

An Official Visit to Artington Conclave

Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy. Bro. Colin M Beerling will be making an official visit to Artington Conclave No 596 at Guildford Masonic Centre on the 5th of September 2022.

At the meeting, Brother Ian Neve will be installed as Supreme Ruler of Artington Conclave for the ensuing year. Following on, there will also be the installation of Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth as the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

It is strongly requested that all Provincial Officers, as well as members of the Arch of Steel, make every effort to attend this important meeting. We would also encourage all other Brethren to attend and support Bro. Ian Neve and Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth on this important occasion.

Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler will also take the opportunity to invest any Provincial Officers who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting in June.

All enquiries to attend and dine Wy.Bro. John French, the acting Secretary, on john@hotelsint.com



Travels of a Grand Chaplain



This year, as in the ten years before 'lockdown', has proved very busy for the Grand Chaplain V.Wy.Bro. Louis Keats, our immediate past Provincial Grand Chaplain. He has just returned home (*Darlington in Co Durham*) from his Office in Installing a new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Somerset at Nailsea.

On 15 June he was at the Installation of a new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Chester and North Wales at Christleton, and he went from there to Gatwick and flew to Thessaloniki in Greece as Grand Chaplain in a sister order for a Consecration!

On the 11th of June he retired as our Provincial Grand Chaplain after 8 years in office. On 21 May he flew to Guernsey for the Installation of a new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Channel Islands. And that is just in 3 months, as well as his duties in other Orders.

He has also been for very many years Chaplain of Surbiton Conclave No 299, Supreme Rulers Conclave No 123, and the Lewis Conclave No 487.

The photos taken at the South India Masonic weekend in Chennai in December 2019, show V.Wy.Bro. Louis with M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Sweeny our Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Llewellyn Gill, the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler and M.III.Comp. Kessick Jones the Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters in one photo. In the other with the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler and the .Wy GSR and the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler with M.Wy.Bro. Khoo Boo Kean, the Grand Supreme Ruler in Malaysia (*where V.Wy.Bro. Louis is Honorary P.G.Chap.*) and M.W.Bro. Paul Johnson the Grand Master of The Masonic Order of Athelstan.

In case he was not busy enough, Louis was also Perfected in Rose Croix that week in Millennium Chapter.

Article and photos by Louis Keats



E L J Smith Conclave of Mourning

In July the E L J Smith Conclave No 613 carried out a demonstration of a Conclave of Mourning.

The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Leslie Grout and a Eulogy was given by Wy.Bro. Graham Rawlinson for R.Wy.Bro. Peter Ribb, ProvGSR (London).

The muster roll was called and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received. V.Wy.Bro. Louis Keats was elected an Honorary Member, and Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth was elected as a joining member.

Wy.Bro. Leslie Grout was Proclaimed as Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year by R.Wy.Bro. Ian S Currans who also gave the Address to the Princes. The Officers of the year were then appointed and those present invested.



Wy.Bro. David Blackburn was elected as the Supreme Ruler for the following year, and Wy.Bro. Len Hayward was elected as Treasurer.

The Conclave congratulated Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth on his appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler at a meeting of Artington Conclave at Guildford on Monday the 5th of September.

The Conclave was closed, and the Temple arranged for the demonstration of the Conclave of Mourning.



A Conclave of Mourning was introduced to mark the death of the first Grand Supreme Ruler, Dr Issacher Zacharie, and symbolises David's mourning for the loss of his friend Jonathan.

This very moving ceremony was excellently performed by Wy. Bro. Leslie Grout and the Officers of the E L J Smith Conclave.