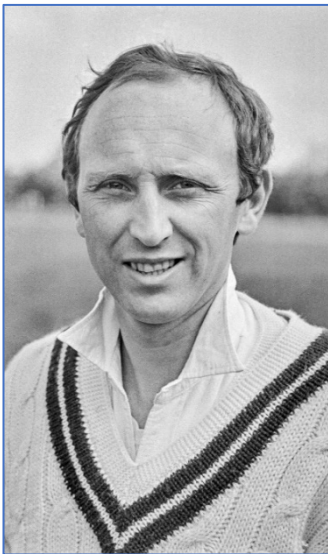




A Farewell to Arnold Long



On Monday the 2nd of February a great number of Masons from many Orders attended the funeral service for our Past Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, V. held at Randalls Park Crematorium. There were all the Heads of Orders in Surrey, as well as our Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham, VI, there to pay tribute to a well loved and respected brother.

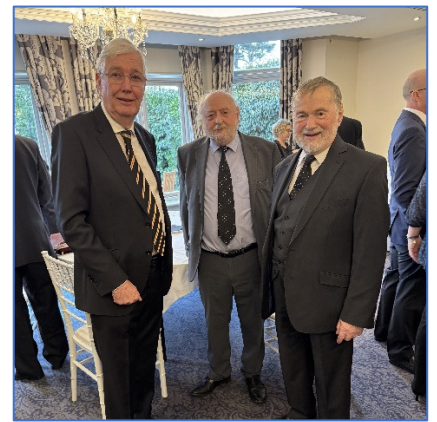
The service was conducted by Reverend Nicholas Pnematicatos, the Worshipful Master of Royal Air Force Lodge No 7335.

Arnold's daughter, Natalie, gave a very moving tribute to her dad, followed by a short poem by Katie, Arnold's granddaughter. As an old friend of Arnold, I felt very privileged to be asked to deliver the Masonic tribute.

After family and Masonic tributes, six Heads of Orders in Surrey gathered round to give a moving Masonic farewell, followed by The Closing Ode sung by all the Masons present, which raised the roof.

The Chapel was full to capacity with the service being televised to another room. A fitting farewell from all who had gathered to pay tribute to a lovely man and Mason.

Afterwards we were all invited to the Woodlands Park Hotel for afternoon tea and the opportunity to share our memories of Arnold. It was so good to see Cath Keats at the get together afterwards.



Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, IV, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus

A busy afternoon for Hill of Zion

Wednesday the 28th of January was a busy day for Hill of Zion with meetings of the Consistory and Conclave. Present were our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, and our Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley.



Also present were the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith; the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth; and the Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey in the Order of the Secret Monitor.



The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Graham Marsh, Prov.G.Std.B., who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Summus, a member of the Consistory.

Dist.Comp. Chris Eley gave a tribute to R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, our 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.

The Consistory was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Conclave meeting that followed.





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.





Official Visits for 2026

The Official Visits for 2026 are scheduled for:

Date	Consistory	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By	
25 February 2026	Wednesday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	2nd Grade Ceremony	Ian Clark
31 March 2026	Tuesday	Warlingham 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	
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