



A Christmas Message from our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



Brethren

This is the time of year when I greet you with all the season's best wishes. It has been 8 months since the wonderful day I was installed as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Surrey. It seems to have gone bye in a flash, and the New Year of 2026 will be on us before we can blink.

I would like to thank all the Active Provincial Officers and the Arch of Steel, and others, who have been able to attend and support the Official Visits and the other various Conclave meetings. This has been a great encouragement, and is also very helpful to the Conclaves to swell the numbers, and help in providing a good ceremony for the candidates and assisting with dining numbers.

I congratulate the Brethren who were honoured with Grand Rank at this year's Grand Conclave meeting in November.

Wy.Bro. Len Hilier ,P.A.G.D.C. (Promotion); Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson, P.G.Swd.B.; Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.St.B.; Wy.Bro. Alistair Richardson, P.G.St.B.;

Well deserved and keep up the good work.

My favourite part of this Order is the role of the Visiting Deacons. I shall be prioritising the role of the VD's during the coming year, to ensure that they are all making contact with their list of members, and that the reports at the Conclave meetings are comprehensive and meaningful.

The Official Visits for 2026 are scheduled for:

Waverley 381	Godalming	25 March 2026
Surbiton 299	Surbiton	4 June 2026
Pride of Surrey 118	Sutton	23 June 2026
ELJ Smith 613	Surbiton	28 July 2026 (Ceremony of Mourning)
Artington 595	Guildford	7 September 2026
Hill of Zion 270	Croydon	17 September 2026
Wallingham 29	Redhill	29 September 2026

Provincial Officers – please note, and any Brother who might be free to attend.

We shall again be holding the Provincial meeting at Guildford on the 23rd of May 2026, and hope that as many as possible will attend, and we also expect to be welcoming a good number of Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from other Provinces. Please put this date in your diaries!

In the name of the 'Great Disposer of All' I wish you all health, happiness and good fortune for the coming year.

R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler



Surbiton Conclave

On Thursday the 11th of December at Surbiton, Surbiton Conclave welcomed Bro. Gary Raggett into the Order. Present at the meeting were two Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers, R.Wy.Bros. Mik Barnes and Colin Beerling, as well as our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, a member of the Conclave.



The Conclave was opened by the Immediate Past Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Bob Hancock, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Visitor, Wy. Bro. Andrew Sales, and other guests.

He thanked those visitors who were acting in office for attending and assisting in the ceremony. The main item on the agenda was to Induct Bro. Garry Raggett, a member of Southborough Lodge No 7045. The ceremony was ably conducted by the Supreme Ruler, assisted by his Officers.





The signs were explained by R. Wy. Bro. Mik Barnes and the Explanation of the Weapons was by Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

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

Bro. S. R. L. Rowlands was elected as Supreme Ruler and Wy. Bro. R. S. H. Hussey, as Treasurer for the ensuing year

After the customary group photograph the members of Surbiton Conclave and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



A Candidate for Pride of Surrey Conclave



The Deputy Provincial Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and the Provincial Grand Guide, Wy. Bro. Len Hillier, visited the Pride of Surrey Conclave No. 118 on Tuesday the 14th of October and witnessed the induction of Bro. Stephen Sawyer into the Order by the Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Ian Keen, in a very sincere manner.

The Address to the candidate was done by Bro. Richard Wileman and the Weapons by W/ Bro Ian Bloodworth. The meeting was carried out in a very pleasant and enjoyable way. Wy. Bro. Ian congratulated Bro. Stephen and hoped that he would enjoy this wonderful order.

Thanks to Len Hillier

