



# the Surrey arrow



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## Address by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave

For the first 10 months of our first year, Paul and I adjusted to our new positions fairly well, as any new position takes time to get used to. There were new candidates being inducted, along with lots of other ceremonies, as well as official meetings and visiting other Provinces, which were very enjoyable. On behalf of both of us I would like to thank you all for your support and your guidance. **THEN THERE WAS LOCKDOWN IN MARCH 2020**



There were a few meetings that took place, but only 6 brethren were allowed to attend, however we managed to install 2 Supreme Rulers. There have been a few zoom meetings, which obviously helped with the admin side of things, as well as keeping in touch with those who could attend.

During the 2-year period, we had 6 brethren pass on to higher service, but we also had 8 new candidates join. Figures have kept quite even, so in some respects we were very lucky. We also have 7/8 new candidates waiting to join, so there should be a definite rise in the membership numbers during this term.

The website is now fully up and running, with lots of new features and articles.



Also, we have introduced a new monthly newsletter called The Surrey Arrow. This started in April 2021, and it seems to be a very popular addition. My thanks to Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, who puts the whole thing together. This has had some very interesting articles in the issues, contributed by various brethren. When the meetings start up again, I encourage the conclave Secretaries to do a small report, accompanied with a photo, which can be passed to Chris Eley, and he will include it in the next issue.

ELJ Smith is an installed Supreme Rulers conclave that meets once a year. An installation meeting takes place, after which a Ceremony of Mourning is performed, in respect to brethren who have passed away. All brethren can attend the ceremony, although you must be a member to take part.

As you know, the Scarlet Cord is our sister order of the OSM. There are 4 consistories in the Province. The ceremonies/grades are very interesting, and you only have to complete your Princes degree to be eligible to join.

There is a new representative in the OSM, Wy.Bro. Len Hillier, who you can speak to if you have any questions.

Also, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Recorder, will assist you if required. I strongly recommend you give the Scarlet Cord some consideration.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the OSM Dinner and Dance event last year due to Covid. This has now been re-scheduled to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the Reigate Manor Hotel.



It is always a fun event, with a guest singer, good food and an excellent raffle, which generates a lot of money for charity. The capacity is for 160 attendees and at the moment we are up to 110. Should you wish to attend, please get in contact with Wy.Bro. Alan Brockwell - or you can go to our website, where you can find more information.

I've been giving some thought to new ideas for recruiting new members into our Order.

The Grand Recorder has reduced the Grand Conclave fees so it could not be a better time to join. Remember that they only have to be a Master Mason to join our Order.

I welcome any comments or ideas you have as to encourage recruitment.

Brethren, once again I thank you for your attendance today and for listening to my address. I look forward to your company at the reception and festive board. Keep well and safe and may the Almighty Friend of all Friends be with us all.

**Colin M Beerling**  
Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021





# The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Centre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. This was the first regular meeting of a Province since the resumption of Masonic activity.

The Brethren of Surrey and their guests started arriving from 9 am where coffee and bacon sandwiches were being served in one of the dining rooms while the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel were busy rehearsing their duties in the small Temple, while our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and his Deputy were relaxing before the meeting.

Provincial Grand Conclave was opened by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Colin M Beerling, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth. After the In-Memoriam to departed Brethren, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed all the honoured guests of the Province hoping that they will enjoy the meeting and festive board. The minutes were taken, the Roll of Provincial Officers was called, as well as the Roll of Conclaves. There was a really good turnout by members of the Province.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed those Brethren who have been inducted since our last meeting in May 2019. He welcomed them into the Order and presented them with a lapel pin. Wy.Bro. Paul D Fitzgerald was reappointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and saluted with five. The Provincial Officers for the year 2021/2022 were re-appointed. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then re-appointed the Commander, Bro. Martin Baker, the Deputy Commander, Bro. Jim Turner, and members of his Arch of Steel

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler spoke about the good work that our Provincial Deputy Grand Directory of Ceremonies had been doing to support the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival by riding 2022 miles to raise funds for the Festival. In appreciation of this he invited Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy to present a donation of £2,000 to Wy.Bro. Ian N Clark, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey. Donations were also made of £500 to the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher and £500 to the Surrey Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

At the conclusion of the meeting members of the Province, their visitors and guests sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon in the Elizabethan Suite at Surbiton Masonic Hall. During his Toast to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler presented R.Wy.Bro. Colin with a pair of horns of oil to be used during the Commissioning Ceremony. A lovely way to end a most enjoyable day.

*Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler with the Grand Summus and Provincial Grand Summus of the Scarlet Cord*

