

MAEN ACHWYFAN 514



A special evening recently saw Brother Daniel Johnson become the latest Inductee into the Order of the Secret Monitor at Maen Achwyfan Conclave No 514 at Mostyn.

Bro Dan is the second new member of the Province since our Annual Meeting, just 2 days previously.

Brother Dan is the grandson of Very Worshipful Brother Peter Watkin, a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of North Wales, who was granted special dispensation to surprise his grandson by attending the Festive Board.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, thanked Worthy Brother Derek Blackburn (Deeks) for proposing his friend into the Order, and expressed his delight of having a second excellent candidate join the Province in just two days since the Annual Meeting.

He also suggested that Brother Dan's grandfather may wish to follow his grandson's lead into the Order.

Brother Dan explained he had explored his options following his Raising, and decided to opt for the OSM before joining the Mark Degree, which he will do shortly.

Worthy Brother Paul Burton, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, acted as Supreme Ruler for the evening in the absence of the unwell incumbent, handing over to Worthy Brother Derek Gaskell who delivered an excellent ceremony, accompanied by Brother Ian Stone, Guide, who explained the Weapons, and Worthy Brother Derek Blackburn, Counsellor, who delivered the Address to the Candidate.

Pictured:

Tony Stringer, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; Paul Burton, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and acting Supreme Ruler for the evening; Brother Daniel Johnson; Very Worshipful Brother Peter Watkin; Worthy Brother Derek Blackburn, Conclave Counsellor.

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