



Address by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave

Brethren I have much pleasure in submitting my report, which covers the period since our last Provincial Grand meeting.



We have been very fortunate to bounce back from the previous 2 years to the extent that our membership figures are just above pre-pandemic membership numbers. This might be due to the fact, that we started our meetings shortly after restrictions were lifted. Whilst the first few meetings brethren were somewhat cautious about returning, we soon resumed back to normal practice and attendance levels. During this period, we have inducted 7 brethren into the order, as well as conducting several Princes Degrees and installation meetings. We also have 4 brethren waiting to be inducted, these will be carried out in due course.

I strongly encourage every brother to make an effort to recruit new members into the order. There is information to assist you, in terms of booklets and I would suggest you direct people to the website, where there is further information. As I always say, after passing this information on to the perspective candidate, don't forget to follow-up with a phone call and answer any questions they may have.

Today we have with us many honoured guests from all over the Country, which I had much pleasure in introducing them to you all earlier. I have visited many of the Provinces represented here today, to which I was shown great hospitality and friendship, which has made my visits enjoyable and rewarding. I strongly encourage all Provincial Officers to make every effort to visit other Provinces. I can assure you that you will be made to feel welcome and enjoy the experience.

At the ELJ Smith Conclave, which is our Supreme Rulers Conclave, this year we will be performing a Ceremony of Mourning to honour Brethren who have been called to higher service. You do not have to be a member of that Conclave to attend the Ceremony of

Mourning. For those of you who have not seen this Ceremony performed, it is well worth attending and it gives us the opportunity to pay our respects to departed Brethren. I always think that it is a very thought-provoking Ceremony, please attend if you can.

The Order of the Scarlet Cord, our sister order, is going from strength to strength. At present, I believe, around 70% of our members also belong to the Scarlet Cord. We will continue to encourage members of the Order of the Secret Monitor to seriously think about joining. As we all know their membership relies entirely on the members of the OSM. You will find the ceremonies are very interesting. If you would like further information, you can contact their Provincial Grand Recorder, Chris Eley and I am sure, he will be pleased to assist you.

At the last Provincial meeting we approved donations to the Mark Benevolent Fund, Motor Neurone Society, as well as the Princess Alice Hospice. I contacted the Hospice, who invited me to take a tour of the Hospice, which was very interesting, and they had various projects on the go. Towards the end of the tour, I presented them with a cheque for £500, to which they were very grateful. I believe that this will be used towards upgrading one of the wards. All the staff do a marvellous job in making the patients feel as comfortable as possible.

We held our long awaited OSM Dinner & Dance in November. This was an outstanding success; all 160 tickets were sold. It is a very enjoyable and fun party night, as well as giving us the opportunity to raise money for charity. It was so successful, that we managed to raise £1,600 and I decided that this money was shared by the three nominated charities, once again I visited the Hospice and presented them with a further cheque of approximately £530.

We will be holding another OSM Dinner & Dance this year and we have moved it to December 10th at the Reigate Manor Hotel. Tickets are selling out fast, the last time I heard, there were 140 sold. So, if you are thinking of attending, please get in touch with Alan Brockwell, to secure your tickets.

Today's meeting would not have been possible without the excellent assistance from Len Hayward, Nigel Thomson, Peter Dack, Ian Bloodworth and Roger Short, as well as the Officers who stood in for those Provincial Officers who were unable to attend.

Brethren once again, I thank you for your attendance today and for listening to my report. I look forward to your company at the reception and festive board. Keep well and safe and may the almighty friend of all friends be with us all.

Colin M Beerling
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler
11th June 2022



Provincial Grand Conclave



The Brethren of Surrey and their guests started arriving from 9 am where coffee and bacon sandwiches were being served in one of the dining rooms.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Centre on Saturday the 11th of June 2022.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel were busy rehearsing their duties in the Temple.



Among the many guests were Heads of several Surrey Orders, and distinguished guests from other Provinces.



Provincial Grand Conclave was opened by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Colin M Beerling, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.



After the In Memoriam to departed Brethren, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed all the honoured guests of the Province hoping that they will enjoy the meeting and festive board. The minutes were taken, the Roll of Provincial Officers was called, as well as the Roll of Conclaves.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed those Brethren who have been inducted since our last meeting. He welcomed them into the Order and presented them with a lapel pin.

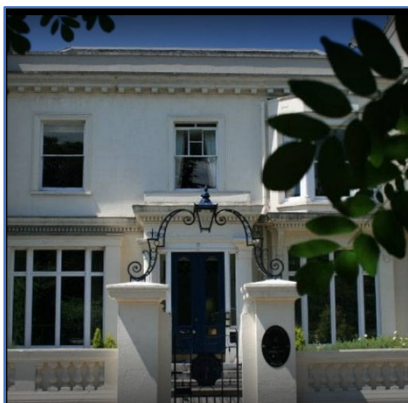
Wy.Bro. David Willmott was re-elected Treasurer.



The Provincial Officers for the year 2022/2023 were appointed and those present were invested. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then re-appointed the Commander, Bro. Martin Baker, and appointed the Deputy Commander, Bro. Robert Short, and members of his Arch of Steel

During his address to Provincial Grand Conclave, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked all members of the Province for their continued support and requested them to continue to seek out from their Craft Lodges suitable members for this wonderful Order.

After the meeting the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler greeted all our honoured guests on their way out of the Temple.



Here we have our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler with the Provincial Grand Summus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, and the District Grand Prefect in the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees, R.W.Bro. John V C French.

At the conclusion of the meeting members of the Province, their visitors and guests sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon in the Elizabethan Suite at Surbiton Masonic Hall.

To view all the photos of the day, see our web site <http://www.orderofthesecretmonitor.co.uk/news-index.html>

Warlingham perform yet another Princes Degree



An excellent meeting at Warlingham Conclave on the 31st May, despite twelve of the members either ill or on holiday.

Wy. Bro Alastair Richardson stood in as the Supreme Ruler expertly at short notice and R. Wy Bro Mik Barnes performed the Prince's Degree to Bro Bob Woolloff, who is a member of Surbiton Conclave in his usual ineffable manner.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy Bro Colin Beerling, explained the Charge and gave the Lecture in a faultless manner - as is his style.

The sixteen members and guests not only witnessed a first-class ceremony but enjoyed a first-rate meal afterwards at the Nutfield centre.



Warlingham Conclave would like to thank Alan Boniface, Len Hillier and Jeff Flint, three of our visitors who played an important part in the ceremony by taking some of the offices, which made this a very special meeting for Brother Bob Woolloff.

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Christmas Charity Dinner and Dance Party

Saturday 10th December 2022 at Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Surrey, RH2 9PF

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Dining, Carriages at Midnight | Black Tie and Posh Frock



Always Whitney + Mowtown & Soul, two fantastic shows in one night from Tashara Forrest.

Discounted B&B Rooms available for £110

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