

A further advancement in Masonic knowledge for Warlingham Conclave

In April, Warlingham Conclave No 291 welcomed our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; Wy.Bro. Nigel Thomson, Provincial Grand Summus of the Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord; Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; and Wy.Bro. Ian Clark, the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Robert Short, who welcomed everyone, especially our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the Brethren received an entertaining talk from Wy.Bro. Chris Eley about a Cowan. This was well received by the Brethren. Our Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present a Supreme Ruler's Certificate to Wy.Bro. Robert Short, which he did in an excellent manner



After the Conclave was closed, and the usual photographs taken, we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable festive board at the Nutfield Masonic Centre

Two members of the Conclave were spotted wearing their green Allied Masonic Degrees socks - and two others were seen with their Red Cross of Constantine Sepulchre Guard tokens....



During the festive board R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling presented our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler with a Horn of Oil to replace the one that went missing after his last visit to the Conclave. This is used at the Commissioning of a new Supreme Ruler in the Order.

Prior to the Conclave meeting, the Warlingham Consistory No 134 held their installation meeting. Present was the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson; the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley; the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Ian Clark; R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, Past Provincial Grand Summus, (all members of the Consistory) and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The Consistory was opened in the First Grade of the Order by the Acting President, Dist.Comp. David Blackburn, who welcomed all the guests and visitors.

The Escorting Officer, Dist.Comp. Allan Hall, was received and announced that the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus was without and demanded admission.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus entered in procession through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed into the Consistory by Companion President, and took the Chair. He was saluted with five under the direction of the Escorting Officer.

Dist.Comp. David Blackburn gave short tribute to R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, our Past Provincial Grand Summus and the Companions stood in memory of R.Dist. Comp. Arnold.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus said how nice it was to make an Official Visit to his own Consistory and thanked the Companions for their warm welcome.

He introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him and congratulated the Companions who will be receiving appointment or promotion in Grand Rank at the meeting of Grand Senatus on the 7th of May. He then vacated the Chair as the Consistory had work to do.



The Tooting Boys



The main item on the agenda was to Install Em.Comp. David Thompson, Provincial Grand Recorder, as President. This was done in a most sincere manner by Dist.Comp. David Blackburn

After the appointment and investiture of the officers, Dist.Comp. David was congratulated by the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, and the Provincial Grand Summus.

After the regular business of the Consistory had been completed the Consistory was closed, and everyone got together for the usual photographs before re-arranging the Temple for the Conclave meeting.



An April date for your diary

On Friday the 17th of April, Hill of Zion will be holding two unmissable meetings. At 3.30 pm at the OSM Conclave meeting, they will be Inducting as Princes in the Order three Brethren. Then at the Consistory meeting at 5 pm the three new Princes will be Admitted into the First Grade of the Antient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord.

The Consistory will be honoured by a visit from the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, and a team of Provincial Officers.

If you would like to attend these meetings contact the Recorder, Robert Anderson, on r-m-a@hotmail.co.uk or 07740619552

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey Save the date

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey will be held on Saturday the 23rd of May 2026 at the Guildford Masonic Centre. The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m.



Official Visits for 2026

The Official Visits for 2026 are scheduled for:

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 (<i>Ceremony of Mourning</i>)
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:
<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-order-secret-monitor>

