

A Christmas Message from our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



As Christmas fast approaches, Ann and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

It was so good to see so many of you at the Reigate Manor Hotel the other Saturday evening supporting our OSM Christmas Party, and I again thank Wendy and Alan for all their hard work in making it another successful evening.

Thanks also, to all of you who have accompanied me or Ian on our official visits to Conclaves. It certainly helps to swell their numbers and makes for a most enjoyable afternoon and evening together.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

A Candidate for Surbiton Conclave

At the meeting of Surbiton Conclave, No. 299, on Thursday 8th December Bro. Jonathan Burston was inducted into the order by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson, ably assisted by R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes who entrusted him with the secrets and R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling who explained the weapons and delivered the address.

The Conclave was honoured by the presence of not only the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, but also his deputy, W.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, although unofficially as both are members of the Conclave, and indeed proposed and seconded the candidate.

The meeting started with a tinge of sadness as we remembered the loss of our Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Laurie Young, who was both a former member and recently an honorary member of the Conclave.

V.Wy.Bro. Louis Keats, our Chaplain for many years, and Supreme Ruler some fifteen years ago, was elected an honorary member; and Bro. Keith Waller was elected Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year, to be installed at our next meeting in June 2023.

The meeting concluded with the usual convivial Festive Board where Brother Jonathan was again welcomed by his proposer and expressed his pleasure at joining the Conclave.



Thanks to David Thompson

The Surrey OSM Christmas Party

The Surrey OSM Christmas Party, was held at the Reigate Manor Hotel on Saturday 10th of December. It was another huge success with everyone enjoying the party atmosphere.



There were over 140 guests consisting of Surrey Masons, their friends, and families, including several Heads of the Companion Orders in Surrey.

The party, once again organised by Alan and Wendy Brockwell, included a lovely three course meal with dancing after the meal to Tashara Forrest. The dining room was decorated in a festive manner with Christmas Crackers on the tables and Santa Sacks on every chair.



At 6.30 pm the guests started gathering for a few drinks in the bar before moving into the dining room.



After the meal the party started. Alan and Wendy distributed party poppers and balloons to all the tables which were soon being blown up and let off.



We were entertained by Tashara Forrest who got us all up dancing.



We had a competition to see who the best air guitarist was.

Next was the Grand Raffle. There was a table full of prizes with the top prize being a Chromebook.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler presented Alan and Wendy Brockwell with a gift each to thank them for arranging such a successful evening.



Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Colin Beerling and his wife Ann thanked everyone for coming along to support the OSM Christmas Party,

As well as having a most enjoyable evening together, the Christmas Party raised £1,400 for charity.



An Official Visit to Warlingham Conclave



On Tuesday 29th of November, Warlingham Conclave No 291 were honoured by a visit from our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian R Bloodworth and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The Conclave was opened by the acting Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, who welcomed everyone. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, accompanied by his escorting officer, Wy.Bro. Steve Jones, and the Provincial team entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler and offered the gavel.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler said how good it was to be visiting the Conclave for the first time in his new role, introduced the Provincial Officers, took the minutes and resumed his seat in the Conclave.

The Supreme Ruler took the opportunity of thanking Wy.Bro. Ian for acting as the Director of Ceremonies at the earlier meeting of Warlingham Consistory where they conducted a 2nd and a 3rd Grade Ceremony. This was much appreciated by the Companions of the Consistory.



A ballot was taken for a joining member, Wy.Bro. Mike Ellis, who was welcomed into the Conclave by the Supreme Ruler. Wy.Bro. David Blackburn was then declared Supreme Ruler Elect for the ensuing year.

Wy.Bro. David was then inducted as Supreme Ruler in a very personal way by his good friend, Wy.Bro. Chris, ably assisted by R. Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler gave the Lecture on the Weapons.

After the Conclave was closed and the customary photographs taken, we all sat down to most convivial meal at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.

