



Grand Imperial Conclave



On Tuesday the 1st of July, Worthy Knights from across the English Constitution of the Red Cross of Constantine, and delegations from independent Sovereign Grand Conclaves, arrived at Freemasons' Hall for the Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Conclave.







Most Illustrious Knight Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign, presided over the meeting and, after the initial business of Grand Conclave had been undertaken, he was pleased to reappoint R.Ill. & Em.Kt. Christopher John Macdonald, G.C.C., as Deputy Grand Sovereign, and R.Ill. & Ven.Kt. The Revd Timothy John Nicholas L'Estrange, G.C.C., as Grand Eusebius.



Attentions then turned to the appointment of three Knights Commander of Constantine, in the persons of: Right Illustrious Knight John Railton Simons, Past Intendant-General for Essex, Right Illustrious Knight John Anthony Elmore, Intendant-General for East Anglia, and Right Illustrious Knight Robin Francis Knight, Intendant-General for Durham. The appointment of these Knights was met with acclaim as the Worthy Knights below that rank saluted them in the traditional manner.

There was then a moment unique (certainly in living memory) in Grand Imperial Conclave with the Installation of a new Intendant-General.



These Installations usually take place within the Division over which the Ruler will preside but, the Division on this occasion being Jamaica, and both the outgoing and incoming Intendants General being present, along with supporting Worthy Knights and a further Past Intendant General of the Division, it was an opportune moment for the Grand Sovereign to conduct the Installation ceremony within Grand Imperial Conclave.

So it was, that Sterling Brian Soares was duly Installed into the Charge of his Division and Proclaimed as the Right Illustrious Intendant-General for the Division of Jamaica.



Then followed the appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank of 135 Worthy Knights and those present were invested by the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign. The Grand Sovereign then addressed the meeting.

The remaining business of Grand Imperial Conclave was concluded, the meeting closed, and attendees retired to refreshment.



Congratulations to all those who received appointment or promotion this year. Thank you to the several hundred Worthy Knights who supported the meeting on what was the hottest day of the year so far in 2025.



The after-proceedings saw the largest attendance at the meal since the Covid Pandemic and there was a tremendous buzz around the dining room. Having such great support makes the day so much more special for everyone who attends.





A Greek Night in support of the Red Cross of Constantine and Royal & Select Masters Charities

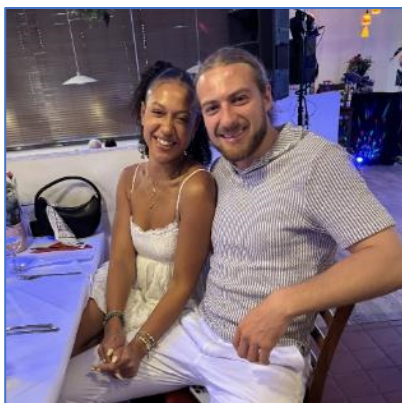


A fundraising evening was held on Friday the 30th of May at the Greek Vine Restaurant in Wallington. This was to raise funds for the Red Cross of Constantine Grand Sovereign's Fund for Children and the Royal and Select Masters District Grand Master's Benevolent Fund

This most enjoyable event was in the form of a Greek meze dinner followed by entertainment from the lead singer of the 1970s band The Hollies.

A most enjoyable time was had by all, and the total raised for the two charities was just over £1,000.

Thanks again to Alan and the Tooting Boys for a very successful and enjoyable evening.







Notfelle Conclave



The regular meeting of Notfelle Conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Grove Road, Sutton, Surrey on Monday 2nd June 2025.

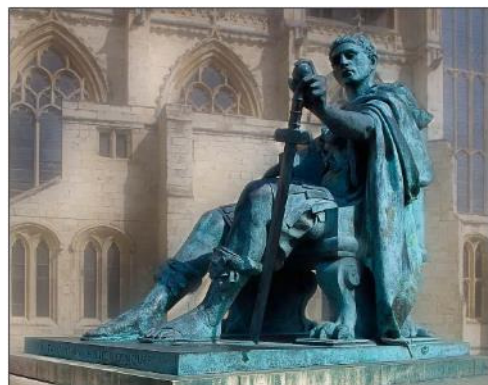
The Most Puissant Sovereign, P.Kt. Steve Rowlands displayed the Warrant and opened the Conclave. He was then saluted with three times 1&3. and responded suitably.



P.Kt. Peter Kipps delivered a fitting tribute to the life and Masonic career of V Ill. Kt. George Zografos and the W.Kts stood to Order in respect to departed Merit.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been concluded, R.III.Kt. Simon McCarthy, Intendant-General, presented Grand Imperial Conclave Certificates, in a very

excellent and informative manner to W.Kts. Alan James Carroll and James Hendry Brown. The Most Puissant Sovereign, P.Kt. Steve Rowlands thanked the Intendant-General for presenting the Certificates.



The Recorder, Ill. Kt. David Blackburn, gave a most interesting talk entitled, 'Constantine the Great, Emperor of Rome, our Founder'. This was well received by all present.

After the Conclave was closed the members of Notfelle Conclave and their guests retire for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.





The Enthronement Meeting of Edward Smith Conclave



The Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Simon McCarthy, and the Past Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock, were in attendance at the Enthronement of Ill.Kt. Jeff Hancock at Edward Smith Enthroned Sovereigns Conclave held at Surbiton Masonic Centre on 23rd July.



The Conclave was opened by the Most Puissant Sovereign, Ill. Kt. D J Blackburn P.G.Pref, P.Div.S.G., , who welcomed everyone, especially our Intendant-General and our Past Intendent General.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the main item on the agenda was to Enthroner P.Kt. Jeff Hancock as Most Puissant Sovereign. A College of Priests-Mason was opened and P.Kt. Hugh Everitt was Consecrated as Viceroy.

The College of Priests-Mason was closed, and a Senate of Princes-Mason opened. P.Kt. Jeff Hancock was Enthroned as Most Puissant Sovereign. The Knights were re-admitted, and the Officers of the Conclave were appointed and invested.

The Conclave was closed and after photographs the members of Edward Smith Conclave and their guests retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.





Emperor Constantine Conclave



On Wednesday the 8th of July at Nutfield Emperor Constantine Conclave received an official visit from our Intendant-General. R.III.Kt. Simon McCarthy, and several Divisional Officers of the year.



The Conclave was opened by the Most Puissant Sovereign, Ill.Kt. Alan Hall, who welcomed everyone. After a report on the door our Intendant-General was received and welcomed by the Most Puissant Sovereign. Our Intendant-General introduced the Divisional Officers who had accompanied him, thanking them for their support.

After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the main item on the agenda was to receive an enlightening talk by Mike Neville on Masons and Politics. This most entertaining talk, delivered in Mike's usual style, was well received by all present.





The Conclave was closed and members of Emperor Constantine Conclave and their guests retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



Gundrada Conclave



Here are some photos taken at the meeting of Gundrada Conclave on the 12th of April 2025 at Surbiton. Our Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Simon McCarthy, and our Past Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock, were in attendance.



Thanks to Ray Johnson



Have you received a Divisional Appointment? Grand Rank? Or have been Enthroned as Sovereign?

Do you have any surplus RCC sashes or jewels?

If so, your Divisional Warden of Regalia would be pleased to take them off your hands, so that they can be reallocated.

All proceeds will go to the Intendent General's designated charity.