



The Installation Meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge of Scottish Masters



Monday 2nd June was a very special day for David Barden.



Dave is well known throughout the country as a sort of “have sword will travel”! Any Masonic Order with a Bodyguard, Arch of Steel, Tzaddikim, Sepulchre Guard etc. will find Dave involved somewhere, even venturing, duly armed, into Scotland in July this year!

On this occasion, however, his sword was safely deposited in front of him when he was Installed as Worshipful Deputy Master of Cantwara Invicta Lodge No. 15 at Wrotham, Kent.

The Regional Grand Prefect, David Jordan did the honours, by Installing Dave as WDM in the morning with lunch to follow.

The current Kent Mark APM, Steve Hyland, another well-known sword wielder, was presented with his 4th Degree Certificate as well as being elected Accounts auditor!



Attendance was a little reduced from the norm, due to a number of other meetings clashing: OSM, Operatives and Athelstan at Bromley taking place consecutively where Dave B. is Treasurer of all 3 units, plus R&SM, RCC and another Athelstan later on, but a very pleasant time was had by all at Wrotham, on a very pleasant sunny day.

The new Worshipful Deputy Master dashed straight off after lunch to collect all the monies at Bromley.

The things we all do for our hobby!

Thanks to Peter Wise



Verulamium Lodge of Scottish Masters



Verulamium Lodge No.22 is the newest Lodge in the Prefecture, and indeed in the Order, meeting at Ashwell House, 167 Verulam Road, St. Alban, and are steadily building up their membership to a good operational level.



At their meeting on the 6th of June, the Worshipful Deputy Master, Alastair White, received two new members, Manoo Mootien and John Street.

The Ceremony was very well executed. The newly appointed Grand Visitor General, R.Revd.Kt. Graeme Hutchinson, was present and congratulated everyone on a great ceremony and a most enjoyable meeting.

The brethren then elected their Senior Warden, Rev. Kt. Colin D. Hellyer, for nomination as their next Worshipful Deputy Master, to be Installed on the 1st of December.

Verulamium do not have a formal lunch after their meetings, just a "simple", informal buffet, comprising assorted sandwiches, sausage rolls, spring rolls, potato wedges, prawn crostini, quiches, garlic mayo & sweet chilli sauce.

What a nice way to end a meeting.

Thanks to Peter Wise

Congratulations



Just before this edition went to print, we were informed that, at the Grand Priory Meeting on the 11th of September, the ME&Revd. Grand Master will promote our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt David Jordan, to the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the Holy City.



We are sure that the whole Prefecture will be delighted with the news and maybe try to attend Grand Priory in September to see David invested.



At the Ceremony held under the Banner of St. Georges Prefecture at 11.00 am, on 11th of September at Mark Masons Hall prior to Grand Priory, the following Candidates from the Anglo-Saxon Prefecture will receive their 6th Degree:

Sq.N. Jon Lydon, Sq.N. Paul F Ricketts, Sq.N. Peter L. Rolfe, and Sq.N. Robert Anderson

Candidates for the 5th Degree Ceremony to be held on Thursday the 6th of November at the Anglo-Saxon Prefecture meeting at Mark Masons Hall:

Thamesis	Malcolm Woolgar and John Foster
Suth Seaxe	Miguel Godfrey and Jeremy Griffin
Urbs Sancta	Robert James Ingham Clark, Christopher David Radmore, and Wayne Timothy Hirst
Cantwara Invicta	Angus Rhodes and Michael Stillwell
Verulamium	Mark Trembling

Our congratulations to all those receiving their 6th or 5th Degrees.



Anglo Saxon Snippits...

or in Anglo Saxon, hwit, meaning 'bits' 'small pieces' or 'fragments'.

Just for his own amusement our Regional Chancellor researched what "Peter the Wise" is in Anglo Saxon.

There are 2 versions: Firstly, a rather boring "Peter se Wis", or alternatively "Peter se snotera". The latter has the same meaning, but I think sounds more like he has a permanent cold!

Our editor then researched his name. The most common origin of Ely/Eley is as a place name. Ely is a cathedral city in Cambridgeshire, England, situated on an island in the fens. The name is believed to come from the Old English words "æ1" (eel) and "gē" (district), possibly indicating a place where eels were caught or lived.

