

Our new Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



At the September meeting of Artington Conclave at Guildford Wy. Bro. Ian Ramon Bloodworth was installed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey by our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R. Wy. Bro. Colin M Beerling.

Ian was born in 1953 in Islington, North London. He attended Holloway Grammar School where he achieved good grades. During this period, Ian developed a passion for lots of different sports, including tennis, table tennis, but most of all football and he represented England school boys, where he achieved 13 caps.

During this period, Ian was signed by Tottenham Hotspur on schoolboy terms and, 2 years later, on professional terms. Breaking into the reserve team during his time at the club. Unfortunately, by the age of 25 he received a serious knee injury, which finished his professional career. It was after this time, that he moved to Suffolk.

After football, Ian took up flat green lawn bowls, where he went on to represent Essex and Suffolk for indoor bowls, gaining county honours for both organisations.

While Ian was at Tottenham, he studied for a degree in graphic design which opened up work opportunities in various industries, including media projects, designing items for Disney, Warner Brothers and Wimbledon Tennis Association.

After 22 years in graphic designing, he decided to have a change of career and moved to Putney to work in social housing, to which he worked for a further 6 years.

Ian is married to Sandra and currently lives in Cobham. Ian and Sandra decided to retire at the same time, when he was 58, and he decided on a new challenge. They bought some land in a village just outside Limerick and had their own house built. They lived there for 3 years and after this time decided to move back to the UK and live in Surrey. Ian's current hobbies include bowls, slot car racing, and he is an avid collector of films. He also enjoys travelling.

Ian was initiated into Masonry in 1988 at Mildenhall Lodge in the Province of Suffolk and became Worshipful Master in 1997, eventually receiving Provincial Honours. In the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Ian joined White Rose Chapter in the Province of Suffolk in 1995, where he also received Provincial Honours.

In 1997 Ian joined the Order of the Secret Monitor at St Edmonds Conclave in the Province of Suffolk and became Supreme Ruler in 2005. He went on to receive Provincial Honours as a Steward, ADC, DepADC and in 2014 he was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. He also received Grand Rank appointments, as a Grand Steward in 2012 and then PAGDC in 2016.

Ian joined the Scarlet Cord in 2013 in Suffolk, Godric Consistory, and became their President in 2018. He received Provincial honours in 2019 as Standard Bearer and, in 2021, as Sword Bearer. During the periods in which he lived in Ireland and London, he still travelled to Suffolk for his Masonic meetings.

When Ian moved back to Surrey in 2016, he decided to join the OSM in Surbiton Conclave and the E L J Smith Conclave. He was made Deputy Provincial ADC in 2018 and in 2019 he was promoted to Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. In 2018 he joined the Scarlet Cord in Surrey Consistory No 4 T.I. and is currently the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

In the past five years, Ian has joined Priory Gate Lodge, Progress Chapter, the Mark Degree, Royal Ark Mariner, and Red Cross of Constantine.

Ian is an experienced, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic Mason and was therefore ideally suited to become our new Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Surrey, and we all wish him well in the future.



A Special Meeting of Artington Conclave

On the 5th of September 2022 our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy. Bro. Colin M Beerling, made an official visit to Artington Conclave No 595 at Guildford Masonic Centre with his Escorting Officer, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and a team of Provincial Officers of the year.

The Conclave was opened by the acting Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler entered in procession under an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler and took the Chair.



The Address to the Supreme Ruler and the Lecture on the Weapons was given by R.Wy. Bro. Colin Beerling and to the Visiting Deacons and Officers by Wy.Bro. Ian Neve.

The new Supreme Ruler was then Congratulated by Wy. Bro. Colin Beerling, who wished him a successful and enjoyable year in office.

The Officers of the Conclave were then appointed and those present were invested.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked all his Officers for their support, not only to him but also to Artington Conclave.

After the Muster Roll had been called and the Visiting Deacons had given their reports it was time to install Bro. Ian Neve as Supreme Ruler. This was done in the excellent manner that we have got accustomed to from R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes.



After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the Conclave was called off while the Temple was re-arranged for the Installation of a new Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

The Supreme Ruler invited the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler to occupy the Chair. The installing officer announced the appointment of Wy. Bro. Ian R Bloodworth as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies formed an escort to introduce the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate and escort entered in procession.

The installing officer addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate and requested the Provincial Grand Recorder to read the patent of Appointment.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate knelt for the benefit of prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate was obligated and installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was proclaimed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies designate, Wy. Bro. Steve Jones, and saluted by members of the Province

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then invested the Provincial Officers who were not able to attend the Provincial meeting. He said how delighted he was that 22 Provincial Officers of the Year were able to attend this special meeting.



He also thanked the many Heads of Other Orders in Surrey; and the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Suffolk, R. Wy. Bro. Dr. John A Elmore, and his Deputy, Wy. Bro. William McColl, for attending to support the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler passed the chair back to the Supreme Ruler, to continue the Conclave business. The Conclave was closed and after the customary photographs we all retired to the bar for refreshments.



The Brethren of Artington Conclave and their many guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre at Weybourne House Guildford.

East Scotland Provincial Grand Conclave

V.Wy.Bro. Louis Keats, Grand Chaplain, (pictured here with R Wy Bro Morgan McDonald PGSR E Scotland) attended their meeting on 27 August, a marathon 300 miles and 6 hours round trip from Darlington.

The meeting was super followed by an excellent Harmony (Festive Board to you English). R Wy Bro Morgan worked wonders as a week before the meeting he found that the Masonic Hall had double booked dining with a wedding due to the Hall's diary error!

Undeterred R Wy Bro Morgan managed to book in at the Social Club just up the road and coffee before the meeting and dining after were provided in splendid style. V.Wy.Bro. Louis gave Grace at the after proceedings, R.Wy.Bro. Ken Embleton, P.G.S.R. Durham, V Wy Bro Steve Preston, and W.Bro. Gary Taylor, Prov.G.Treas., also attended from Durham and there were 8 P.G.S.R.s in attendance.

A brilliant day was enjoyed by all.

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Surbiton Conclave

A meeting of Surbiton Conclave No 299 took place on Thursday the 1st of September at Surbiton. Attending the Conclave meeting that afternoon was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling.

The Conclave was opened by Wy.Bro. Rev. Derek Williamson, Supreme Ruler, who welcomed all the guests and visitors. The main item on the agenda was to admit to the rank of Prince of the Order Brother David Coombes. The Ceremony was conducted in his usual excellent manner by R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

A Report was given and the I.P.S.R. accompanied by the Grand Officers left to greet Prince Jonathan who had requested a Conference. On their return, Princes of the Order were allowed to remain but all below that rank retired. Those remaining proved themselves and an Assembly of Princes was opened. An Alarm was given, and the Sentinel announced that Bro. David Coombes craved to be admitted to the rank of Prince of the Order. After the blessing of prayer, the candidate promised to persevere throughout the ceremony, and listened to various scripture readings. He was then entrusted with the password and left the meeting.



After another Alarm he was re-admitted, and the origin of the Order explained. Bro. David was then Obligated and entrusted with the secrets of the Order. The meaning of the Challenge, and the Lecture, were given in an excellent manner by R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, and he was decorated with the jewel of the Order. After sharing the Cup of Goodwill, the Assembly was closed, and all brethren admitted. The Conclave was then resumed in the First Degree.

R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling then presented a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro. Bob Woolloff who had received his Prince's Degree at Warlingham Conclave earlier in the year.

The Conclave was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Afterwards the brethren dined together in perfect friendship and harmony at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

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