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Grand Conclave

On Thursday, 09 November 2023, Brethren from across the Constitution and the worldwide O.S.M. community gathered at Freemasons' Hall, London.

We met up at Waterloo Station and took a cab to Great Queen Street.



The annual meeting of Grand Council was presided over by M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, Grand Supreme Ruler, in his usual kind and welcoming style.

It was then straight across the road to the Shakespeare's Head in Holborn to meet up with the others.







He was delighted to confer appointment to, or Promotion in, Grand Rank on 171 Brethren and invest those present.



The Grand Supreme Ruler then welcomed representatives from around the World, including: The Southern Caribbean, Portugal, Netherlands, France, Greece, Australia, Canada, & South East Asia.





Photos by Bob Tuthill and Chris Eley



























Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site <u>http://www.orderofthesecretmonitor.co.uk/</u>

















An Official Visit to Warlingham Conclave



He spoke about future events, took the minutes and Muster Roll, and then vacated the Chair as the Conclave had some work to do.

The main item on the agenda was to Proclaim Wy.Bro. David Blackburn as Supreme Ruler for a second year. This was conducted by Wy.Bro. Chris Eley in a very sincere manner.

Wy.Bro. Chris Eley gave the Address to the Officers and R.W.Bro. Colin Beerling gave the Explanation of the Weapons.

The Supreme Ruler then gave a most interesting talk entitled **Mighty Men, Warriors, and Priests** covering the Solomonic legend and how it appears in the various Orders in Freemasonry, especially the Cryptic Degrees. On Tuesday the 31st of October, Warlingham Conclave No 291 were honoured by the presence of our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin M Beerling.

The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. David Blackburn, who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who took the Chair.

R.Wy.Bro. Colin introduced the Provincial team, especially thanking the members of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel for their excellent support.







We then retired to the bar for refreshments....



...before making our way into the dining room for a most convivial meal together.



The Tooting Boys were there in force to support the Conclave.

The Conclave was then closed and, after photographs and refreshments in the bar, the Brethren of Warlingham Conclave and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.









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Black Tie & Posh Frock Dancing to Midnight

Saturday 9th December 2023

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Live Music - Alan Lovell (of the Swinging Blue Jeans)