Ely is an ancient town, with its history significantly tied to the monastery founded on the Isle of Ely in 673 AD by Saint Etheldreda, an Anglo-Saxon princess, and latterly the cathedral founded in the 7th century. Æthelthryth (or *Æðelþryð* or *Æþelðrype*; c. 636 – 679) was an East Anglian princess, a Fenland and Northumbrian queen and Abbess of Ely. She is an Anglo-Saxon saint, and is also known as Etheldreda or Audrey, especially in religious contexts.



Sadly, our Regional Grand Prefect's name does not go back so far. The name Jordan, derived from the Hebrew name Yarden for the Jordan River, first appeared in the medieval period, particularly during the Crusades. It gained popularity as a given name or surname among Europeans who visited the Holy Land and adopted it to commemorate their pilgrimage. The surname Jordan is documented as far back as the early 13th century in England. However, it is older than Roberts or Crossan, his colleagues in Middlesex and Surrey....

Two more Candidates for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the June 2025 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City two candidates, E.Kt. John Charles William Hickman from the Province of

Sussex, and E.Kt. Peter Gordon Vosser from the Province of Surrey, took their Fourth Degree Ceremony.

As well as many Surrey and Sussex Knights there were also several Brethren of the Royal Order of Scotland, S.E. Counties, and Knights Templar Priests.



The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd Knight Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., the Grand Superintendent of Sussex in the Knights Templar Priests; the Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd Knight Chris Eley, K.B.H.C., and Revd Knight Colin Dann, K.B.H.C., the Provincial Prior of Sussex in the Knights Templars. The Master of Ceremonies was Squire Novice David Thompson, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Revd Knight Tim Wheeler, Grand Marshal.



At the end of the Ceremony Brothers John and Peter were congratulated by Revd Knight Gordon Leaman, the Worshipful Deputy Master, and our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordon.





Revd Knight Chris Eley was declared Worshipful Deputy Master for the ensuing year, and Revd Knight Paul Hollebhone as Treasurer.



After the Lodge was closed, we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable lunch together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre. On the dining table is the helmet originally donated by Alan Froom to the Lodge.



A Candidate for Urbs Sancta Lodge of Scottish Masters



The meeting of Urbs Sancta Lodge No. 14 was held in the Grand Temple at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday 27th June 2025

The Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd. Kt Raymond Clare, opened the meeting at 11.00 and welcomed the members and guests and wished them well for an enjoyable meeting. A eulogy for Sq. N. Derek Blumsom was read by the Lodge Secretary and the Brethren stood in remembrance.



A ballot as candidate for Reception into the Fourth Degree of the Scottish Rectified Rite for Bro Nicholas Robinson, and a ballot as a joining member for Bro Matthew Christmas, proved in favour of both candidates.

The Preparing Brother gave a report on the Candidate for Reception and Bro Mark Harrison was duly received into the Fourth Degree of the Scottish Rectified Rite. The Worshipful Deputy Master then welcomed Bro Mark and presented him with the usual papers.

Revd. Kt John Roberts was elected as Worshipful Deputy Master and Sq N Clive Purdy as Treasurer for the ensuing year-



The Lodge was closed and the Brethren retired for refreshments before dining at Mark Masons Hall

Thanks to Robert Anderson



Lodges in the Prefecture and Meeting Dates



Suth Seaxe No 9

The next meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge is at Peacehaven on Thursday the 16th of October 2025 when they will be conducting an Installation Ceremony.



Cantwara Invicta No 15

The next meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge is at Wrotham on Friday the 7th of November.



Urbs Sancta No 14

The next meeting of Urbs Sancta Lodge is at Mark Masons Hall on Thursday the 27th of November 2025.



Verulamium No 22

The next meeting of Verulamium Lodge is at St Albans on Monday the 1st of December 2025.



Thamesis No 3

The next meeting of Thamesis Lodge is at Beaconsfield is on Monday the 26th of January 2026.



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.

The Anglo Saxon Prefecture web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/introduction-knights-beneficent-of-the-holy-city>

