



A busy afternoon at Warlingham

Tuesday the 31st of January was a busy afternoon for Warlingham Scarlet Cord Consistory No 134 and Warlingham OSM Conclave No 291 with an Official Visit by the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, an installation and a 3rd Grade Ceremony in the Scarlet Cord, and a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, and a talk from the Supreme Ruler in the OSM.



The next item on the agenda was to promote to the Third Grade of the Order, Companions Robert Short, Steve Jones and Alan Boniface. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by R.Dist. Comp. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus and the Officers of the Consistory. The three Companions were congratulated by the Past Provincial Grand Summus.

The Consistory was then closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the OSM meeting that followed. The Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy Bro David John Blackburn, P.G.Stwd, P.Prov. G.V. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler who wished him an enjoyable afternoon.

Warlingham Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, who welcomed everyone, especially the visitors. The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist Comp. Nigel Thomson was received and welcomed into his Consistory by Companion President and saluted with five under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth.

Em.Comp. Bob Tuthill was installed as President by Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy. Dist.Comp. Bob was congratulated by the Deputy Provincial Summus who wished him an enjoyable year. The Officers of the Consistory for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested.



The main item on the agenda was to receive a talk entitled “Beneath the Southern Cross” by the Supreme Ruler. This most interesting talk was about the first settlers (*convicts*) sent to Australia. Incidentally, the ship’s Captain was also David Blackburn.



The Companions and Brethren of Warlingham Consistory and Conclave, and their guests, dined afterwards to a most convivial meal.

A Special Afternoon for Hill of Zion

Wednesday the 25th of January 2023 was a rather special day for Hill of Zion Conclave and Consistory as two of the Brethren were due to take their Princes Degree in the Conclave and then immediately afterwards take their 1st Grade in the Consistory.



An In Memoriam to R.Wy.Bro. Laurie Young, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, was given by Chris Eley, an old friend. After the regular business of the Conclave was completed, the main item on the agenda was to Receive and Admit as Princes of the Order Brothers Lawson Ekpo, Adebayo Ajilogba, and George Etuk. The Ceremony was conducted by Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson, and R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling gave the explanation of the challenge.

Brothers Lawson, Adebayo, and George were congratulated by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present a Supreme Ruler Certificate to the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Donald McGarr, which he did in his usual informative way. Pursuant to notice of motion the members of the Conclave voted to make Ian Currans, Trevor Currans, and Mark Currans Honorary Members of the Hill of Zion Conclave in recognition of all they had done for the Conclave.

The afternoon started with a meeting of the Conclave, which was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Donald McGarr. He welcomed the many guests and visitors, especially the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Surrey, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth. Also present was the Provincial Grand Summus for Surrey in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, who is also the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the OSM.



The Conclave was then closed and after the customary group photograph the Temple for rearranged for the Scarlet Cord Consistory meeting.

The Hill of Zion Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. James Smith. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth, was admitted and informed Companion President that the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, was without and demanded admission. The Provincial Grand Summus accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the President, and accepted the Chair.



He said how good it was to be making his first Official Visit to Hill of Zion Consistory and introduced the Provincial team. He then had much pleasure in presenting several 3rd Grade Certificates and a Preparation Certificates to several Companions.



As in the Conclave meeting, the members of the Consistory voted to make Ian Currans, Trevor Currans, and Mark Currans Honorary Members of the Hill of Zion Consistory in recognition of all they had done for the Consistory.



After taking the minutes, the Provincial Grand Summus returned the Chair to Companion President as he and his team had some work to do.

A ballot was taken for Brothers Lawson Ekpo and George Etuk as Candidates for Admission. This proved in their favour and Brothers Lawson and George were conferred with the 1st Grade of the Order by the Primus of Ostiarrii, Em.Comp. Donald McGarr. They were then congratulated by the Provincial Grand Summus.



The Provincial Grand Summus thanked the members of the Tzaddikim who had escorted him on his Official Visit.

The Consistory was then closed and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

The Provincial Grand Senatus of London

On Friday the 13th of January a delegation from Surrey attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of London held at Mark Masons Hall.



When we arrived, we were treated to a drinks reception, which was very much appreciated. We received a very warm welcome from R.Dist.Comp. Jules Greenwall, Provincial Grand Summus, and the London Companions. Present at the meeting was several Provincial Grand Summi, seen here with the Provincial Grand Summus.

The Companions were called to Order to receive the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.



Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp.

Seirios Kokkalis. The other Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions.

The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he said that despite it being Friday the 13th there was no rain and no rail strikes. He congratulated the new Provincial Grand Summi and thanked all the honoured guests for their support for the Provincial Grand Senatus of London.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by Right Distinguished Companions, and Honoured Guests.

The delegation from Surrey had a most enjoyable morning.

The Companions of the Province of London and their guests retired to enjoy a convivial meal together.

