



The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

Deputy Provincial Grand Summus Visit Report

Province of Cheshire and North Wales

Red Dragon Consistory No.166

On Thursday 18th June 2026, I had the pleasure of attending the Red Dragon Consistory 166. On this occasion, I represented the province in my capacity of Deputy Provincial Grand Summus.

As this was an official Provincial Team visit, I was offered the gavel of the consistory which I held onto for a brief period of time until I had made the apologies of the Provincial Grand Summus and the assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

I then went on to read out the names of the provincial team officers and one by one they each stood and offered their best wishes. There was a fantastic turnout of officers which numbered nineteen. Most of the officers were members and remained in the consistory for the opening.

I handed the gavel back to the Companion President and wished him well on the morning's proceedings.

The first part of the days business was to Proclaim Distinguished Companion Ian Stone as President which fell upon me as the immediate past president.

On conclusion of this part of the ceremony, Distinguished companion Ian Stone went on to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year.

The next part of business was to open the consistory in the second grade and promote to the rank of Lector, Companion Michael Davies, and Companion Colin Roberts.

Our own Provincial Director of Ceremonies, Distinguished companion Tony Stringer, acted as Director of Ceremonies and executed his duties in his usual professional manner.

All the officers of the consistory and those who stood in for absenteeism carried out their duties in a dignified manner. The candidates were introduced to the Companion President who congratulated them and welcomed them once more into the consistory. He then presented them with their second-grade ritual book and introduced me to say a few words of welcome.

I was honoured to have the opportunity to congratulate the candidates and intimated that I hope to see them take their third grade soon.

The consistory was closed in the second grade and resumed in the first for the remainder of the business.

On closing the consistory, the Director of Ceremonies directed the official procession of officers out of the consistory and under the banner of several Tzadikum.

Many remained after the meeting to then join members of the Carreg Yr Wyddfa Conclave.

At this meeting I found myself standing in as Chaplain which I enjoyed as many other officers stood in and made this meeting a memorable one too.

The festive board was well attended, and it was agreed between the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer that this would be a Scarlet Cord festive board only.

The Provincial Director of ceremonies directed the occasion with wine taking and then the official toast list and replies where appropriate.

An all-round excellent day with great company and great food.

Regards

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