



A special day for Hill of Zion

Thursday, the 18th of September was a very interesting day for Hill of Zion Consistory and Conclave. In the Consistory meeting the Primus of Lectores, Comp. Patrick Dixon, promoted to the Second Grade of the Order Comp. Barry Northmore, a member of Surrey Consistory 4 TI. Then at the Hill of Zion Conclave meeting that followed, Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore Installed Bro. Patrick Dixon as Supreme Ruler

The Consistory was opened by Dist.Comp. James Smith who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, was saluted with five and responded accordingly.



The main item on the agenda was to promote to the Second Grade of the Order Comp. Barry Northmore. Comp. Patrick Dixon conducted the ceremony in an excellent manner and was thanked by Companion Barry for a most enjoyable ceremony.

The Consistory was closed and the temple rearranged for the Hill of Zion Conclave meeting that followed.



The Conclave was opened by Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson who welcomed everyone.

After a report at the door Wy.Bro. Chris Eley entered and advised the Supreme Ruler that Right Worthy Brother Ian Smith, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, was outside the door and he demanded admission to the Conclave.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler entered in procession, was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler and accepted the gavel.

He said how pleased he was to be visiting Hill of Zion Conclave for the

first time since his Installation as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and how much was looking forward to the afternoon. After taking the minutes, the Scroll Bearer called the Muster Roll, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received.

The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Patrick Dixon as Supreme Ruler. Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore was invited to conduct the ceremony, which he did in an excellent manner. After being Commissioned by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler the Supreme Ruler appointed and invested his officers.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro. John Waggott, which he did in a very personal manner.

A ballot was taken for honorary membership for R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. This proved in his favour, and he will be welcomed into membership at a subsequent meeting.



The Conclave was closed and the brethren of Hill of Zion Conclave and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

Dates for your Diaries

Date		Consistory	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By
23 October 2025	Thursday	Guildford 53TI	Guildford	Installation and Preparation Ceremony	Nigel Thomson
28 January 2026	Wednesday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon		
25 February 2026	Wednesday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Grade Ceremony	Ian Clark
31 March 2026	Tuesday	Worlingham 134	Nutfield	Installation	Chris Eley
17 April 2026	Friday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon	Installation	Ian Clark
14 May 2026	Thursday - am	Guildford 53TI	Guildford		
7 May 2026	Thursday	Grand Senatus	Mark Masons Hall	Annual Meeting	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Installation	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Provincial Grand Senatus	Surbiton	Annual Meeting	

A busy Scarlet Cord day down in Sussex

Friday, the 18th of July 2025 was another busy Scarlet Cord day, this time for the Companions of Sussex.



The day started with the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Sussex held at the East Grinstead Masonic Centre. Provincial Grand Senatus was opened at 2:30 pm by the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Dries van der Burgh, who was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The other Right Distinguished Companions were saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, our Past Provincial Grand Summus responded.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been completed the Provincial Grand Summus thanked Dist.Comps. Ronald Collins and Paul Swarbrick for their support as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and Assistant Provincial Grand Summus over the past year and said he had much pleasure in reappointing them to those offices, following which the Provincial Officers of the year were appointed and invested.

In his address the Provincial Grand Summus greeted all those attending with a warm and a hearty welcome. He introduced their honoured guests and visitors, thanking them for their support.

He thanked the Companions from other Provinces for their kind hospitality whenever he attended their Provincial meetings and closed by thanking the Provincial Grand Recorder and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all their hard work in ensuring the day was such a success.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed, and we retired for refreshments with the Companions of the Province.

Suitably refreshed, the Companions of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Sussex sat down to a most convivial luncheon with their many guests.

During lunch the Provincial Grand Summus had much pleasure in presenting R.W.Bro. Chris Moore, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, with a donation towards their 2028 Festival.



After lunch some of us joined the Sussex Consistory No 17 TI meeting. The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Tony Padley, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Summus and guests.



After the regular business of the Consistory had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Summus and his team were invited to conduct a Preparation Ceremony for two Companions of the Third Grade.



They were afterwards congratulated by the Provincial Grand Summus, and the Consistory was closed. It was very successful and enjoyable Scarlet Cord afternoon down in Sussex.

