



Grand Conclave



On Thursday, 13 November 2025, Brethren gathered at Freemasons' Hall, London for the annual meeting of Grand Conclave, presided over by M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, Grand Supreme Ruler, in his usual kind and welcoming style.



After the regular business of Grand Conclave, the President of the executive committee read out the Match-Funding Grants that had been approved. The Grand Supreme Ruler commented that more Provinces and Conclaves should consider this Charitable path.

The Grand Supreme Ruler was then re-elected with acclamation, and he went on to re-appoint the Deputy and Assistant Grand Supreme Rulers.



He was then delighted to confer appointment to, or Promotion in, Grand Rank on 168 Brethren and invested those present. Congratulations to those Surrey Brethren who received appointment or promotion:



- R.Wy.Bro. Eric Trodd promoted to Past Grand Guide
- Wy.Bro. Len Hillier promoted to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
- Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson first appointment to Past Grand Sword Bearer
- Wy.Bro. Chris Eley first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer
- Wy.Bro. Alastair Richardson first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer







The Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed representatives from around the World, including: The Southern Caribbean, Portugal, France, Greece, South Africa, Australia & Southeast Asia.

The Grand Supreme Ruler then proceeded to present a 50 year certificate and jewel to Very Worthy Brother Howard Doe, to which he added a field promotion to Past Grand Guide.



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Hampshire and Isle of Wight

On Saturday the 1st of November a delegation of Surrey OSM Brethren travelled down the M3 to Botley to attend the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of



We were made most welcome by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the brethren of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.



While coffee and bacon 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 other orders in Hampshire and Isle of Wight, 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 Richard Charles William Batchelor, preceded by the Provincial Bow Bearer and Sword Bearer, entered the Temple through an Arch of Steel.



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. Wy.Bro. Douglas Allan Higginson, P.A.G.D.C. was obligated, invested, installed and proclaimed Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.





The Provincial Officers for the year 2025/2025 were appointed and those present were invested.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then appointed and invested the Commander, Deputy Commander, and received the members of his Arch of Steel.

He then had much pleasure in receiving the Provincial Travelling



Arrow from Southampton Conclave No. 444 and then presenting it to Petersfield Conclave No. 412 to commence its new journey round the Province.

During his address to Provincial Grand Conclave, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked all members of the Province for their continued support , especially Wy.Bro. Chris Base who had kindly acted as Recorder.

After the meeting the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler greeted all the honoured guests on their way out of the Temple. We then sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon with the Brethren of Hampshire and Isle of Wight before braving the M27, M3 and M25 home.

Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site:
<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-order-secret-monitor>

