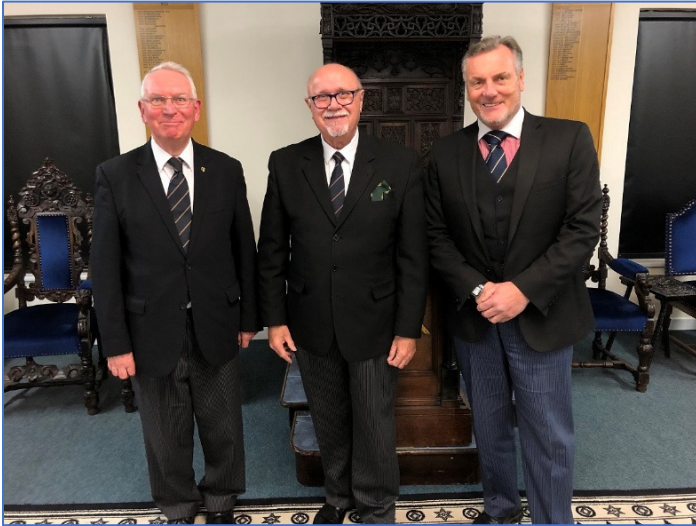


A busy afternoon at Warlingham

Tuesday the 31st of January was a busy afternoon for Warlingham Scarlet Cord Consistory No 134 and Warlingham OSM Conclave No 291 with an Official Visit by the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, an installation and a 3rd Grade Ceremony in the Scarlet Cord, and a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and a talk from the Supreme Ruler in the OSM.



The next item on the agenda was to promote to the Third Grade of the Order, Companions Robert Short, Steve Jones and Alan Boniface. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by R. Dist. Comp. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus and the Officers of the Consistory. The three Companions were congratulated by the Past Provincial Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Mik Barnes.

The Consistory was then closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the OSM meeting that followed. The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy Bro David John Blackburn, P.G.Stwd, P.Prov.G.V. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler who wished him an enjoyable afternoon.

Warlingham Consistory was opened by the President, Dist. Comp. Simon McCarthy, who welcomed everyone, especially the visitors. The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist. Comp. Nigel Thomson was received and welcomed into his Consistory by Companion President and saluted with five under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist. Comp. Ian Bloodworth.

Em. Comp. Bob Tuthill was installed as President by Dist. Comp. Simon McCarthy. Dist. Comp. Bob was congratulated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus who wished him an enjoyable year. The Officers of the Consistory for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested.



The main item on the agenda was to receive a talk entitled “Beneath the Southern Cross” by the Supreme Ruler. This most interesting talk was about the first settlers (*convicts*) sent to Australia. Incidentally, the ship’s Captain was also David Blackburn.



The Companions and Brethren of Warlingham Consistory and Conclave, and their guests, dined afterwards to a most convivial meal.

Sussex by the Sea



The 2023 Annual Meetings of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Sussex and the Provincial Grand Conclave of Sussex took place on Saturday the 29th of April at the East Brighton Masonic Centre at Peacehaven.



It was a lovely sunny day for a trip to the seaside. We were warmly welcomed on our arrival by our Sussex friends.



The day began with the meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Sussex in the Order of the Scarlet Cord presided over by the Provincial Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Dries van der Burgh.

After Provincial Grand Senatus was closed the Temple was rearranged for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Sussex, presided over by R. Wy. Bro. Dries van der Burgh, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

There were honoured guests from many Provinces, including the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, R. Wy. Bro. Keith B Ferguson, and Heads of Other Orders in Sussex.



By 12.15 pm everyone was seated in the Temple and just after 12.20 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the Right Worthy Brethren.



The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Angus Cameron, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Dries van der Burgh, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer entered in procession through an Arch of Steel.

Provincial Grand Conclave was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Provincial Grand Conclave was then pleased to receive the Deputy Grand Summus, R.Wy.Bro. Keith B Fergusson, who entered under an Arch of Steel, and was welcomed by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.



After appointing or promoting the Officers of Provincial Grand Conclave for the ensuing year the Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he welcomed all the guests thanking them for support the Provincial Grand Conclave of Sussex.

The meeting was then called to order and closed in due form. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, together with honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession.

After refreshments in the bar we made our way into the dining room where the Brethren and Companions of the Province of Sussex and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the East Brighton Masonic Centre.

This was a joint Scarlet Cord and OSM Festive Board with R.Wy.Bro. Keith Fergusson and R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham as the guests of honour.



In proposing the toast to the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler and the Assistant Grand Summus the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler/Provincial Grand Summus thanked them both for coming along to make this a very special day for the Brethren and Companions of Sussex.



Another candidate for Hill of Zion



The Installation meeting of Hill of Zion Consistory No 52 T.I. took place on Friday the 21st April 2023 at Croydon. The main item on the agenda was to Install Em.Comp. Alastair Richardson as President. Following the Scarlet Cord meeting the Hill of Zion Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Donald McGarr, who welcomed all the visitors.

The main item on the agenda was to Induct Bro. John Waggott, a member of Cator Lodge No 2266. The ceremony was conducted by the Supreme Ruler, assisted by his Officers.

The Explanation of the Weapons was a team effort by Wy.Bros. Robert Anderson and Chris Eley.

Bro. John was warmly welcomed into the Order, and the Conclave, by the Supreme Ruler

After the customary group photograph the members of Hill of Zion and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal at the Croydon Masonic Hall.



The 2023 Annual Meeting

Have you booked in yet?

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.