



## Surbiton Conclave

The Installation meeting of Surbiton Conclave was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2026. Making an Official Visit was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith, supported by several Provincial Officers of the year.





The Conclave was opened by the Immediate Past Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Bob Hancock who welcomed everyone. After a report the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Ian Smith, and several Provincial Officers of the year entered and were welcomed by the Supreme Ruler.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler took the Chair and said how good it was to be visiting Surbiton Conclave. He was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy. Bro. Simon McCarthy.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him, took the minutes, and invited the Supreme Ruler to resume the Chair.



Wy. Bro. Bob Hancock then invited R. Wy. Bro. Mik Barnes to conduct the ceremony of installation. R. Wy. Bro. Mik installed Bro. Steven Richard Leonard Rowlands as Supreme Ruler in an excellent manner.

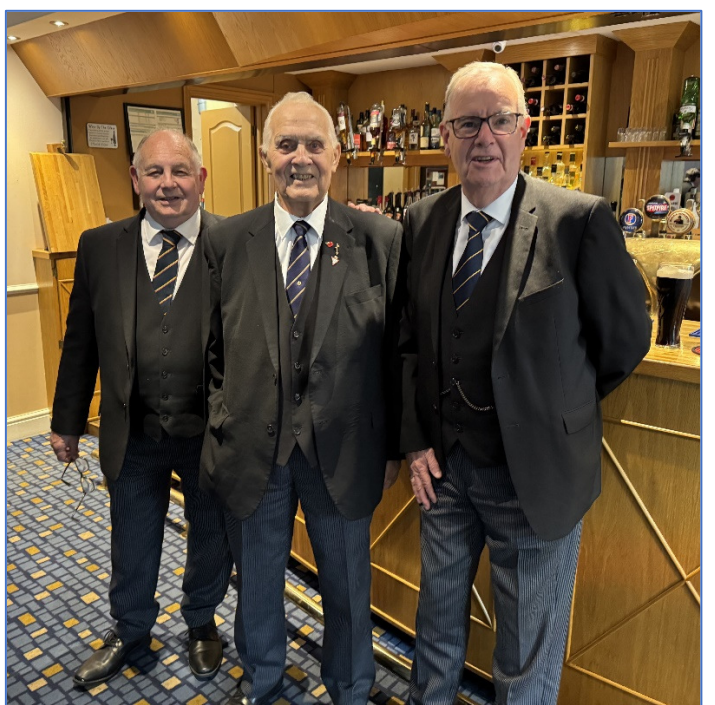


The new Supreme Ruler was congratulated by our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who wished him a successful and enjoyable year. Wy. Bro. Steve Rowlands then appointed and invested his Officers.



The Address to the Supreme Ruler was given by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth, the Addresses to the Visiting Deacons and the Officers was given by Wy. Bro. Steve Rowlands, and the Explanation of the Weapons was given by Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been concluded the Conclave was closed and after the customary photographs were taken, we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



# Pride of Surrey Conclave

The Installation meeting of Pride of Surrey Conclave was held at Sutton on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2026. Making an Official Visit was our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, supported by several Provincial Officers of the year.

As is the tradition at Sutton, we all gathered in the bar for refreshments and a catch up before the meeting. It was a hot day.



We then went upstairs into the Temple where the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Keen, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially the Provincial Visiting Deacon Wy Bro Wally Maynard, Prov.G.Treas., wishing everyone an enjoyable afternoon



After a report the Escorting Officer, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, **P.G.St.B.**, Provincial Grand Recorder, entered and advised the Supreme Ruler that the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was outside the door of the Conclave and demands admission.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler, and took the Chair for a few minutes. He said how good it was to be visiting Pride of Surrey Conclave again and introduced the Provincial team. The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 not being available will be presented and approved at the next meeting. The Muster Roll was then called, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler vacated the Chair as he had some work to do that afternoon acting as the Conclave Director of Ceremonies for the Installation ceremony.



