

# DISTRICT OF DYFED

The Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council Thirty Third Degree



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## December 2022 Christmas Newsletter

My Dear Brothers

Being now well into the season of Advent, what a delight it is to look forward to our Christmas Festival with unbridled anticipation and without that joy being tempered by the pandemic forebodings of the past two years.

Since the restart of our Masonic year last September, most Chapters in the District have expended much effort in re-building and catching up after the disruptions of the last two years and I thank all members for their efforts and hard work in enabling us to begin 2023 from a strong and healthy position.

In fact, in my visits to our Enthronement and regular meetings, we have not only been blessed with a healthy number of Perfections but perhaps more importantly, it has been very clear to me that there is a strong climate of passion, enjoyment and happiness in being able to meet again and enjoy each other's company in Christian fellowship which is just as it should be and a sure sign of promise of good things to come in 2023.

The recent very busy Higher Degree meetings in Duke St are another illustration of this period of confidence and catch-up with a higher than average number of candidates for promotion enjoying the most impressive and memorable higher degree ceremonies in the Grand East conducted by Supreme Council.

In particular, we in the District of Dyfed have this year been particularly blessed with a record number of Supreme Council preferments including four 32<sup>o</sup> and five 30<sup>o</sup> to date and a further three 31<sup>o</sup> and two 30<sup>o</sup> scheduled for February 2023.

I have to say I have never known so many promotions in just seven months.

So let us celebrate that each and every one of these promotions has been very well deserved and in recognition of effort, commitment and very often a great deal of sustained hard work for our Order whilst recognising that many others have also contributed in no small measure to our recovery, and I extend my thanks to you all.

Christmas is of course, a time of spiritual reflection and celebration of the important foundations of our Christian faith. It's also a time of peace, love, and goodwill and love towards others which is central to our Order.

So, on behalf of our District Recorder Ill Bro Mike Swann and myself, I wish you and your families a joyous and blessed Christmas with time to reflect on its positive message of hope followed by a happy, peaceful, and above all healthy New Year.

May God bless you and your loved ones and keep you all safe and well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

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