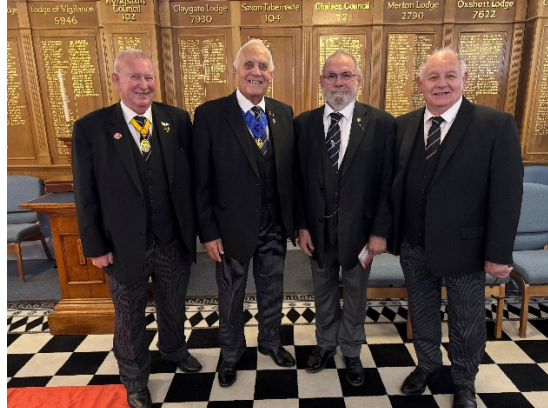




A Grand Visit to Surbiton Conclave

Thursday, the 4th of September was a special day for Surbiton Conclave. That day the Conclave welcomed a Grand Visitor, V.Wy.Bro. William Lloyd, and admitted two Brethren as Princes of the Order. Also present, as the ADC of the Conclave was our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Nigel Harding, P.Prov.G.St.B., who welcomed everyone, especially their Grand Visitor V.Wy.Bro. Bill, the Grand Visitor, said how pleased he was to be visiting Surbiton Conclave and wished everyone a successful and enjoyable meeting.



After taking the minutes, the Scroll Bearer called the Muster Roll, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received.

The main item on the agenda was to admit as Princes of the Order Brothers Jeffrey Hancock and Robert Hendry.

The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Nigel Harding, ably assisted by W.Bro. Bob Hancock who did the Lecture and the Signs.



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The Grand Visitor was invited to present a Commissioning Certificate to the Supreme Ruler. This he did in a very informative way.



The Conclave was closed and we retired for refreshments before sitting down for a most enjoyable meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

A busy afternoon at Nutfield

Warlingham Consistory No. 134 and Warlingham Conclave No 291 met at Nutfield on Tuesday the 30th of September. Present at the Consistory were R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, Provincial Grand Summus of the Province of Surrey in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, and Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. It was good to see our Past Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.

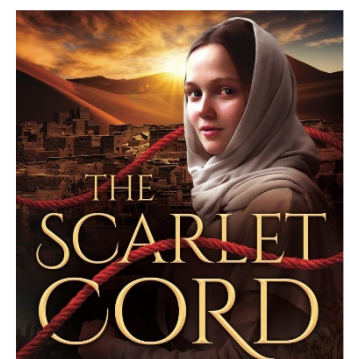


The Consistory was opened by Companion President, Dist.Comp. Wally Maynard, who welcomed everyone. Our Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, and responded accordingly.

Comp. David Thompson, Provincial Grand Recorder, was declared President for the ensuing year, and R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as Treasurer.



The main item on the agenda was to receive a paper from Dist.Comp. Chris Eley entitled 'The history and origins of the Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord'. This informative talk was well received by everyone.



The Consistory was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Conclave meeting that followed. The Conclave was opened by the acting Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, and our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith, was saluted with seven.

Wy.Bro. Chris invited Wy.Bro. Bob Tuthill to take the Chair so he could retire and escort Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, into the Conclave on his official visit.

Wy.Bro. Ian, and several Provincial Officers of the year, entered under an Arch of Steel, was received by the Supreme Ruler and accepted the gavel. He said how pleased he was to be visiting Warlingham Conclave, introduced the Provincial team, took the minutes and muster roll, and vacated the Chair as the Conclave had work to do.



After escorting the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler to his seat, Wy.Bro. Chris took the Chair to install Bro. Robert Short as Supreme Ruler in a very personal manner. Wy.Bro. Robert thanked Wy.Bro. Chris for the way he had been installed, especially as they had both joined the Order within a few years of each other.