The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Richard Wileman as Supreme Ruler. Wy Bro Ian Keen invited Wy Bro Barry Northmore to conduct the ceremony of installation. This he did in an excellent manner assisted by R.Wy.Bro Colin Beerling, **P.Prov.G.S.R.**, who gave the Address to the Supreme Ruler as well as the Commissioning of the Supreme Ruler and the Explanation of the Weapons; and Wy.Bro. Matt Gibbs, who gave the Address to the Visiting Deacons, and to the Brethren in the Two Degrees.



The new Supreme Ruler was congratulated by our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler who wished him a successful and enjoyable year. Wy.Bro. Richard then appointed and invested his Officers.

Our Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, was invited to present a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro. Simon Triptree. This he did in a most informative way.



After the regular business of the Conclave had been concluded the Conclave was closed and after the customary photographs were taken, we retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



# A new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire

On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July brethren of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and many guests arrived at the Letchworth Masonic Centre for the Installation of R.Wy.Bro. John Harlow Wickes, P.G.G., as the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire in the Order of the Secret Monitor, by the Grand Supreme Ruler, M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney.



By 9.30 rehearsals were well under way in the splendid Temple, which was just able to accommodate the many members and guests. The Presiding Officer, R.Wy.Bro. John Paternoster, opened Provincial Grand Conclave.

The Installing Officer, M.Wy. Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, and his Assisting Officers entered in procession. The Installing Officer appointed his Officers and was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.



The Installing Officer addressed the Brethren and directed the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Conclaves in the Province. He then directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that R.Wy.Bro. John Harlow Wickes, P.G.G., the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate, was in attendance.

The Installing Officer directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and introduce the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate, and his escort entered in procession and the Installing Officer addressed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate on his duties.

The Installing Officer requested the Grand Recorder to read the Patent of Appointment, and the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate knelt for the benefit of prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate entered in procession and was obligated, invested, installed, proclaimed and saluted.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler addressed the Installing Officer, thanking him and his team for making this a special day for the Province of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers then retired.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate was obligated, invested and installed as the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and was proclaimed and saluted.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies enquired of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler whom he wished to appoint as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler announced the appointment of Wy.Bro. Michael Gershel, **P.G.Swd.B.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and requested the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Designate was in attendance.



In his Address the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked everyone for turning out in such numbers. He congratulated all those who he has appointed or promoted, wishing them an enjoyable year. He thanked his Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for all his support over the years as Provincial Grand Recorder and wished his successor, Wy.Bro. Justin Tepper, every success in his new role. #

He then announced a donation of £250 towards The Lawrence Cloisters Trust Ltd., and £500 to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire 2030 Festival Appeal.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Conclave had been completed Provincial Grand Conclave was closed and the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brethren and other honoured guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a splendid meal at the Letchworth Masonic Centre.

Due to the numbers dining we Provincial Grand Recorders experienced private dining in an adjoining room. Well done Justin Tepper, the new Provincial Grand Recorder who has set the bar for future meetings.

After the meal the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the Grand Supreme Ruler and his team for making this a day to remember for the Province of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire.





# Official Visits 2026-27

Date		Conclave	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By	Escorting Officer	Summons Received	Sent to Provincial Officers and Arch of Steel	
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Thursday	Surbiton No. 299	Surbiton	Installation	PGSR	Simon McCarthy	28-May-26	28-May-26	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Tuesday	Pride of Surrey No. 118	Sutton	Installation	DepPGSR	Chris Eley	15-Jun-26	18-Jun-26	
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (Ceremony of Mourning)	Tuesday	ELJ Smith No. 613	Surbiton		No Visit				
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Monday	Artington No. 595	Guildford	Installation	PGSR				
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Thursday	Hill of Zion No. 270	Croydon	Installation	DepPGSR	Steve Rowlands			
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Tuesday	Wallingham No. 291	Redhill	Installation	PGSR				
08 November 2026	Thursday	Grand Conclave	FMH	Annual Meeting					
24 March 2027	Wednesday	Waverley- 381	Godalming	Installation	PGSR				
22 May 2027	Saturday	Provincial Grand Conclave	Guildford	Annual Meeting					
		GRAND CONCLAVE	PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE		Executive Visits				

## The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey Have you booked in?



The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey will be held on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

The meeting will commence at 11.15 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m.



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

