

## The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus

Provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October at Belper  
Masonic Centre

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**Provincial Grand Summus  
R. Dist. Comp.  
Peter J H Brown**

### Consistories within The Province of East Midlands

**Derbyshire Consistory No.11 TI** Meeting place:  
The Masonic hall, 23 Elm Avenue, Long Eaton,  
Notts NG10 4LR

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May (Installation) and the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday in July.

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**Leicestershire & Rutland Consistory No. 63**  
Meeting place: Freemasons' Hall, George Street,  
Lutterworth, Leicestershire LE17 4ED

Meeting last Friday in July and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in  
October (Installation).

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**Lincolnshire Consistory No. 91**  
Meeting place: Masonic Hall, Fairfield Industrial  
Estate, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 0WA

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in April and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in  
September (Installation)

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### Belper Consistory No. 96

Meeting place: Masonic Hall, |Campbell Street,  
Belper, Derbyshire. DE56 1AP

Meeting first Thursday in July and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in  
August (Installation)

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Visiting within the Province is encouraged and as we  
have a good cross section of members from  
throughout the East Midlands, new members can be  
assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

If you should wish to join the Order, please contact  
one of the Recorders above or the provincial  
Recorder:

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### Main web site of the Order of The Scarlet Cord:

[www.scarlet-cord.com](http://www.scarlet-cord.com)



## Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord Province of The East Midlands

in the British Isles & its Districts and Consistories  
Overseas

This Ancient Order is open to Brethren who have  
passed through the second or Prince's Degree in the  
Order of the Secret Monitor.

It was introduced in the British Isles in 1889 and is  
based upon ancient 18th Century documents from the  
Amsterdam Masonic archives. The rituals and  
ceremonies of the Order are a continuation of the  
Secret Monitor Prince's Degree, which Masonic  
tradition informs us, originally contained most of the  
material now used.

The rituals are based on the forebears of King David  
and the wars of the Maccabees (Chapter 2 of the Old  
Testament Book of Joshua).

### Why should I Join?

This Ancient Order builds further on the warmth,  
companionship and support demonstrated in the  
Order of the Secret Monitor. You will find great  
friendship and companionship and you will also  
discover rituals that are colorful and meaningful.  
The Order further enhances a Mason's Masonic  
experience thus enabling him to grow in knowledge.

The Order has six Grades, the rituals of which are progressively more informative and interesting.

Similar to the Order of the Secret Monitor, the regalia is simple and inexpensive, consisting of a Scarlet Cord, and a different Jewel for each grade. Performance of the ritual of the ceremonies is spread across all the officers encouraging maximum participation of those present. The members of the Order are called Companions.

### **The Six Grades of the Order.**

In Grades 1-4 the Companion's Scarlet Cord forms the basis of the regalia and is worn differently depending on the grade of a Companion.



**The First Grade of the Order** tells the story of how Rahab hid the Jewish spies from the King of Jericho.

The First Grade Jewel is a replica of an ancient key suspended on a thin scarlet cord.



**The Second Grade of the Order** relates to the story of Ruth, her eventual marriage to Boaz the son of

Salmon and Rahab, and the birth of their son Obed, a Grandfather of David.

The Second Grade Jewel depicts a scroll with a simple phrase written in Greek.



**In the Third Grade of the Order** a Companion reflects on the resolve of the Maccabees to retain their faith in the face of oppressive tyranny. The Third Grade Jewel is a Silver Skull and Crossbones suspended from a ribbon (purple, as depicted, for companions who were members of the Order before its separation from the OSM and black for all others).



The first three Grades are conferred on duly qualified members who have proved their proficiency in the previous grades.

Prior to being elected as President, a Companion must be prepared for this office. At the conclusion of the Preparation Ceremony he receives a patent from the Grand Summus authorising him to preside over a Consistory. Having been prepared as President he receives the title of Eminent Companion. The Preparation Ceremony may be conducted in either a consistory meeting or at a Provincial Senatus.

Once installed as President, he receives the title Distinguished Companion, and is entitled to attach a Silver Anointing Horn to his Jewel (as depicted).

**The Fourth Grade of the Order** is conferred on a Companion who has proved proficiency in the Order, after a minimum of two years from his installation as President, when he will be invited to attend a Fourth Grade Ceremony usually held in London.

The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant suspended from a gilt top bar, which, in turn, is suspended from a tricoloured ribbon (red/white/black)



**The Fifth Grade of the Order** is conferred on Past Presidents at the discretion of the Grand Summus. The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant within a silver star and is worn on the left breast.



**The Sixth Grade of the Order** is also conferred on Past Presidents by invitation of the Grand Summus. The Jewel depicts the Ark of the Covenant within a gold star and is worn on the left breast.

