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A message from our Grand Superintendent

Dear Knight Priests

As I enter into my 10th year as your Grand Superintendent the time approaches when I have to give serious consideration as to what point in time is the most suitable for me to stand down and my successor to take over.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank all the members of this District for the continual support which you have given to me over the years. There have been some trying times, but these have been outweighed by the very good times we have had at our Tabernacle meetings, and of course the numerous social events which we have enjoyed.

The result of our efforts has culminated in the District raising over £64,000 during the past nine years, which is a great achievement. I am delighted to inform you that the District has attained the Pillar Fund Red level collarette. There are over 300 Tabernacles world-wide, and Surrey leads the way.

You should also be very proud of your achievements in managing to maintain our membership numbers during some difficult times.

One of the highlights for me was of course being Installed as the Grand Superintendent for Surrey and taking over from my good friend, Ian Smith. Another highlight for me was introduction of the Order of Holy Wisdom, when I became the first High Prelate to deliver the new ritual.

Next was the Consecration of North Downs Tabernacle in 2018 by the Grand Team from York, which was a splendid event. The final item which sums up our wonderful Christian order was in delivering the Grand Point, and I must praise my Directors of Ceremonies for the way they deliver the introduction to it.

My final thanks are to the Tabernacle Recorders and Treasurers for all their hard work and in particular Ill.Kt.P. Steve Jones who was an interesting challenge; as I would have certainly been to him. His administrative skills were of great help to me over six years.

My current Recorder, Ill.Kt.P. Andy Fox, will I know be a great help to my successor when he takes over as Grand Superintendent. With that in mind, a couple of weeks ago I contacted the Grand Recorder, R.Ill.Kt.P. Glyn Goddard, G.C.P.O., and submitted my recommendation as regard to my successor. I am pleased to inform you that my successor will be someone who you will all know, and that is V.Ill.Kt.P. Peter Gordon Vossler, CHW, PGMIP.

The most appropriate time and place for me to stand down is at Hinckley on Friday the 6th of June, the day before the Grand College Annual Meeting.

Kind regards and best wishes to you all.

Right Eminent Knight Priest Jack Love
Grand Superintendent, District 15





The Order of Holy Wisdom



On Tuesday the 28th of January 2025 a Congregation of the Order of Holy Wisdom was held under the auspices of Surrey District 15 at Surbiton Masonic Hall. In attendance was our Grand Superintendent, Rt.Em.Kt.Pt. Jack Love.

The morning started with a meeting of the Surrey Tabernacle No 27 which was opened by the High Priest, V.E.Kt.Pt. Brian Doherty, who welcomed everyone, especially the Grand Superintendent and High Prelate of Surrey District 15,



After the regular business of the Tabernacle had been completed Em.Kt.Pt. Eddie Ertan was declared High Priest and R.III.Kt.Pt. Chris Cradock was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After thanking V.Em.Kt.Pt. Andy Fox and V.Em.Kt.Pt. Graham McGlashan for all their hard work for the District for the past few years, he had much pleasure in awarding both with the Companion of Holy Wisdom. Both Andy and Graham thanked our Grand Superintendent for his kind gesture.



The Tabernacle was closed, and the Temple rearranged for the ceremony of the Order of Holy Wisdom.



A Congregation of the Order was opened by the High Prelate, Graham McGlashen, and as there no Aspirants to be admitted, a demonstration of the Ceremony was performed. The Candidate was V.III.Kt.Pt. Patrick P Crossan KHW, PGVII P

Having undergone purification, he was led to each of the seven pillars where he was questioned and agreed to comply with certain instructions for the rest of his life.

The stand-in Aspirant, The stand in Aspirant Pat Crossan; Provincial Prior of the K.T., was congratulated by our Grand Superintendent, Jack Love, for being such a good sport.

The Congregation of the Order of Holy Wisdom was then closed. After the customary group photographs the members of Surrey Tabernacle and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Since 2015, when Districts were granted permission by Grand College to confer the Order of Holy Wisdom, Surrey District No 15, except for 2021 when Covid 19 rules were in force, has held a meeting each year and has introduced to date, a total of 48 Aspirants into the Order.

Around the Orders



At a recent meeting of Praesidium Legati Knights Templar Preceptory there were 3 Heads of Orders Designate, seen here with the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Pat Crossan.

Our Grand Superintendent was seen with his successor, E.Kt. Peter Vossler.



Our Grand Superintendent will be the new Provincial Grand Master of the S E Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland, taking over from E.Kt. Charles Stoddart

Our Past Grand Superintendent, V.E.Kt. Ian Smith, will be taking over from Colin Beerling as the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor, and V.E.Kt. Chris Eley will become his Provincial Grand Registrar.

It's going to be a busy year in Surrey



Then we all met up a few days later in Botley, Hampshire, when we attended the Provincial Grand Senatus of Hampshire, Isle of Wight & The Channel Islands in the Order of the Scarlet Cord.



Seen here with the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Ian Batchelor, we have R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarious, Past Provincial Grand Summus of Surrey; V.Dist.Comp. Ian Smith, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; V.Dist.Comp. Jack Love, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Summus; and Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus.