# The Bow Bearer

## The Quarterly Newsletter for the Order of the

Secret Monitor in Province of Worcestershire

## **Third Quarter of 2024**

#### Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our new newsletter. As the title suggests, this newsletter will distributed each quarter of the year although we have missed 2024.

When Right Worthy Brother Bob Vaughan was asked to become our new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler he asked me to become the Provincial Communications Officer. Things seems to happen quickly as we planned the installation and so my job description hasn't been agreed. However if the brief was communications then in my mind a newsletter was a logical part of this role. It turns out so was Bob's, and so here it is.

As is often the way the newsletter as you see it is a work in progress. Every aspect of it can be changed based on your feedback. And with that in mind the content is largely down to you the brethren of the order sending me material for inclusion. Please send me reports of your meetings and photographs (remembering that photographs are not allowed to be taken in open conclaves.) Please tell me what you would like to find here. What could help you?

You may ask about the name, "The Bow Bearer." I asked on Facebook for suggestions for a title and promised a prize to the winner. This title was suggested by Worthy Brother Simon Evans who felt that "bearer" had the double meaning of not only bearing the stringed weapon but also bearing news. Now I need to think of a prize for him.

I hope that you enjoy reading the newsletters and that they prove useful. And I hope to see you all present and healthy in conclave in the upcoming months.

#### Pete

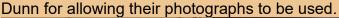
Brother Peter Jones, Provincial Communications Officer

#### Installation

It will come as no surprise that this is the main news article... With the resignation of Right Worthy Brother Dr Joseph K.F. Marzouk the planned provincial annual meeting at Northfield became an installation at King's Heath and R.Wy.Bro. Bob Vaughan became our new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. Some 130 brethren attended including 25 Supreme Rulers from around the country. At the festive board 121 dined including our Craft Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Wyer who of course was R.Wy.Bro. Bob's successor in the craft.

It could be discussed for hours but I think that it just bears acknowledgement of all of the work that went into the day. Work from those on display such as the Directors of Ceremonies and the Arch of Steel and also work from those doing the administration such as preparing the reports and setting the seating plans. As a province we did a great job and surely gave Bob a day to remember.

There are lots of photographs of the day on the new web site but please see some of the best here. With thanks to Worthy Brothers Scott Dunn and Martin Grahame-





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#### The Regatta

No rest for the wicked as the old saying goes. R.Wy.Bro. Bob must have been pretty wicked at some point as the day after the installation he competed in the annual regatta against teams which included R.W.Bro. Stephen Wyer and Most Excellent Companion Sir David H. Wooton, the Second Grand Principal of the Royal Arch. The ultimate winners were a team from Shropshire.

In the afternoon R.Wy.Bro. Bob presented R.W.Bro Stephen with a cheque for £500

from our provincial conclave for the new craft charity chest.





#### The Web Site and Facebook

Please see <a href="https://www.worcestershire-osm.com">www.worcestershire-osm.com</a> which is our new website that went live on the evening of the installation. Again this is a work in progress and ideas on content or suggestions for improvement are welcomed. All of our conclaves are listed there so visitors can easily see when and where we meet and who to contact. It has to be stated that for any brother who is considering creating a web site for any masonic order, lodge or conclave that Mark Masons' Hall were very efficient and forthcoming in providing material and also thoroughly checking the web site. As always, the protocol is that any communications with MMH should be done via the Provincial Grand Recorder

There is a private Facebook group that has existed for some years but until recently has seen little in the way of discussion or content. You can make that change! Please visit https://www.facebook.com/share/sngTM36JxkBJfmk4/.

There are plans to start an outward-facing Facebook page in due course. As to why a "page" as well as a "group" well there are differences but that's a discussion for another edition.

#### Warden of Regalia

A role has become vacant withing the provincial set-up that doesn't require learning a lot of ritual, or hours of practicing drill, or even sitting at a computer all day. The province needs someone who can be helpful to be warden of regalia. This role doesn't come with a sash, or even letters after your name, but you do make a lot of friends.

The Warden of Regalia collects in unwanted regalia – usually due to a promotion, or death of member. This regalia then becomes a provincial stock, to be loaned to Provincial Officers who may be in post for a single year or given to someone getting their first Grand Rank or promotion. In exchange, the person receiving the regalia is expected to make a donation to the provincial Charity Account.

Anyone interested – please email Very Worth Brother Gareth Hughes on worcsosm@gmail.com

### Spread the Word (Via Powerpoint)

Right Worthy Brother Dennis Freshwater of Warwickshire OSM has created a presentation that can be delivered in a conclave or to a craft lodge meeting. It takes about 15 minutes to deliver and serves as a basic introduction to the Order. This has been modified to make it relevant to Worcestershire and has been approved for use in craft lodges by the R.W. Prov.G.M.

If any conclave would like this to be delivered then please make contact with Worthy Brother Howard Carlton on howard.carlton@gmail.com to request a copy.

## Worcestershire and Warwickshire Sunday Lunch

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at King's Heath. Further details to be published closer to the event.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

September 2024

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Conclave 186 meeting in King's Heath.

Installation of Worthy Brother Irving Horne

Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Bromsgrove Conclave 224 meeting in Kidderminster

Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Sir Edward Elgar Conclave 527 meeting in Rainbow Hill.

Installation of Worth Brother Peter Ibbotson

Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> Charles Hinitt Conclave 283 meeting in Northfield.

Installation of Very Worthy Brother Mike Saxon

Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> Ted Meredith Conclave No. 427 meeting at King's Heath

Installation of R.Wy.Bro. Dennis Freshwater

October 2024

Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> Installation of W.Bro Scott Dunn as Provincial Grand

Supreme Ruler for the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent. To take place in Temple 10, Freemasons' Hall,

Great Queen Street, London

November 2024

Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> Sabrina Conclave 486 meeting in Stourport

Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen

Street, London

Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> Worcestershire and Warwickshire Sunday Lunch at King's

Heath

Details of all the above will be circulated when available

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