



A New Year Message from our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



Although New Year seems so far away now, I would still like to take this opportunity in this January issue of the Surrey Arrow to hope that you and your families had a lovely Christmas and that 2023 will be a good year for you all.

I again thank Chris Eley for all he does for us, and several other Surrey Orders, in producing this newsletter. He cannot be everywhere at once, so I ask all of you if you have anything newsworthy happening in your Conclaves please take a photo, on your phones is fine, and send it to Chris with a few lines so he can put your Conclave's news in the Surrey Arrow. Remember that it is your newsletter.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday the 20th of May at Surbiton. I am looking forward to appointing or promoting a number of Brethren in Provincial Grand Rank and encourage them to accompany 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.

Colin Beerling
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

The 2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey will be held on Saturday the 20th of May 2023 at the Surbiton Masonic Hall

The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m.



A Special Afternoon for Hill of Zion

Wednesday the 25th of January 2023 was a rather special day for Hill of Zion Conclave and Consistory as two of the Brethren were due to take their Princes Degree in the Conclave and then immediately afterwards take their 1st Grade in the Consistory.



The afternoon started with a meeting of the Conclave, which was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Donald McGarr. He welcomed the many guests and visitors, especially the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Surrey, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth. Also present was the Provincial Grand Summus for Surrey in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, who is also the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the OSM.

An In Memoriam to R.Wy.Bro. Laurie Young, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, was given by Chris Eley, an old friend.

After the regular business of the Conclave was completed, the main item on the agenda was to Receive and Admit as Princes of the Order Brothers Lawson Ekpo, Adebayo Ajilogba, and George Etuk.

The Ceremony was conducted by Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson, and R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling gave the explanation of the challenge and the 2nd Degree Lecture.



Brothers Lawson, Adebayo, and George were congratulated by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present a Supreme Ruler Certificate to the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Donald McGarr, which he did in his usual informative way.

Pursuant to notice of motion the members of the Conclave voted to make Ian Currans, Trevor Currans, and Mark Currans Honorary Members of the Hill of Zion Conclave in recognition of all they had done for the Conclave.

The Conclave was then closed and after the customary group photograph the Temple for rearranged for the Scarlet Cord Consistory meeting.



The Hill of Zion Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. James Smith. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth, was admitted and informed Companion President that the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, was without and demanded admission. The Provincial Grand Summus accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the President, and accepted the Chair.

He said how good it was to be making his first Official Visit to Hill of Zion Consistory and introduced the Provincial team. After taking the minutes the Provincial Grand Summus returned

the Chair to Companion President as he and his team had some work to do.

A ballot was taken for Brothers Lawson Ekpo and George Etuk as Candidates for Admission. This proved in their favour and Brothers Lawson and George were conferred with the 1st Grade of the Order by the Primus of Ostiarii, Em.Comp. Donald McGarr. They were then congratulated by the Provincial Grand Summus.

As in the Conclave meeting, the members of the Consistory voted to make Ian Currans, Trevor Currans, and Mark Currans Honorary Members of the Hill of Zion Consistory in recognition of all they had done for the Consistory.



The Consistory was then closed and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

A Visit to Artington Conclave

On Monday the 16th of January at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre in Guildford, Artington Conclave No 595 were pleased to welcome our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, accompanied by several Provincial Grand Officers.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was invited to present a Supreme Ruler Certificate to Wy.Bro. Ian Neve, which he did in a very informative way.

The Conclave was then closed, and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a very convivial meal together at the Guildford Masonic Centre.

The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Neve, who welcomed everyone, especially our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with 5 under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy, and responded accordingly.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the Supreme Ruler announced that the Officers of the Conclave would rehearse the Ceremony of Induction. I offered to act as Guarder as this was an office I have not done before.

It was a very enjoyable and useful rehearsal for when Artington Conclave welcomes a new Candidate.

