

The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

Saturday 15th February 2014

Swansea Masonic Hall

Owing to the sad death of R.Dist.Comp.Paul Botfield, the new Provincial Grand Summus for South Wales and Monmouthshire, R.Dist.Comp.Keith Berwick Ferguson was Installed in Swansea on the morning of Saturday 15th February 2014 at the Masonic Hall in Swansea.



R. Dist. Comp. Keith Berwick Ferguson Prov. G. Summus

The Order was re-established in the British Isles in 2006 by the then Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, Most Worthy Brother Peter Glyn Williams, another well known South Wales Freemason.

The Order of the Scarlet Cord was, apparently, derived from Holland and based upon 18th Century documents found in Amsterdam Masonic archives and was introduced into this country by His Honour Judge Frederick Adolphus Philbrick K.C., in 1889.

Throughout the late 19th Century, the Degree was only conferred upon senior members of the major Masonic Orders and other distinguished Brethren at the invitation of the head of the Secret Monitor, the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler.

In 1929 the Order ceased to work at the command of the Grand Supreme Ruler, Charles Napier-Clavering and remained dormant until Peter Glyn Williams brought the Order to life and is now open to all members who have received the first two Degrees in the Order of the Secret Monitor.



from left to right

*Dist. Comp. A.D. Jones Dep. Prov. G. Summus
 R. Dist. Comp. Ian S. Currans Dep. G. Summus
 M. Dist. Comp. Andrew C. Sweeney
 R. Dist. Comp. Keith B. Ferguson Prov. G. Summus
 R. Dist. Comp. Paul R. Clement G.R.V.
 R. Dist. Comp. Charles J. Aspinell Asst. G. Summus
 Dist. Comp. T.R. Eirian Jones Asst. Prov. G. Summus*

The meeting was opened by the Presiding Officer, R. Dist. Comp. Paul R. Clement, assisted by Dist. Comp. Anthony F. Moore and D. Comp. Robert J. Tanswell.

Thus, on the 15th February 2014, the Grand Summus, Most Worthy Comp. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, his Deputy, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Currans, his Assistant, R. Dist. Comp. Cdr. Charles J. Aspinell together with a team of Grand Officers arrived in Swansea to Install our new Provincial G. Summus.

Also present was the Grand Summus' bodyguard, the "Grand Tzaddikim, who formed an impressive arch of steel for various processions through the morning.



After his Installation, the Prov. Summus then Installed his Deputy, Dist. Comp. Allun D. Jones and his Assistant, D. Comp. T. R. Eirian Jones following which he appointed and invested his Provincial Officers for the forthcoming year in a very happy and successful meeting.

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The Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire, which consists of three Consistories, was well represented and, together with Executive Officers from seven other Provinces, then retired to an enjoyable lunch in the Connaught Rooms in the Swansea Masonic Hall.