



## Saint Macarius Conclave

On Tuesday the 10th of June, the Worthy Knights of Saint Macarius Conclave No 507 were pleased to welcome our Intendant-General, Right Illustrious Knight, Simon McCarthy.



The Conclave was opened by the Most Puissant Sovereign, Ian Bloodworth, who welcomed everyone.

P.Kt. David Reid, Divisional Marshall, having gained admission to the Conclave informed the Most Puissant Sovereign that the R.III.Intendant-General was in the ante-room and demanded admission.

This was granted and the R.III.Intendant-General was received, accompanied by Divisional Officers of the year through an Arch of Steel formed by the members of the Sepulchre Guard.



The R.III.Intendant-General presented Appendant Order Certificates to W.Kts. Simon and Alan Triptree.



W.Kt. Chris Eley was elected as Sovereign, W.Kt Eddie Ertan as Viceroy and W.Kt Wayne Lucas as Treasurer

The Conclave was closed and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.







# The Red Cross Division of Middlesex



The Annual Meeting of the Divisional Conclave of Middlesex took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of July at the Twickenham District Masonic Centre, Twickenham, Middlesex.



From 9.00 am the Worthy Knights of the Division of Middlesex and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties. We received a very warm welcome from the Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Dr. Silverio Ostrowski.

There were many honoured guests attending to support the Division of Middlesex, including a delegation from Surrey, and a good number of Intendant Generals from other Divisions.



At 10.45 the Companions were gathered in the lovely Temple at Twickenham to receive a briefing from the Divisional Marshal. The meeting was then 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 Middlesex, 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.

A proposition to donate the sum of £1,000 to the Evelina Children's Charity was approved by the Worthy Knights. Evelina cares for over 104,000 children and young people each year, many living with complex, chronic or life-limiting conditions. Others are facing months, even years, of hospital care. Their dedicated Play Specialists help children and young people prepare for treatment and process their emotions through the comforting power of play.



After the regular business of the Division had been concluded, the Intendant-General was pleased to re-appoint P.Kt. Steven Vanhinsbergh as his Deputy Intendant-General, thanking him for all his support over the past year. The Intendant-General then appointed and invested his Officers.

The Intendant-General addressed Divisional Grand Conclave. In his address he said how honoured he felt by the support from all the guests from other divisions.

He thanked all his outgoing officers for their support over the past year and offered his congratulations to the officers he had appointed and invested today, encouraging them to come out on the official visits.

He also congratulated those who received Grand Rank at the beginning of the month.

He said that recruitment is very important and encouraged the Worthy Knights to look at potential candidates from their Royal Arch Chapters. We need to raise awareness of our Order and talk to the Chapter Companions.

He said how good it was to see the Past Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Denis Leigh with us and had much pleasure in presenting R.III.Kt. Denis with a gift from the Division in appreciation of all he has done over the years.

He ended by thanking his Recorder and Marshall and their teams for all they did to ensure the meeting today ran so smoothly.

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. The Provincial team returned to the Temple for some group photographs.



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.



The toast to the Intendant-General was given in an entertaining way by the Deputy Intendant General, Ill.Kt. Steven Vanhinsbergh.

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.



**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 Intendant General's designated charity.**