

Companions All,

This is my first news update since my Installation as your Provincial Grand Summus, and I have certainly hit the ground running.

Firstly, my thanks to Rt Dist Companion John Marrison for all the help and encouragement he has given me throughout my time as a member of the Scarlet Cord. He most certainly conducted himself in a Right Distinguished manner and I am sure we all look forward to his exit from "Purdah" and re-joining our gatherings once more. Additionally, thanks to Rt Dist Comp Graeme Hutchinson who despite living some considerable distance from us is always on hand with sound advice and of course his IT skills to keep us informed. Many congratulations on achieving the VI grade and your Gold Badge, the first in our province and richly deserved for all the work in West Yorkshire and down at Mark Masons Hall. Nearer to home we have Rt Dist Comp Stewart Carley who is a pillar of strength to all masons in all orders. Thanks also to Rt Dist Comp Keith McCully for enabling us to open Provincial Grand Senatus in September and my final thanks on this subject go to all the Companions of West Yorkshire who attended the Senatus on 17<sup>th</sup> September. I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did!!

Next month I hope to be able to present the calendar for the year with the programmes of each Consistory and details of a Provincial Visit and a Preparation ceremony. We have had 2 meetings since my installation; those of Calder Vale which I attended and White Rose which I didn't owing to a commitment made before my preferment. I have attended the Provincial Senatus of West Lancs, Midland Counties, North and East Yorkshire and a conference of Provincial Grand Summi at Mark Masons Hall. My next outing is on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November to East Anglia where Keith McCully will preside. We then have a little gap until the New Year, and I will publicise these visits which all Companions are welcome to attend. Travel arrangements between us ensure we maximize our carloads.

Finally, Companions I wish to be informed of any Companion who is ill or just simply having a difficult time so that I can speak to him personally to offer our support in any way needed. Please have in your thoughts and prayers Em. Comp Ian Wilkinson Prov.GStwd of White Rose NO.95 who fell from a ladder he has been in ICU having suffered a significant head Injury. Please do not contact his home as visiting is taking most of Gilly's time. I am happy to give updates.

Rt Dist Comp A P K Webster

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