



The Installation Meeting of the Thamesis Lodge of Scottish Masters

At the January 2025 meeting of the Thamesis Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 3 in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City Revd.Kt. Rodney Leonard Albert Bancrof, K.B.H.C., was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master.

The installation ceremony was conducted by the Regional Grand Prefect, R Revd Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., in a most sincere manner. There was a total of 30 attendees, including two Candidates).

Following the Investiture of the Officers for the year, Wg. Cdr. Gary Mitchell, retiring as Almoner, having served 9 years since coming out of the Worshipful Deputy Master Chair in December 2016, presented the Lodge with two beautifully embroidered Alms Bags.



Specific acknowledgements to his excellent work were made by both the Regional Grand Prefect and Members of the Lodge

The next item was to receive and admit two candidates into the Fourth Degree. E.Kt. Ian Richard Given Hopgood and E.Kt. Graham Edwin Paul Pattenden. The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Rodney Leonard Albert Bancrof, K.B.H.C., assisted by the officers of the Lodge.



The photo shows (l to r) our Regional Grand Prefect, new Members Graham Pattenden and Ian Hopgood, and the newly installed Worshipful Deputy Master Rodney Bancroft

The Lodge was closed and after photographs and refreshments the members of Thamesis Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew dined together at the Beaconsfield Masonic Centre.

Article and photos by Bob Diplock





A Candidate for Cantwara Invicta Lodge of Scottish Masters

On Monday 3rd March, at Wrotham, Kent, Cantwara Invicta Lodge held their first meeting of the year.

On arrival, as usual, brethren were welcomed with tea, coffee and bacon & egg baps before the meeting.

The Worshipful Deputy Master, Robin Cooke, was unfortunately too unwell to attend so the role was taken on by Trevor Sharpe in his usual relaxed, avuncular manner. The target of his efforts was Eminent Knight Steve Hyland, very well known in the Companion Orders in Kent, and an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Mark.



Steve was received as a Scottish Master, and Scottish Master of St Andrew in exemplary fashion, with a smile on his face all the way round.

The Regional Grand Prefect, R Revd Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., who is a Founder member of the Lodge, was present as usual and congratulated Steve. He then presented a 4th Degree Certificate to Bro. Mark Wright, and a 5th Degree certificates to Squire Novices Graham Mitchell and Dave Hiscock, in his usual informative manner.

Reverend Knight David Barden was elected for recommendation as Worshipful Deputy Master for 2025 - 26. Should he pass the scrutiny of the Grand Master, he will be Installed at the meeting in June.

After closing, all descended to partake of a beverage and lunch, comprising Welsh Rarebit, Beef Casserole and Lemon Meringue Pie, well it had been 3 hours since the bacon & egg rolls!

When Cantwara Invicta was formed, it was decided to have 3 meetings per year, in March, June and November, keeping the June Meeting for Installation only. This shorter meeting

has proved most successful in enhancing the sociability of the Lodge and ensuring attendance.

The downside is that the reduced time gap between the breakfast rolls and luncheon, means that we really ought to copy the example of the Hobbits, and just call it "Second Breakfast"!



Lodges in the Prefecture



Thamesis No 3

The next meeting of Thamesis Lodge is at Beaconsfield is on Monday the 30th of June 2025 at 10 a.m. where they will have another Candidate.



Suth Seaxe No 9

The next meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge is at Nutfield on Wednesday the 18th of June 2025, where they will have another Candidate.



Urbs Sancta No 14

The next meeting of Urbs Sancta Lodge is at Mark Masons Hall on Friday the 27th of June 2025,



Cantwara invicta No 15

The next meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge is at Wrotham on Monday the 2nd of June 2025 when they will be conducting an Installation Ceremony



Verulamium No 22

The next meeting of Verulamium Lodge is at St Albans on Friday 6th June 2025.



The Grand Priory meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in September at Mark Masons Hall. 11th of September 2025.



The Anglo Saxon Prefecture meeting is held on the 1st Thursday in November at Mark Masons Hall. 6th of November 2025.