

R.Wy.Bro. Laurence James Young Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of R.Wy.Bro. Laurence (*Laurie*) James Young on the 3rd of October 2022.

Laurie was initiated into Ditton Lodge in 1987. He joined North Surrey Maters, and Surrey Secretaries Golden Jubilee Lodges and other Lodges in London and West Kent.

Laurie was exalted into Ditton Chapter in 1988. He joined Mid Surrey First Principals and Peace and Hope Chapter in London, and was MEZ in all three Chapters. He received an appointment to Grand Chapter Rank of **PAGDC** in 2005

Laurie was well known throughout the Province for his support of the Progressive orders.



He was a member of the Mark and RAM, Knights Templar, Order of the Secret Monitor, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal and Select Masters, Scarlet Cord, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, and Knight Templar Priests. He held Grand Rank in all of them except for the Royal Order which has no Grand Rank only Provincial Rank, which he held.

The highlight of Laurie's Masonic career must be when he was made Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey in the Order of the Secret Monitor in 2012, an Office he held until 2019.



Recently Laurie had withdrawn from many orders following his retirement to the South Coast for his health, a retirement that sadly he did not live long enough to enjoy for all the time and effort he had devoted to Freemasonry.

R.Wy.Bro. Laurie was a kind, gentle man, possessing great strength of character, a mentor to those around him. He will be sadly missed across the Province.

I had the pleasure of knowing Laurie for all my Masonic life. He was good friend and mentor to me, and it was he who persuaded me to join the Order of the Secret Monitor, telling me that it was **fantastic**.

Chris Eley



An Official Visit to Hill of Zion Conclave



On the 15th of September 2022, following a meeting of the Hill of Zion Consistory earlier in the afternoon, our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin M Beerling, made an official visit to Hill of Zion Conclave.



R.Wy. Bro. Colin introduced the members of his escort and said how much he was looking forward to this, the Installation Meeting of Hill of Zion Conclave No. 270.



After photographs and a drink in the bar the Brethren of the Hill of Zion Conclave and their guests enjoyed a splendid meal together at the Croydon Masonic Centre.

The Conclave was opened by Wy.Bro. James L Smith, the Supreme Ruler. The Brethren welcomed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who was accompanied by members of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel and Provincial Officers of the year.



Brother Donald Henry McGarr was installed as Supreme Ruler by Wy. Bro. James Smith, assisted by R.Wy.Bro. Trevor Currans and R.Wy.Bro. Ian Currans. The Officers of the Conclave were then appointed and those present were invested.

Wy.Bro. Donald was congratulated by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who wished him an enjoyable and successful year.



The Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was recently pleased to donate the sum of £500 to the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity.

Karen Shortland, Fundraising & Engagement Administrator said:

On behalf of all the families we support and everybody here at Rainbow Trust Children's Charity I would like to thank you for the wonderful donation of £500 which we recently received from Order of the Secret Monitor Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey. With your generosity and support Rainbow Trust Family Support Workers can continue helping seriously ill children and their families as they are affected and struggle to cope with childhood illness.

Your gift enables families to receive the emotional and practical support that they desperately need as they face the challenges of looking after their seriously ill child, their siblings, and having to cope with difficult every-day routines, enormous pressure, and their own fears. Dealing with all of this can be totally overwhelming and traumatic for the entire family. The help of a Family Support Worker could be a lifeline.

Thanks to your support we can ensure that our Family Support Workers continue to deliver the very best care and support to the seriously ill children and their families who depend on us.