After the Officers had been appointed and invested and the regular business of the Conclave had been completed, the Conclave was closed, and we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal at the Redhill and Reigate Masonic Centre

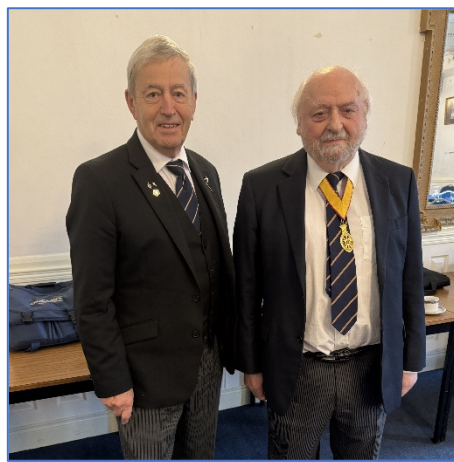




Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent



On Saturday the 11th of October a delegation of Surrey OSM Brethren travelled round the M25 to Gillingham to attend the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent at the Gillingham Masonic Centre on Saturday the 11th of October 2025.



We were made most welcome by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the brethren of Kent. While coffee and bacon or sausage baps were being served in the dining room the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel were busy rehearsing their duties in the Temple. Among the many guests were Heads of Orders from several Kent Orders, and distinguished guests from other Provinces.

The Right Worthy Brethren entered the Temple under an Arch of Steel, followed by the Provincial Officers of the Year. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Scott James Dunn, preceded by the Provincial Bow Bearer and Sword Bearer, entered the Temple through an Arch of Steel, accompanied by the drums of the Chatham Royal Marine Cadets, an impressive sight.





Provincial Grand Conclave was opened by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. After the In Memoriam to departed Brethren, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed all the honoured guests of the Province hoping that they will enjoy the meeting, which will have a few special surprises.

Wy.Bro. Philip Charles Clare was reappointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. The Provincial Officers for the year 2025/2026 were appointed and those present were invested. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then re-appointed the Commander, Deputy Commander of his Arch of Steel and acknowledged the members.

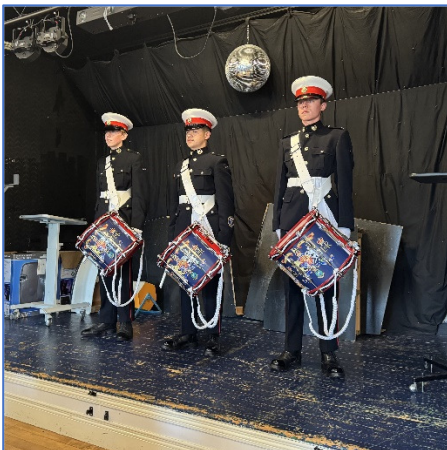
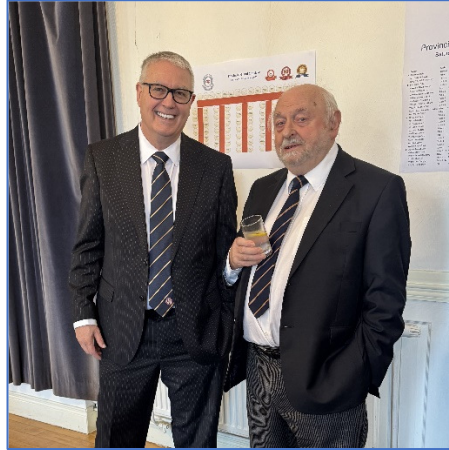
He then had much pleasure in presenting several awards. He presented the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler 's Service Award for dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and outstanding contributions to the Province to three Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers, R.Wy.Bros. Noel Grout, Peter Wise, and Kevin Johnson. He then had pleasure in presenting the Supreme Grand Supreme Ruler's Award of Merit to two brethren of the Province for their unwavering dedication which has been instrumental to the success of the units to which they belong.



During the year the Province has donated the amazing sum of £72,085 to 16 charities. We received presentations from four of these charities. Ellenor Hospice, who thanked the brethren of Kent for their support in the purchase of equipment; Demelza House for the purchase of security cameras; the OSM Resuscitation Scheme where we received a presentation from W.Bro. Pip Neville on the work that he is doing to educate brethren in the use of resuscitation equipment; and finally, the Chatham Royal Marine Cadets who played for us at the festive board following the meeting.



During his address to Provincial Grand Conclave, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked all members of the Province for their continued support and requested them to continue to seek out from their Craft Lodges suitable members for this wonderful Order.



After the meeting we sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon, where the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler had to wear sunglasses during his toast to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler due to the glare from his jacket!