

## The Practice of Brotherly Love

Our Order is non denominational and open to all Master Masons in good standing who are members of a regular Craft Constitution. Our rituals and ceremonies generate a deeper understanding of the Craft principle of Brotherly Love and demand a higher level of commitment to their precepts by every Brother of David and Jonathan.

The first references to this Order are known to be of Dutch origin and there is an interesting document written in the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century which states that the Order of David and Jonathan was brought to the New World about the year 1658 by Dutch settlers of Jewish descent who settled in Newport, Rhode Island however, our present Order was brought from America to Britain by Doctor Issachar Zachary in about 1875. Originally the Order, as worked in America, consisted of a single Degree, which could be conferred on any worthy Master Mason by another Brother who had received it himself.

Doctor Zachary, (who had become a member of the Bon Accord Mark Lodge in London) met a number of other Brethren who had become Secret Monitors during their Masonic progress in other Countries. At his invitation, they all met at his house on 5th May 1887 and resolved to form a Conclave to be called the Alfred Meadows Conclave. Under the leadership of Doctor Zachary, a Grand Council was formed later in 1887 and the ritual was extended when a further two degrees were added, one of which pertained to the Chair of the Supreme Ruler.

A Supreme Ruler who represents David heads each Conclave and the immediate past ruler represents Jonathan. The other principal officers are the Counsellor and the Guide. Then come the usual offices of Treasurer, Recorder and Director of Ceremonies.

The next are four officers who are of key importance in promoting the fundamental principles of the Order, they are the Visiting Deacons. Each Visiting Deacon is assigned a portion of the membership and are responsible for communicating with their "charges" between meetings of the Conclave to ensure that all is well with them.

The other officers are the Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Guarder and Sentinel. In the second or Princes degree, the titles of some of the officers take on the names of certain biblical characters involved in the story.

"May I take this opportunity in inviting you to become a member of this outstanding order by joining one of our Conclaves and in doing so, become a member of one of the closest knit Orders that exist in Freemasonry throughout the world today."

*R.W.Bro.Stephen Jeffrey Regal - Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler*

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## Conclaves in the Channel Islands

### Fidelè Amiètchi Conclave

*Masonic Temple, Stopford Road, St. Helier, Jersey  
Second Thursday in March, Fourth Thursday in September*

### Harold Manners Conclave

*Masonic Temple, Stopford Road, St. Helier, Jersey  
Second Wednesday in June, Second Thursday in December*

### Le Marchant Conclave

*Masonic Center, St. Martins, Guernsey  
Third Monday in January, First Wednesday in June*



## The Order of the Secret Monitor

Induction into the first degree as a **Secret Monitor** is where we first have reference to David (father of Solomon) and Jonathan (son of Saul the first King of Israel). David was a great warrior and a servant of the King. Saul however soon became jealous of David's brilliance and plotted to kill him.

The first degree graphically describes how Jonathan warned David (in a non-obvious manner hence "Secret Monitor"), not to return to King Saul's household. It is taken from the first book of Samuel.



In the second degree also known as **The Princes Degree** we find that through his friendship with Jonathan, David was informed of the plot to kill him and fled to the hills for safety. In order to keep David informed of developments within the King's court, Jonathan devised a special system of communication, which the degree embraces and develops.

Saul was informed of the association between David and his son and blamed those around him for encouraging it. Saul then embarked on a major search for David, slaughtering many whom he believed to be involved in his concealment, but David triumphed and eventually became the Second King of Israel.

This degree also tells how David admitted into his band one who had escaped from a massacre carried out at the order of Saul.



The **Ceremony of Commissioning** is taken when ascending to become Supreme Ruler of a conclave, (equivalent of a Master in the Craft). The Ceremony is unique in that, in addition to the actual Installation Ceremony that it is usually carried out by the Supreme Ruler's predecessor, the Ceremony of Commissioning must be carried out by Past or present Grand Officer, usually the most senior present, which confers status throughout the entire Order, and a Certificate is issued by Grand Conclave to that effect.



All of these ceremonies are very moving and it is upon the principles of fidelity and friendship exemplified therein, that the system of communicating friendship and caring among the members of the Order is promoted in a practical way.



## PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS



