



## The Installation of V. Ill. Bro. M Harding 33° as Inspector General for the District of Surrey



The Installation of V. Ill. Bro. M Harding 33° as Inspector General for the District of Surrey took place on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026 at the regular meeting of Antioch Chapter Rose Croix No. 791 at Surbiton with the Sovereign Grand Commander, M. Ill. Bro. John Boyington, CBE, 33°, presiding.



He was accompanied by M. Ill. Bro. N G I Bosanquet, 33°, Grand Chancellor; M. Ill. Bro. Rev'd Dr Simon Thorne, 33°, Grand Prior; M. Ill. Bro. Dr Giles Shilson, 33°, Grand Secretary General; M. Ill. Bro. 33°; Grand Organist; and Richard Sams, 31°, Grand Outer Guard. The members of Antioch Chapter and their many guests gathered in the bar for tea and coffee before the meeting.





The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign, E. & P. Bro. Frank Ihekoronyer, who welcomed everyone, wishing them an enjoyable meeting and festive board afterwards.

After the Dispensation was read and the regular business of the Chapter completed, Members of the Supreme Council 33° and the Installing Officer, M. Ill. Bro. John Boyington, CBE, 33°, were received.

The Installing Officer assumed the Chair, appointed his officers., and opened a Supreme Council Chapter. He addressed the meeting, stating the special business, and ascertained that all Chapters in the District were represented.



The Installing Officer asked the Installing Director of Ceremonies if the Inspector General Designate was outside the temple.

The Installing Officer called upon the Installing Director of Ceremonies to form an Escort, retire and introduce the Inspector General Designate.



The Brethren stood to order as the Inspector General Designate was placed in the West. The Installing Officer addressed the Inspector General Designate on the nature of his duties and the Patent was read.

After a Prayer a Hymn was sung. The Inspector General Designate made his declaration of Fidelity, was invested and installed. The Installing Officer handed the Patent to the Inspector General, who was then proclaimed.

The Muster Roll of Chapters was called, and the Inspector General addressed the meeting, following which the Installing Officer closed a Supreme Council Chapter and the Most Wise Sovereign resumed the Chair.

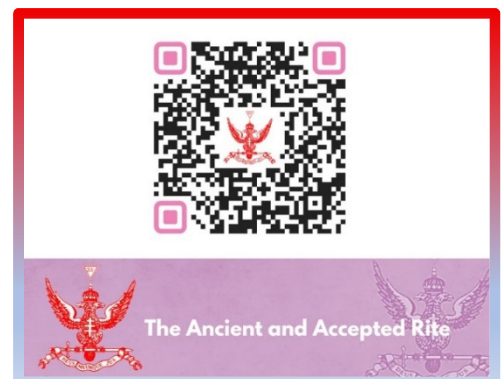
After the Alms collection and the Risings had been completed the Third Point was conducted and the Chapter was closed.



We then retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



The District web site: <https://www.surreyrosecroix.com>



# Address given to our Inspector General on receiving his 33<sup>rd</sup> degree

V. . Ill. . Bro MICHAEL JOHN HARDING 33°  
INSPECTOR GENERAL DESIGNATE, DISTRICT OF SURREY

V. . Ill. . Bro. Michael Harding 33°, you were born in 1964 in Sutton, Surrey, and spent your childhood in semi-rural Tadworth on the edge of Epsom Downs. You attended De Burgh Comprehensive Senior School, leaving at 16 to work in a Chartered Accountants' office in Sutton while continuing your studies part-time at Nescot College of Further Education, Ewell. You qualified in 1991 and set up your own practice in 1994. A Fellow of ICAEW and ACCA, you served as Managing Partner of Brooks & Co (1998-2018) and since 2018 have been Principal of Harding & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants.

You are married to Cathie, who trained as a nurse at the Royal Masonic Hospital, and you have two daughters (now 26 and 22). A keen sportsman in your youth, you finally retired from rugby at 46 after an accumulation of broken ribs. Your 'safer pursuits' now include motorcycling-touring on a Harley-Davidson and BMW adventure bikes, with a Suzuki sports bike relegated to the garage – and clay-pigeon shooting. A long-standing CAMRA member, you describe yourself as a 'beer-swillin', shotgun-swingin', Harley-riding Chartered Accountant'.

Introduced to Freemasonry by your father-in-law, you were Initiated in 1992 into Star of Stoneleigh Lodge No. 8244 (Surrey). Other Lodges include: South Surrey Masters No. 8321; Richard, Earl of Shannon No. 8297 (Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, Surrey); Mount Moriah No. 34 (MetGL); and Castlemartyr No. 8420 (Surrey Provincial Executive Lodge). You were appointed ProvGStwd (2003), ProvAGSwdB (2004), ProvSGW (2008), Official Visitor (from 2008), ProvGTreas (2010-2016), AProvGM (2017-2022) and DepProvGM (2022 -2024). You were appointed PAGDC in Grand Lodge in 2013, and promoted to PSGD (2018) and PGSwdB (2023).

You were Exalted in 1995 into Pride of Surrey Chapter No. 9167, subsequently joining South Surrey First Principals Chapter No. 8321 in 2003. Provincial Royal Arch rank followed: ProvGSoj (2008), PProvGReg (2014) and PProvGSN (2020).

