



## Two Candidates for Notfelle Conclave



The regular meeting of Notfelle Conclave No 449 was held at the Masonic Hall, Grove Road, Sutton, Surrey on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026.

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

A fitting tribute to the life and Masonic career of R.II;l.Kt. Roy Bedford and V III. Kt. John Knox were given and the W.Kts stood to Order in respect to departed Merit.



A ballot for a joining member, W.Kt. Mark Sharp of St John's Gate Conclave No 403, was taken which proved in his favour. W.Kt. Mark was welcomed into the Conclave by the Most

Puissant Sovereign. A ballot was also taken for Comp. Mark Budds which proved in his favour.

The main item on the agenda was to install Comp. Jeffrey Flint, successfully balloted for on the previous meeting, and Comp. Mark Budds. Companions Jeff and Mark were installed admitted and presented to the Four Pillars. They were then obligated and Constituted Knight Companions of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and invested with the purple sash and jewel of the Order.



To end the ceremony the Legend and Foundation of the Order was delivered in an excellent manner by R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock, our Past Intendant-General.

Em. Kt. David Thompson was declared the Most Puissant Sovereign, and W. Kt. Brad Collings as the Eminent Viceroy. Elected Treasurer was . Ill. Kt. Ray Hussey.



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





# An Official Visit to Saint Macarius Conclave



On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, the Worthy Knights of Saint Macarius Conclave No 507 were pleased to welcome our Intendant-General, Right Illustrious Knight, Simon McCarthy. They also installed a candidate into the Order.

The Conclave was opened by the Most Puissant Sovereign, M.P.Kt. Chris Eley, 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 anteroom 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. He was immediately challenged by the Most Puissant Sovereign for his Sepulchre Guard token. This he displayed and took the Chair.



Our Intendant-General said how pleased he was to be visiting Saint Macarius Conclave especially as they had a candidate to install as Worth Knight of the Order. He introduced the Divisional Officers and thanked them for attending in such numbers to support both him and the Conclave. He then about future events, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair.

A ballot was taken to admit Companion Neil Jones-Lumby, proposed by the Most Puissant Sovereign.



The ceremony was conducted by the Most Puissant Sovereign, assisted by our R.III. Intendant-General, who admitted, received, and constituted W.Kt. Neil now and for ever, a Knight Companion of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

The Mysteries of the Order were explained by R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock, our Past Intendant-General, who also recited the Legend of the Foundation of the Order which was delivered in an excellent manner. Our Deputy Intendant-General stood in as Viceroy at the very last minute.

Em.Kt. Eddie Ertan was elected as Sovereign, W.Kt Wayne Lucas as Viceroy, and P.Kt. Ian Bloodworth as Treasurer, for the ensuing year.





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W.Kt. Neil was immediately made a member of the Sepulchre Guard and received his token.





# The Sepulchre Guard Tokens Are Everywhere





# Rose Croix & Red Cross



During a visit to Braga, the city with the oldest cathedral in Portugal, Mike Neville noted some statues with Masonic connections.

For the Red Cross of Constantine, he noted the statue of St Matthias. Matthias features in the RCC ritual, possibly because he was the first Apostle to be selected by men. Whilst Jesus chose the original twelve, after His crucifixion and the death of Judas, the remaining eleven had to find a replacement.



Braga Cathedral



Statue of St Matthias



Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte



At the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus do Monte, a beautiful Christian church with gardens and a monastery, Mike noted a pelican in its piety, as noted in the Rose Croix ceremony.

*Thanks to Mike Neville*

## R.C.C. Grand Imperial Conclave 2026



Tuesday, 7 July 2026, [Freemasons' Hall](#)

Procession starts at 12:15pm (Rehearsals - 10:30 AM)

Red Cross of Constantine web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-red-cross>

