



Three Candidates for Hill of Zion Conclave



On Wednesday the 28th of January Hill of Zion Conclave No 270 Inducted three candidates into the 1st Grade of the Order. Present were our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith; our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; and our Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, all of whom assisted with the Ceremony.

Also present were the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey in the Order of the Scarlet Cord.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Graham Marsh, who welcomed the visitors; especially the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith, and the Provincial Visitor, Wy.Bro. Alastair Richardson.

An In Memoriam to Bro. John Waggott who passed away suddenly on the 18th of December was given by Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson.

After the regular business of the Conclave was completed, the main item on the agenda was to conduct an Induction Ceremony for three candidates, Brothers Simon Hammond, Edwin Essell, and Gus Addow.

The Ceremony was conducted by Wy.Bro. Graham Marsh. R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling gave the Explanation of the Weapons and the Address to the Candidates.



The Visiting Deacons were the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith; the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; the Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling; and the Conclave Secretary, Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson.



The Conclave was then closed and, after photographs, we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

Prior to the Conclave meeting the Companions of Hill of Zion Consistory held a Scarlet Cord meeting where Dist.Comp. Chris Eley gave a tribute to R.Dist.Comp, Arnold Long, Past Provincial Grand Summus, who passed away on the 1st of January.



Em.Comp. Patrick Dixon was declared as President for the ensuing year, and R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson presented a Grand Senatus Certificate to Companion Lawson Ekpo.



Official Visits for 2026

The Official Visits for 2026 are scheduled for:

Waverley No. 381	Godalming	25 th March 2026
Surbiton No. 299	Surbiton	4 th June 2026
Pride of Surrey No. 118	Sutton	23 rd June 2026
ELJ Smith No. 613	Surbiton	28 th July 2026 (Ceremony of Mourning)
Artington No. 595	Guildford	7 th September 2026
Hill of Zion No. 270	Croydon	17 th September 2026
Wallingham No. 291	Redhill	29 th 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 the date in your diaries.

Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site:
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