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A Visit to Suffolk



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Monday the 12th of April 2025 saw our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler attending St. Edmunds Conclave No.352 in Suffolk, where he is still a member and a Regular attendee. It is his mother Conclave where he was installed and became their Supreme Ruler back in 2005. On this occasion the Conclave was carrying out an Induction ceremony.



In the picture from Left to Right is R.Wy.Bro. Paul Tarrant, Past Grand Guide, also Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Craft and Royal Arch Provinces of Essex; Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; Wy Bro Bob Heavisides, Supreme Ruler; Bro. Mike Barrett, Candidate; R.Wy.Bro. William McColl, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Suffolk; and Wy.Bro. John Hubbard, P.Prov.G.B.B., Essex, and Inspector General Rose Croix of Province of South Essex.

Thanks to Ian Bloodworth



Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-order-secret-monitor>

Surbiton Conclave

The Installatiuon meeting of Surbiton Conclave was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Thursday the 5th of June 2025. Making an Official Visit was our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth. Ian was supported by several Provincial Officers of the year.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Bob Hancock who welcomed everyone. After a report the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and several Provincial Officers of the year entered and were welcomed by the Supreme Ruler.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler took the Chair and said how good it was to be visiting Surbiton Conclave.

He was saluted with five under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Steve Rowlands.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him, took the minutes, and invited the Supreme Ruler to resume the Chair.



Wy.Bro. Bob Hancock then installed Bro. Nigel Harding as Supreme Ruler. This he did in an excellent manner.

The new Supreme Ruler was congratulated by our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who wished him a a successful and enjoyable year. Wy.Bro. Nigel Harding then appointed and invested his Officers.

The Commissioning was done by W.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

The Address to the Supreme Ruler was given by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, the Addresses to the

Visiting Deacons and the Officers was given by Wy.Bro. Nigel Harding, and the Explanation of the Weapons was given by Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth was invited to present a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro. Jonathan Burston.



After the regular business of the Conclave had been concluded the Conclave was closed and after the customary photographs were taken, we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Pride of Surrey Conclave

The Installatiuon meeting of Pride of Surrey Conclave was held at Sutton on Tuesday the 24th of June 2025. Making his first Official Visit since his installation in May was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith. Ian was supported by several Provincial Officers of the year including our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.



As is the tradition at Sutton, we all gathered in the bar for refreshments and a catch up before the meeting. We then went upstairs into the Temple where the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.



After a report the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and several Provincial Officers of the year entered and were welcomed by the Supreme Ruler.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler took the Chair and said how good it was to be visiting Pride of Surrey Conclave, his first visit to a Conclave since his installation.

After the Muster Roll had been called, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler invited the Supreme Ruler to resume the Chair.

Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore then installed Bro. Ian Keen as Supreme Ruler. This he did in a very personal and sincere manner.



The new Supreme Ruler was congratulated by our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who wished him a successful and enjoyable year. Wy.Bro. Ian Keen then appointed and invested his Officers.

The Commissioning was done by R.W.Bro. Ian Smith, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Address to the Supreme Ruler was given by our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; the Addresses to the Visiting Deacons and the Officers was given by Wy.Bro. Ian Keen, and the Explanation of the Weapons was given by Wy.Bro. Dave Harrison.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was invited to present two Grand Conclave Certificates.



After the regular business of the Conclave had been concluded the Conclave was closed and after the customary photographs were taken, we retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.





E L J Smith Conclave A Conclave of Mourning

In July the E L J Smith Conclave No 613 carried out a ceremony of Conclave of Mourning.

This followed the Installation meeting of the Conclave where Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy installed Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson as Supreme Ruler.

A Conclave of Mourning was introduced to mark the death of the first Grand Supreme Ruler, Dr Issachar Zacharie, and symbolises David's mourning for the loss of his friend Jonathan.

This very moving ceremony was excellently performed by Wy. Bro. Derek and the Officers of the E L J Smith Conclave, with a little help from their guests.

The Ceremony ends with the breaking of an arrow. In the Old Testament, broken arrows, or the breaking of bows and arrows, symbolize the end of military power and the cessation of conflict, often signifying God's intervention to protect His people, or to defeat their enemies. It represents God's sovereignty and ability to render human weapons ineffective, leading to peace and security.



E L J Smith Conclave



The E J Smith Conclave Installations meeting was held at Surbiton on Tuesday the 22nd of July. Present was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith. Ian was escorted on this occasion by Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy, was the Supreme Ruler of the Conclave. Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was supported by several Provincial Officers of the year, including our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy, who welcomed R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith to the Conclave. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with seven under the direction of the Escorting Officer. Wy.Bro. Ian thanked everyone and introduced the Provincial Officers present. The muster roll was called, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received.

Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson was installed as Supreme Ruler by Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy in a personal manner.

The Address to Princes was given by Wy.Bro. Graham Rawlinson. To the Supreme Ruler by Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and to the Visiting Deacons and Officers of the two degrees by Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson.

The Explanation of the Weapons was also given by Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson. Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson then appointed and invested his officers.

Wy.Bro. Len Hillier was declared Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year.

The Conclave was closed, and the Temple arranged for the demonstration of the Conclave of Mourning. We then retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down for a meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



