



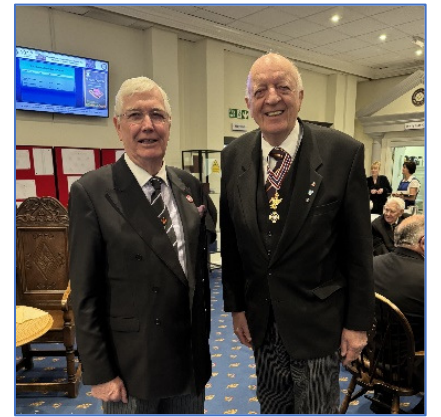
Annual Meeting of Divisional Conclave

The Annual Meeting of the Divisional Conclave of Surrey took place on Saturday the 26th of April at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon, Surrey.



From 9.30 am the Worthy Knights of the Division of Surrey and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties. There were many guests from other Divisions and other Orders in Surrey attending to support the Division of Surrey.







By 10.45 am everyone was seated in the Temple. The meeting was called to order to receive the Past Intendant-General, R.III.Kt, Robert Hancock; the Rt. Illustrious Knights; and the Divisional Officers of the year.

The Worthy Knights were again called to Order to receive the Intendant-General of the Division of Surrey, preceded by the Banner Bearer and Sword Bearer.



Divisional Conclave was opened in due form, and the Intendant-General was saluted with seven under direction of the Divisional Marshal.

The Intendant-General welcomed the honoured guests of the Division and other Distinguished Worthy Knights.

After the regular business of the Division had been concluded, the Right Illustrious Intendant-General was pleased to re-appoint P.Kt. Mark P Donovan as his Deputy Intendant-General, thanking him for all his support over the past year.

The Right Illustrious Intendant-General appointed Ill. Kt. David Blackburn, as the Divisional Eusebius. The Intendant-General then appointed and invested his Officers. The Right Illustrious Intendant-General re-appointed the Captain and the Deputy Captain of the Divisional Sepulchre Guard. He then inspected his Sepulchre Guard.



The Right Illustrious Intendant-General then welcomed Knights new to the Order since the last Divisional Meeting.



The Intendant-General addressed Divisional Grand Conclave. He thanked the Worthy Knights of the Province and all our guests for attending and helping to make the Divisional Meeting such a success. He congratulated those he had appointed or promoted to Divisional Rank, wishing them an enjoyable year.

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He acknowledged all the dedication and hard work that has been put into today's arrangements by the Divisional Recorder and the Divisional Marshal and their teams.

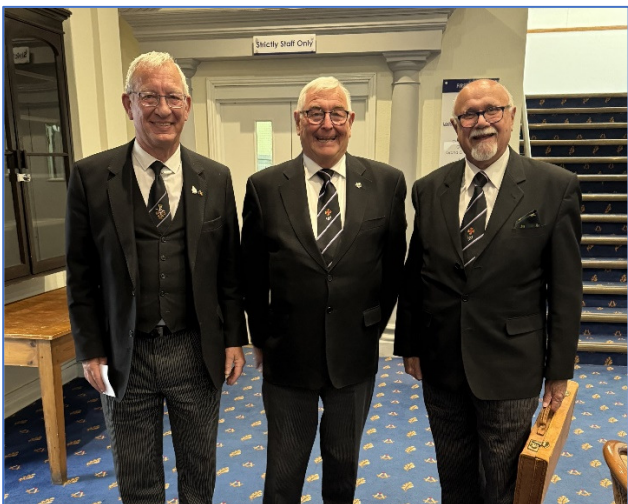
Our Intendant-General then had much pleasure in presenting Illustrious Knight John Coleman, Past Grand Warden of Regalia with a Certificate of Outstanding Merit in recognition of his excellent service to the Order, and particularly to the Province of Surrey.

The Intendant-General closed by saying that he trusts that our Christian faith will hold fast and praying that our Red Cross Knightly companionship will continue to be a source of strength and blessing.

Divisional Grand Conclave was closed in due form and the Intendant-General retired in procession greeting the Right Illustrious Knights, and Honoured Guests on their way out.



After refreshments and a chance to meet up with old friends, we were called into lunch. We had a most enjoyable lunch in good company. The toast to the Intendant-General was given in an entertaining way by the Deputy Intendant-General, P.Kt. Mark Donovan. In his reply, the Intendant-General thanked the Deputy Intendant-General for his kind words. He then thanked everyone for attending to make this a very special meeting, wishing them a safe journey home.







The Intendant General's Address to Divisional Grand Conclave



Worthy Knights welcome to you all. I am indeed grateful for your attendance today and hope those of you staying for lunch will enjoy the rest of the afternoon in the company of your fellow Knights.

The attendance this year is slightly down due I believe to a very busy April within our Order. The Grand Sovereign's Church service was held last week. This was well attended with over 350 members from all over the UK and indeed representation from other countries. I would like to thank all those Worthy Knights from Surrey who supported the event and their partners.

The Grand Sovereigns Conclave was also held a week before that in Middlesex and was also very well attended by many Worthy Knights from around the country. At this juncture in my address, I would like to extend my appreciation to all our honoured guests that have travelled again to the South of England to be with us today.