In this Ancient and Accepted Rite, you were Perfected in 1998 in Antioch Chapter No. 791 (Surrey), served as Sovereign in 2006 and Treasurer from 2008-18, and were promoted to the 30° in 2008. You joined Rose of Surrey Chapter No. 1088 in 2016.

Your wider service to Surrey includes the Nutfield Working Party (2000-02), directorship of PGLoS Enterprises Ltd (2007-22), membership of the Heritage Committee (2006-10), Lead Auditor to the Provincial Audit Committee (2009-11), and directorship of the Surrey Masonic Halls Fund Ltd, serving as Treasurer to 2022 and Director to 2024, managing an investment fund (in excess of 800k) for Surrey Masonic centres.

The high office to which you are now called as Inspector General for Surrey will present new responsibilities and challenges but, we trust, offer great satisfaction. May Almighty God bless you in this new calling in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and may our Great Emmanuel be your constant guide.

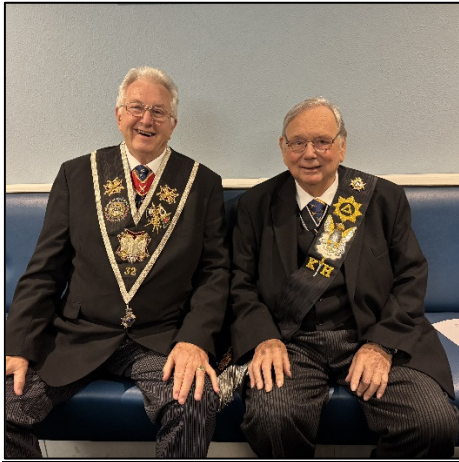
M. . Ill. . Bro. the Revd Dr S A Thorn 33°, Grand Prior.  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2025



# The Enthronement Meeting of Antioch Chapter



The 150<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Antioch Chapter, No. 791 of the Knights of The Pelican and Eagle, Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of Heredom, was held at Sutton Masonic Hall, Grove Road, Sutton on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in the presence of our Past Inspector General, V.:Ill.:Bro. Richard J Wileman.



The Most Wise Sovereign, E.: &P.: Bro. David Sinclair, displayed the Warrant of the Chapter and extended a warm welcome to the members and guests, and in particular to V.:Ill.:Bro. Richard Wileman.

After the minutes had been taken the next item was to Enthrone E.: &P.: Bro. Frank Ihekoronyer as Most Wise Sovereign. This was done in an excellent manner by E.: &P.: Bro. David Sinclair, assisted by V.:Ill.:Bro. Richard Wileman, who gave the Address.



Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard 32° was invited to present a Supreme Council Certificate to E. & P. Bro. Steve Bignell, which he did in his special way.  
V. Ill. Bro. Richard Wileman, 33° Past Inspector General, was elected as an Honorary Member of the Council by acclamation. V. Ill. Bro. Richard thanked the members of the Council for the honour conferred.



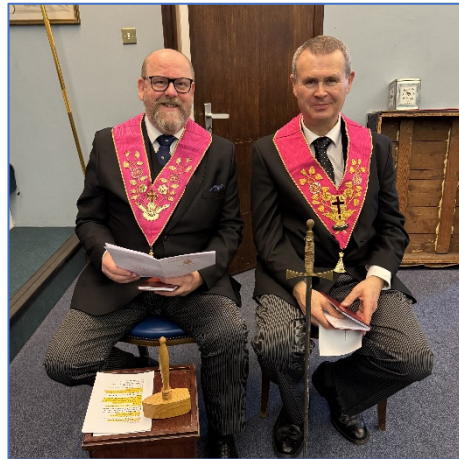
The Third Point was conducted by the Most Wise Sovereign, following which the Chapter was closed, and we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



# A Candidate for Antioch Chapter



On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February Antioch Chapter No. 791 Perfected a Candidate in the Order in the presence of our Inspector General Designate, V.: Ill.: Bro. Michael Harding, 33°; our Past Inspector General, V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°; our District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Ray Beadle, 30°; and our Past District Recorder, Ill.: Bro. Wally J Maynard, 32°.



The Most Wise Sovereign, E.: & P.: Bro. Frank Ihekoronyer, opened the Chapter and welcomed everyone, wishing them an enjoyable meeting and festive board afterwards



A ballot was taken in favour of Bro. Neil Andrew Duncan Fisher, and the Intermediate degrees were conferred by V.: Ill.: Bro. Richard J Wileman. The Candidate was then taken to an anteroom for a short time whilst the room was prepared for the First Point.

The Candidate was then brought into the Dark Room where the Ceremony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Point was conducted in a very sincere manner.

The Candidate was taken outside and after a short while was brought into the Red Room by Raphael, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Point ceremony was conducted.



E&P. Bro. Neil Fisher was congratulated and welcomed into the Chapter by the Most Wise Sovereign, and into the Order by our Inspector General Designate.

The Most Wise Sovereign invited Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard, 32°, to present a Grand Council Certificate to E&P. Bro. Na'el Clarke, which he did in his own special and informative way.

The Chapter was closed and after refreshments in the Miller Bar the Brethren of Antioch Chapter and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together.

