

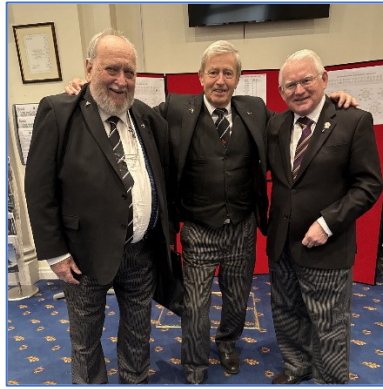


The Annual Meeting of Divisional Conclave

The Annual Meeting of the Divisional Conclave of Surrey took place on Saturday the 26th of April at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon, Surrey. We received a very warm welcome on arrival.



From 9.30 am the Worthy Knights of the Division of Surrey and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties. There were many guests from other Divisions and other Orders in Surrey attending to support the Division of Surrey.





By 10.45 am everyone was seated in the Temple. The meeting was called to order to receive the Rt. Illustrious Knights and the Divisional Officers of the year.



The Worthy Knights were again called to Order to receive the Intendant-General of the Division of Surrey, preceded by the Banner Bearer and Sword Bearer.





Divisional Conclave was opened in due form and the Intendant-General was saluted with seven under direction of the Divisional Marshal.

The Intendant-General welcomed the honoured guests of the Division and other Distinguished Worthy Knights.

After the regular business of the Division had been concluded, the Right Illustrious Intendant-General was pleased to re-appoint P.Kt. Mark P Donovan as his Deputy Intendant-General, thanking him for all his support over the past year.



The Right Illustrious Intendant-General re-appointed Ill Kt Ian Smith, Past Grand Prefect, as the Divisional Eusebius. The Intendant-General then appointed and invested his Officers.



The Right Illustrious Intendant-General re-appointed the Captain and the Deputy Captain of the Divisional Sepulchre Guard. He then inspected his Sepulchre Guard.



The Right Illustrious Intendant-General then welcomed Knights new to the Order since the last Divisional Meeting.

The Intendant-General addressed Divisional Grand Conclave. He thanked the Worthy Knights of the Province and all our guests for attending and helping to make the Divisional Meeting such a success. He congratulated those he had appointed or promoted to Divisional Rank, wishing them an enjoyable year.

He acknowledged all the dedication and hard work that has been put into today's arrangements by the Divisional Recorder and the Divisional Marshal and their teams. The Intendant-General closed by saying that he trusts that our Christian faith will hold fast and praying that our Red Cross Knightly companionship will continue to be a source of strength and blessing. Divisional Grand Conclave was closed in due form and the Intendant-General retired in procession greeting the Right Illustrious Knights, and Honoured Guests on their way out.





After refreshments and a chance to meet up with old friends, we were called into lunch. We had a most enjoyable lunch in good company. Joining us for lunch was the Craft Provincial Grand Master/Royal Arch Grand Superintendent, R.W.Bro. Nick Burger.





The toast to the Intendant-General was given in an entertaining way by the Deputy Intendant-General, P.Kt. Mark Donovan.

In his reply, the Intendant-General thanked the Deputy Intendant-General for his kind words.

He then thanked everyone for attending to make this a very special meeting, wishing them a safe journey home.





The Intendant General's Address to Divisional Conclave



My first duty is of course to welcome you all attending today, and I do so with very grateful thanks and hope you enjoy lunch with us after the meeting, It's been another interesting year for our Division, although sadly we have lost several Knights to higher service who shall be dearly missed. The Division however remains stable and indeed increasing in membership having installed 13 Knights since our last Divisional meeting, and I was very pleased to be able to welcome some of them today.

I congratulate you all for your drive and enthusiasm in the past year. However, we must continue to recruit new members in order to remain stable. Please refer prospective candidates to our new website, and inform them of our wonderful ritual, especially the Appendant Orders ceremony which takes place twice a year.