Worthy Knights I have always mentioned recruitment in my addresses to you, and I ask you to try your best to install one new Knight in each of your Conclaves in the forthcoming year. This I know is not easy as we are all picking from the same tree as it were, which is why we must support the Craft and Royal Arch as they are the start of everyone's Masonic journey. We need to encourage new members to join using the tools we have, especially social media, as this is the way forward to reach out and tell people who we are.

We have an excellent website which you can direct any potential member to and very soon a video to show an insight to our wonderful order. I am only the custodian of our Division, and I need all your enthusiasm to drive our membership forward.

We have been very successful in our promotions in Grand Rank this year. III. Kt. Chris Cradock to Grand High Almoner, which makes Chris a Very Illustrious Knight and is richly deserved for all his work over the years. P Kt Steve Rowlands to Grand Vice Chamberlain, P Kt Mark Donovan to P G StdB Constantine, P Kt Andrew Fox to P G StdB Labarum, P Kt Chris Hancock to P G Prefect, P Kt John Roberts to P G W of R, and P Kt Len Hillier to P G Vice Cham. Worthy Knights please join me in offering them all our congratulations.

We have also been very successful with our charity donations this year having managed to donate around £6k to various worthwhile causes, which is a great achievement. And in order to maintain this drive may I request this year that all Conclaves when donating any funds to please consider our Divisional funds chest.

We have several fund raising events this year, including a Red Cross golf day in June which III Kt Geoff Hancock is organising; a joint evening event with the Royal and Select Masters District of Surrey. There will be the famous RAF Club lunch at 12 o'clock high in Piccadilly at the end of August which III Kt Paul Fitzgerald is organising. This is generally a combined event involving our Division, along with Metropolitan and Middlesex, which Surrey is hosting this year. There will be a Church Service in September hosted by the Grand Eusebius of our order which again is also in the hands of Surrey.

It only remains for me to thank all those Divisional Officers of last year for their support, some of which have been in office for 2 years. I thank you for your commitment to our Order. My sepulchre guard for your total commitment in supporting my official visits, the Appendant Orders, and all the other things I ask you to do, you all look very smart. I hope you are enjoying the challenge coins which you all have, keep them on you at all times

To those worthy Kts that have been appointed to Active Office, and those reappointed, please enjoy your office, and endeavour to support myself and Executive in our official visits this coming year. You will all be given notice of Official Visits.

To my Deputy for offering sometimes wise council, but most all his support over the last year keeping in constant contact and checking I'm up to speed, thank you Mark. To my Recorder, Andy, thank you for everything you do in keeping the Division in order, all the admin, and the organising of today. My Treasurer for keeping our books in order, my Marshall for all things dealing with protocol and being by my side on all occasions. And finally, to you all for your commitment and support.

May you go in peace and harmony, and our God look over you all.

Simon McCarthy

Intendant-General

25th of April 2026





Congratulations



Congratulations to those Worthy Knights who were appointed or promoted in
Divisional Conclave at the Annual Meeting held at Croydon on Saturday the 25th of April 2026.

Divisional Officers 2026-2027

Intendant-General	Simon McCarthy
Deputy Intendant-General	Mark Donovan
Eusebius	David Blackburn
Senior General	Alan Brockwell
Junior General	David Grimmer
High Prelate	Leslie Grout
Registrar	Colin Brookman
Treasurer	Arthur Johnson
Recorder	Andrew Fox
Almoner	John Coleman
Marshal	David Reid
Sword bearer	Bill Barr
Deputy Marshal	Brad Collings
Chamberlain	Alan Bonniface
Sub-Prelate	Eddie Ertan
Standard Bearer (C)	Ian Bloodworth
Standard Bearer (L)	Tom Batton
Prefect	Mark Woolcott
Warden of Regalia	Andrew Banks
Assistant Recorder	Jason Pearson
Organist	Chris Albrow
1 st Herald	Dave Harrison
2 nd Herald	Peter Hassack
Steward	David Smith
Steward	Robert Short
Steward	Jim Brown
Steward	Simon Baker
Sentinel	Arthur Lewer

Promotions in Past Rank

P.Div. Jun General	James Jones
P.Div St.B (L)	Jean-Manuel Amedee' Bullukian

Division of Surrey web site:

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



R.C.C. Family Church Service 2026

On Saturday the 18th of April 2026 the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine held a Family Church Service at the magnificent Liverpool Cathedral, an imposing building of red sandstone providing a breathtaking backdrop for this very special occasion.

It is ten years since the last Cathedral service held by the Order in 2015 and it was well worth the wait. Well over three hundred members of the order and their friends and families made up the congregation with a full attendance of Intendants General and their Divisional Standards processing the full length of the cathedral to place their standards in the East for the service. The attendance of the Grand Sepulchre Guard providing added grandeur.



Readings by the Grand Sovereign and Deputy Grand Sovereign; and the participation of our Grand High Prelate and Grand Eusebius ensured that we were fully integrated into the service at all levels.

A host of hymns including "To be a Pilgrim" and a wonderful Choir and awe-inspiring music from the Cathedral organist were highlights of the day. An excellent lunch followed at Anfield Stadium with only minimal mention of football in the toasts.

My thanks must go to all the staff at the Cathedral and at Anfield as well as our own MMH team who all contributed to a most wonderful day of Masonic and Christian fellowship and one to be remembered by all those who attended.

Most Illustrious Knight Graham Flight, GCC
Grand Sovereign