiah, 50 years to the day after he was inducted into the Order at Tawe Conclave No. 238 in South Wales & Monmouthshire.

'On 20 July, R.Wy.Bro. Robert Vaughan was superbly installed as the fourth Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Worcestershire in succession to R.Wy.Bro Joseph Marzouk, by M.Wy.Bro. Michael Guest, P.G.S.R. On 12 October, I had the pleasure of installing R.Wy. Bro. Dr Scott Dunn as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Kevin Johnson. Both of these meetings were memorable occasions and I record the thanks of Grand Conclave to the retiring Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers for all of the hard work they undertook and discharged during their periods of tenure and extend my best wishes to R.Wy.Bro's Bob and Scott for what they will be doing over the succeeding years. Indeed, I will take the opportunity here to make special reference to the collective support of all the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers, the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers, and the Provincial Grand Recorders whose presence here has enriched this and many other special occasions and add my gratitude for the invaluable contributions you have, and are continuing to make to our Order.

'It is now my pleasure to introduce to you the Heads of our Companion Orders, all of whom extend great support to Order. We are pleased to welcome:

R.Wy.Bro. John Prizeman, P.G.Coun. – Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; M.Wy.Bro. Paul Clement, our Immediate P.G.S.R. – Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar; R.Wy.Bro. Graham Flight, P.G.Coun. – Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; R.Wy.Bro. Kessick Jones, P.G.Coun. – Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Order of the Royal and Select Masters; R.Wy.Bro. Tom Jackson, P.G.Coun. – Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees; R.Wy.Bro. Ian Currans, G.Chan. – Most Distinguished Grand Summus of the Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord; R.Wy.Bro. Dr Paul Mycock, P.G.G. – Most Worshipful 1st Grand Master Mason of the Operatives – a recipient today; and R.Wy.Bro. Christopher Maiden, P.G.Coun. – Most Illustrious Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom.

'Brethren, in July John Prizeman, Paul Clement, Graham Flight, Kessick Jones, Tom Jackson and I made a very enjoyable sojourn trip to South Africa, and as a team attended meetings of all the respective Orders. We cannot express too strongly our enjoyment of the ceremonies we attended and our appreciation of the fraternal welcome and hospitality so generously extended to us by all the Brethren that we met whilst we were in both Cape Town and Johannesburg, and so, as you reap what you sow, may I now continue by formally welcoming our distinguished Brethren and guests from overseas, starting with those from our own Constitution:

From South Africa, R.Wy.Bro. Brian McDermott, Dist.G.S.R.; Wy.Bro. Charles Burn, P.G.Swd.B.; Wy.Bro. Levi Marx, P.G.St.B., a recipient today; Wy.Bro. Rory Jones, P.G.Swd.B., a recipient today; Wy.Bro. Jose Maciel Spinolla, A.G.Gdr., a recipient today; Wy.Bro. Jose Maciel; and Wy.Bro. Vincenzo Cicione; from Southern Caribbean, R.Wy.Bro. Ian C. G. Foster, Dist.G.S.R.; R.Wy.Bro. Gasper Llewellyn Gill, A.G.S.R.; V.Wy.Bro. Albert Daniels, P.G.V.; Wy.Bro. Malvin Drayton, P.A.G.D.C., a recipient today; Wy.Bro. Marlon Munroe, P.G.St.B., a recipient today; Bro. Kofi Hinds; Bro. Capt. Donovan Smith; and Bro. Danny Babb; from Spain, Wy.Bro. Roy Mitchell, Dist.G.Rec., P.A.G.D.C.; Wy.Bro. Duncan Mitchell, P.G.Swd.B., a recipient today; from Portugal, Lusitania Fidelis Conclave No. 614,

V.Wy.Bro. Amadeu Paiva, G.Insp. – it was a great pleasure to constitute the Province of Portugal and invest you as the first Grand Inspector; and Wy.Bro. Sir Jorge F. Da Costa Henriques; from the Netherlands, Fidelitas Conclave No. 494 – Wy.Bro. Pieter Jan Nagel.

We are also honoured with the presence of Brethren from Grand Conclaves Overseas: from the Grand Conclave of France, R.Wy.Bro Claude Barthet, Dep.G.S.R., and R.Wy. Bro. Gerard Leconte, G.Chan.; from the Grand Conclave of India, Bro. Arjun Paranthaman; and from the Grand Conclave of South East Asia, R.Wy.Bro. Dr Ian Philip Ellston, P.G.G. Brethren our distinguished guests from overseas.

'Again I will draw your attention to the Premier Conclave of Improvement which has continued to progress during the year, and is establishing more connections with Provinces, providing support and assistance with respect to our ceremonies and I hope that this will continue. You'll find details in the current edition of the OSM Yearbook.

'To the Brethren I have had the privilege to appoint, re-appoint or promote today, I thank you for all the hard work you have done in practising and promoting the principles and tenets of this wonderful Order. I am confident that you will return to your Provinces, Districts and Conclaves and continue to set an example to the Brethren of all that is so meaningful and worthy in our brotherhood of David and Jonathan.

'I wish to thank the Grand Director of Ceremonies for his support and the diligent way he has discharged his duties, and the team of Deputies for all the work they have done both during the year and for this meeting. I express my thanks to the Grand Recorder, R.Wy. Bro. Dan Heath P.G.G., for the way he has seamlessly fitted into his new role and for all his help and assistance during the year, also to the new team assisting him. Particular thanks go to all the administration team at Mark Masons' Hall for their diligent work in keeping the wheels turning, most of which goes unnoticed by the majority of our members.

'Brethren, I am very pleased to again report that over the last year the number of members and memberships have both increased, however we must still keep our focus on those who don't regularly attend and try to encourage them to do so. I do not apologise for repeating from last year my suggestion that when we have a candidate, the Muster Roll, which generally occurs straight after the minutes, be delayed until after the candidate has been inducted. He will then immediately witness the results of the Visiting Deacons work. Also, if time permits, perhaps consider giving him a short explanation of the structure of the Order and the regalia etc. – I know a few Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers do this very well and find it beneficial in welcoming candidates into the Order.

'Before finishing, may I again bring your attention to the **OSM Benevolent Fund**. We have operated a process of matching donations that Conclaves/Provinces make to local charities (within specific guidelines and up to £1,000 per Province). During the last year we donated £17,200 to local charities. This was a result of a request from only 21 of the 31 Provinces and Districts in the Order. Brethren, it is there to assist you in your charitable giving – please make use of it. I would also like to encourage Provinces, Districts and Conclaves to consider directing part of their charitable funds to the O.S.M. To put some focus on this, we are extending the structure of Vice-Patron, Patron, Grand Patron and Grand Patron Gold to both Conclaves and Provinces and Districts. The exact details and values for a Conclave or Province to achieve these levels of patronage will be communicated to all Provinces and Districts shortly. On achieving each level, a collarette and jewel will be issued for the Supreme Ruler of the Conclave to wear during his year of office and then, of course, handed on to his successor. In due time we will then be able to increase the contributions we make to the local charities you support in your Provinces and Districts.

'Brethren I shall not detain you further other than to suggest that we look forward to the next year as being once again a happy and fruitful year for the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan. I wish you, your families and all Secret Monitors a healthy, prosperous and fulfilling 2025.'

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler enquired of the Grand Recorder who had no further business to bring to Grand Conclave.

22. CLOSING

Grand Conclave was closed in Due Form.