We are working on re producing our trifold leaflet to promote our Order in general and later in the year hopefully some awareness evenings. I would at this stage like to mention ELJ Smith Conclave which is open for all Past Sovereigns to join. Those of you that have come out of that high office will receive an invention to join. This is a very important Conclave as it is one of two Conclaves that perform the Appendant Orders ceremony.

We have made several charity donations this year, as mentioned in the recorders report. I would however reiterate my instruction to all Conclaves

to choose a local children's charity which you can support and with the aid of Divisional match funding will boost your donation. We are a charitable organisation after all, so please use the money in your charity account to greater use.

We have a joint function with the Order of Royal and Select Masters on the 30th of May, that being a Greek night in Wallington. A fun evening of eating, drinking and plate throwing, and all for the the very reasonable price of £35 per head, drinks are extra. Please refer to our website for details. We also have our annual event planned in August at the ever popular RAF Club - details to follow.

I now turn my attention to those Knights that have received promotion in and appointment to Grand Rank. Ill Kt John French to Past Grand Orator; Ill Kt Zachariah Smith to Past Grand Standard Bearer [L]; and Ill Kt Christopher George to Past Grand Harald. Many congratulations to you all on your very deserved preferment.

Of course, it would be very remiss of me not to congratulate all those that I have promoted in Divisional Conclave today. Promotions are not given lightly and a lot of thought goes into the decision before it is made. Please support me, my Deputy, and other senior officers that visit your Conclaves on official visits. There is no requirement for you to dine, but strength in numbers makes the meeting more enjoyable.

I now wish to give my very grateful thanks to Eminent Kt Chris Eley for producing the Surrey Eagle throughout the year, a hard task indeed - well done Chris.

I'm sure my Deputy and my Recorder have enjoyed their first year in office and I wish to thank them both for their full support and wise council throughout the past year, long may that continue. Of course I wish to congratulate individually our hard working Recorder in organising his first Divisional meeting, it can only get better from now on, Andy. I am aware that Ill Kt Chris Cradock and W Kt David Thompson have also assisted in making this meeting a success.

Grateful thanks must also go to my Marshal, P Kt David Read, for the ceremonial procedures and to my Sepulchre Guard for supporting all the official visits, the Appendant Orders, and of course today. Thank you all for your attendance and support as always

Well Worthy Knights, you'll be pleased to know that concludes my address to you all. May the Lord bless and keep you and your families healthy and peaceful throughout the year.

Simon McCarthy

Intendant-General

26th of April 2025



Congratulations



Congratulations to those Worthy Knights who were appointed or promoted in
Divisional Conclave at the Annual Meeting held at Croydon on Saturday the 26th of April 2025.

Divisional Officers 2025-2026

Intendant-General	Simon McCarthy
Deputy Intendant-General	Mark Donovan
Eusebius	Ian Smith
Senior General	Simon Polkinghorne
Junior General	Simon Kidd
High Prelate	Leslie Grout
Registrar	Alan Brockwell
Treasurer	Arthur Johnson
Recorder	Andy Fox
Almoner	John Coleman
Marshal	David Reid
Sword Bearer	Mark Guzam
Deputy Marshal	Steve Rowlands
Chamberlain	Graham Rawlinson
Sub-Prelate	Eddie Ertan
Standard Bearer (C)	Colin Brookman
Standard Bearer (L)	Barry Selway
Prefect	Ian Clark
Warden of Regalia	Andrew Banks
Asst. Div Recorder	David Thompson
Organist	Chris Allbrow
Herald	Chris Eley
Herald	Dave Harrison
Steward	David Smith
Steward	Robert Short
Steward	Wayne Lucas
Steward	Simon Triptree
Steward	Peter Hassock
Steward	Brad Collings
Steward	Simon Baker
Sentinel	Arthur Lewer

Promotions in Past Rank

P.Div. Chamberlain	Ian Keen
P.Div. Chamberlain	Eddie Mulqueen
P.Div. Prefect	Michael Beckerman
P.Div. W of R.	Desmond Gage
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