



E L J Smith Conclave A Conclave of Mourning

In July the E L J Smith Conclave No 613 carried out a ceremony of Conclave of Mourning.

This followed the Installation meeting of the Conclave where Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson installed Wy.Bro. Len Hillier as Supreme Ruler.

In the Order of the Secret Monitor, a **Conclave of Mourning**, also historically referred to as a Conclave of Remembrance or containing a "Ritual of Sorrow", is a special ceremony conducted to honour members who have passed away.

A Conclave of Mourning was introduced to mark the death of the first Grand Supreme Ruler, Dr Issachar Zacharie, and symbolises David's mourning for the loss of his friend Jonathan.



This very moving ceremony was excellently performed by Wy. Bro. Len and the Officers of the E L J Smith Conclave, with a little help from their guests.

The Ceremony ends with the breaking of an arrow. In the Old Testament, broken arrows, or the breaking of bows and arrows, symbolize the end of military power and the cessation of conflict, often signifying God's intervention to protect His people, or to defeat their enemies.

It represents God's sovereignty and ability to render human weapons ineffective, leading to peace and security.



E L J Smith Conclave No 613 is the Supreme Rulers' Conclave in the Province of Surrey

It meets at the Surbiton Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN, on the 4th Tuesday in July to install a new Supreme Ruler and to conduct the Conclave of Mourning Ceremony.

All Supreme Rulers are encouraged to join this Conclave. Further information can be obtained from the Recorder, Wy.Bro. Nigel Thomson: nigeltho@aol.com



Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site:
<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-order-secret-monitor>

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Although not an Official Visit, our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was supported by several Provincial Officers of the year, which he appreciated

The E J Smith Conclave Installation meeting was held at Surbiton on Tuesday the 28th of July.

Present was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith, our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, and our Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling; as well as the Provincial Grand Summus in the Scarlet Cord and his Deputy, R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson and Dist.Comp. Chris Eley.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson, who welcomed R.Wy.Bro. Ian Smith to the Conclave.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy.



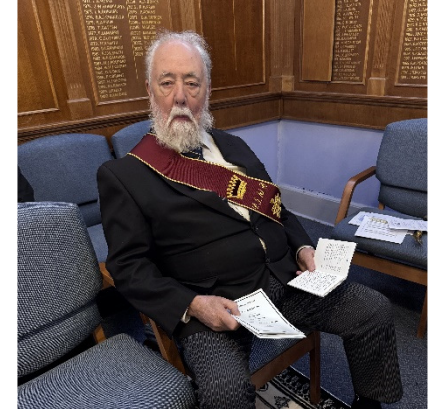
The muster roll was called, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received. Wy.Bro. Len Hillier was installed as Supreme Ruler by Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson in a personal manner and afterwards was congratulated by our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.





The Address to the Supreme Ruler by Wy.Bro. Derek Williamson; and to the Visiting Deacons and Officers of the two degrees by Wy.Bro. Len Hillier. The Explanation of the Weapons was also given by R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling. Wy.Bro. Len Hillier then appointed and invested his officers.

Wy.Bro. Alastair Richardson was declared Supreme Ruler for the ensuing year.



The Conclave was closed, and the Temple arranged for the demonstration of the Conclave of Mourning. We then retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down for an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall. The members of the RCC Sepulchre Guard, present and past, were photographed with their challenge tokens



