

## A Brief History of the Order

The Order of the Secret Monitor is the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan. Its principles are derived from the examples set by two Hebrew Princes as recorded in the Jewish bible dating back to 1000BC. The Order was taken to the 'New World' around 1658 by Dutch Settlers and in 19th Century America it consisted of a single degree which could be conferred on any Master Mason. The Order was brought to England by Dr I. Zacharie in 1875 and the ritual was extended to the present system of three degrees. A Grand Conclave was formed with the inaugural meeting held under the banner of Alfred Meadows Conclave (No. 1) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1887, at the Hotel Victoria in London.

## Qualification for Membership

A candidate for induction into the Order must be a Master Mason in good standing, and member of a regular Craft Lodge under a recognised Constitution.

## Structure of the Order

The Order is controlled by Grand Conclave with the Grand Supreme Ruler as its head. There are a number of Provinces in the UK each headed by a Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who is responsible for the management of the Conclaves within his Province.



## PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE (Constituted 31<sup>st</sup> March 1995)

### Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



Right Worthy Brother David C Staniforth

### Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



Very Worthy Brother Alan P K Webster, PGV



## The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David & Jonathan *In the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas*



**Most Worthy Brother Andrew C Sweeney**  
Grand Supreme Ruler

**Right Worthy Brother Keith B Ferguson**  
Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler

**Right Worthy Brother G Llewellyn Gill**  
Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler

## PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE

The Province of West Yorkshire was Constituted by Most Worthy Brother Col. G. S. H. Dicker, CBE; TD; DL, the Grand Supreme Ruler on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1995, following the partitioning of the Province of Yorkshire. Right Worthy Brother Maurice Bendig was installed as the first Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

## Conclaves in the Province & Calendar

**Claro True Friendship No. 4:** Secretary: Wy Bro J F Clough (01423 562 769): Masonic Hall, York Place, Knaresborough HG5 0AD: 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month when occurring, December excluded. Installation on last meeting of year.

**Skyrack No. 32:** Secretary: Wy Bro Tobias Reece (07963 908941): Masonic Hall, Castle Grove, Moor Road, Headingley Leeds, LS6 4BR: 1<sup>st</sup> three 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (except August) and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in November (Installation).

**Odersfelt No. 35:** Secretary: V Wy Bro R A Middleton (01924 691201): Blenheim House, Batley Field Hill, Batley WF17 0BG 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday March (Installation), May, July, and September.

**Bishop Blaize No. 48:** Secretary: Wy Bro J Marrison (01302 455946): Masonic Hall, Station Street, Swinton, Mexborough S64 8PZ: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday March (Installation), June & September.

**Chantry No. 94:** Secretary: Wy Bro G Milnes (01484 722 936): Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield WF1 1QT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday February, September, November, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday April (Installation).

**Westwood No.276:** Secretary: V Wy Bro P Wright (01535 273 636): Masonic Hall, Mill Hey, Haworth BD22 8NA: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday February, May, July, and September (Installation).

**Dore No. 329:** Secretary: Wy Bro R Drury-Smith (01246 291 459): Masonic Hall, Woodland View, Dore, Sheffield S17 3LA: First 5<sup>th</sup> Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri in January, March, October (Installation) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in July.

**Bawtry No. 354:** Secretary: Bro A Leach (07768 668557): Masonic Hall, Tickhill Road, Bawtry DN10 6JR: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in June (Installation), July, August, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February.

**Phoenix No. 391:** Secretary: Wy Bro M Bunce (01427 753263): Masonic Hall, Carleton Close, Ackworth Road, Pontefract WF8 3PA: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday February, July (Installation), September and December.

**West Yorks Past Supreme Rulers No. 429:** Secretary: Wy Bro R. Drury-Smith (01246 291 459): Blenheim House, Batley Field Hill, Batley WF17 0BG: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday May and November (Installation).

**White Rose No. 449:** Secretary: Wy Bro P R Smith (01132 798 945): Westbourne House, Westbourne Close, Otley LS21 3LG: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday May, July (Installation) and October.

**Roses No. 459:** Secretary: Wy Bro David Sunderland (0114 2848934): Masonic Hall, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield HD1 4EN: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday June (Installation) and July. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday August.

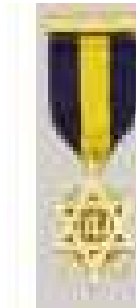
**Lux Diei No. 474:** Secretary: V Wy Bro A Webster (01132 660433): Masonic Hall, Powell Street, Castleford WF10 1EL: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday March (Installation), June and October. (*This is a daylight Conclave*).

**INTERESTED? contact the Provincial Grand Recorder or any of the Conclave Secretaries listed.**

## Provincial Grand Recorder



Worthy Brother Richard Drury-Smith  
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The Jewel of the Order

## The Regalia

Regalia of the Order is minimal comprising of a breast jewel for the first and second degree.

## The Degrees and Ritual of the Order

In the first degree the candidate is 'Inducted' as a Secret Monitor. The ceremony is based on the friendship between David (father of Solomon) and Jonathan (son of Saul the first King of Israel).

In the second degree the candidate is 'admitted' as a Prince of the Order. The ceremony is derived from the *Book of Samuel* and relates the legend of how King Saul sought the life of David and the methods contrived to thwart the jealous King.

The third degree is unique in English Freemasonry in that it is also the Ceremony of Installation where a Brother is Installed as Supreme Ruler of the Conclave. As part of the Ceremony the newly Installed Supreme Ruler is also commissioned, by a senior member of the province, as a 'Supreme Ruler within the Order'

In each of these ceremonies the principles of communicating friendship and caring for the members of the Order are exemplified and promoted in a practical manner.