

A Prince's Degree at Surbiton Conclave

On Thursday, the 3rd of September Surbiton Conclave conducted a Prince's Degree for Brother Gary Raggett. Present was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and two Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers.



The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Steve Rowlands, Prov.Dep.G.D.C., who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and other visitors. The Scroll Bearer called the Muster Roll, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received

The main item on the agenda was to admit as a Prince of the Order Brother Gary Raggett. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by the Supreme Ruler, ably assisted by W.Bro. Bob Hancock who did the Lecture.



Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then had much pleasure in presenting a Commissioning Certificate to Wy.Bro. Steve Rowlands.

The Conclave was closed and we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall



Farewell to Waverley Conclave

Waverley Conclave No 391 has not welcomed a candidate since 2016, since when deaths and age have taken its toll. Active membership now was only 5 or 6 members. Attempts to link up with its "sister" Conclave, Artington, which meets in the Guildford Masonic Centre had not been a success as many of the members of Artington are already members of Waverley. The members felt this situation was not sustainable and made the difficult decision to close the Conclave and hand in its Warrant.



The Ceremony of Closure was held, by Dispensation, on Monday the 17th of August at the Godalming Masonic Hall. The Presiding Officer was our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian R Bloodworth.

The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Leslie Grout.



A Procession of Provincial Officers escorted the Presiding Officer, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, into the Conclave, under the direction of the Escorting Officer, Wy.Bro. Steve Rowlands.

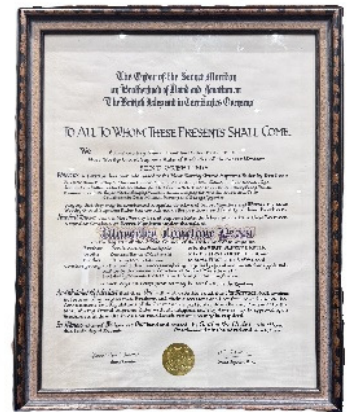
The Worthy Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was handed into Chair and presented the gavel by the Supreme Ruler.

The Minutes having been distributed were put to the Conclave by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for confirmation, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler vacated the Chair in favour of the Supreme Ruler. A Proposition regarding the Conclave artefacts, Monies, Papers, Widows and Members was put to Membership for approval, as well as the resolution to Close.

A synopsis history of the Conclave was given by the Supreme Ruler, who then invited the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, the Presiding Officer, to assume the Chair to conduct the closure of the Conclave and receive the surrendered Conclave Warrant.

The Assisting Officers were invited to assume their Offices for the Ceremony of Closing and the Acting Chaplain, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, gave a prayer. The Presiding Officer then addressed the Brethren of Waverley Conclave following which the members of Waverley Conclave Number 381 stood while the Wy Supreme Ruler, Brother Counsellor and Bro Guide, presented their Warrant. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler received the Warrant of the Conclave and pledged to return it to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for safe delivery to the Most Worshipful the Grand Supreme Ruler. He then thanked all the Brethren of Waverley Conclave Number 381 throughout the years for their valuable contribution they have made to the maintenance and advancement of Freemasonry in general and in this Conclave and Province in particular.

The meeting was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before enjoying a nice meal together.





Provincial Grand Conclave of London & Middlesex



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of London & Middlesex took place on Wednesday the 9th of September at Mark Masons' Hall.

From 2.30 pm the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving. It was good to see so many Brethren from other Provinces, and other Orders, who came along to support the Province of London & Middlesex.



By 3.45 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 3.50 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worthy Brethren.



The Brethren were called to Order to receive the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Clifford Mark Sturt, who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Officers of the Year.



Provincial Grand Conclave was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Brethren.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Conclave had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was pleased to re-appoint the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Jonathan Peter Wallis, P.G.G., thanking him for all his support over the past year. He then invested his Officers for the year.

After receiving his Arch of Steel, he addressed Provincial Grand Conclave. He thanked all the guests for supporting Provincial Grand Conclave, and all the Provincial Grand Officers who had accompanied him on his visits to the Conclaves over the year. He congratulated those he had appointed and invested today saying he was looking forward to his visits to Conclaves this year. He thanked the Provincial Grand Recorder and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all they had done to make the meeting such a success, and finally all the Brethren of the Province of London & Middlesex for their support.

Provincial Grand Conclave was closed in due form and the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler retired in procession, greeting their honoured guests on their way out.



We then enjoyed some refreshments before going into the dining room at Mark Masons' Hall for a delicious carvery meal.



After the meal the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanking him for all he has done for the Province over the past year. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Brethren for their best wishes.



After a most enjoyable day we all made our way home to our various Provinces.



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