



A new Master and two Candidates for Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters



At the October 2025 meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City Revd.Kt. Chris Eley, K.B.H.C., was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master by our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C. The meeting was held at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven. It was so well attended there was little space left in the car park.



After coffee and a get together in the bar we went upstairs to the Temple. The Brethren were called to order by the Escorting Officer, V.Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane, K.B.H.C., to receive the Regional Grand Prefect accompanied by Grand Officers.



The installation ceremony was conducted by the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., in a most sincere manner. The Wardens were invested and the Officers of his year were appointed and invested by the Worshipful Deputy Master.

The Worshipful Deputy Master then had much pleasure in presenting the Lodge's Perpetual Masters Breast Jewel to Revd.Kt. Gordon Leaman, K.B.H.C., thanking him for his hard work as Worshipful Deputy Master over the past year. The Jewel was originally presented to the Lodge by Revd.Kt. Bryan Spearman, K.B.H.C., for presentation to the Immediate Past Worshipful Deputy Master following the Installation of his successor.



The next item was to receive and admit two candidates into the Fourth Degree. E.Kt. Michael Julian Hearne and E.Kt. Michael John (Mickey) Wiles.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd.Kt. Chris Eley, K.B.H.C.

The Senior and Junior Wardens were Revd. Knights Colin Dann, K.B.H.C., and Jack Love, K.B.H.C.

The Master of Ceremonies was Sq.N. David Thompson, and the Assistant Master of Ceremonies was Revd.Kt. Ray Tyne.

After the ceremony the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., was invited to present Grand Priory Certificates to David Maynard, John Hickman and Peter Vossier, which he did in a very informative manner.



The Lodge was closed and after photographs and refreshments we dined together at the East Brighton Masonic Centre in Peacehaven.



Travels of a Chancellor

As with many, if not most of the members of this elite Order, I have served on the Executive of several other Orders. Many “lay” members of these Orders don’t appreciate the amount of travel this can entail, nor the pleasure that goes with it.

Since my first excursion with the Mark in 1995, carrying out 3 Consecrations in Switzerland (in one day!) with Lord Swansea, Companion Order Masonry has taken me all around the UK, Europe, India, Seychelles, Far East, and even to the wilds of the USA!

Whilst some might regard this travelling as a “duty”, it brings with it opportunity, experience and many, many enduring friendships, such that long after the “duty” visits are over, it remains a great pleasure to travel to see “my old mates” in different Masonic environments.

Recently, in September 2025, I discovered that one of those friends, Gary Taylor, was in the Chair as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in Durham on a Monday evening, and was due to be Installed as Worshipful Deputy Master, SMSA, in Gateshead on the Wednesday morning, so I decided to take a trip “oop North” to surprise them.

It is widely known that I am a non-driver, and a bit of a “Public Transport Guru”, so I travelled by train to Durham on the Monday morning, checked into my hotel, and had a couple of hours to walk around parts of this beautiful City, which I had only ever seen from the train carriage previously.

I then changed, picked up my regalia and trekked the 150 yards or so to the Masonic Hall, entered and took a look round the lovely historical building, until a number of my “old mates” arrived, straight from a Scarlet Cord Consecration in Sunderland!



(Durham Temple)



(Durham Hall, unusual “Honours Boards”)



The additional treat, for me and indeed for everyone else was that one of the Candidates was their Craft Provincial Grand Master, and also Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, John Watts, another friend of mine.

After a beautifully executed Ceremony, lots of chatting, and a substantial Festive Board I retired to my hotel, slightly saddened that I had not known about the R&SM meeting next morning, nor the KT meeting in the evening.

On Tuesday, effectively having the whole day to myself, I made use of my Freedom Bus Pass to explore County Durham and Tyne & Wear, by choosing the longest route bus from Durham to Sunderland, then from Sunderland to Gateshead, and thence to Newcastle “Grainger Town”, opposite the Central Station, and my hotel. A total of over 4 hours un the bus, on a gloriously sunny day!



Further “exploration” took me around a VERY busy area, particularly for a Tuesday, because it was the University’s Freshers Week! I only just managed to secure a table at my favourite Thai Restaurant (Nadon Thai – try it!) (*Salt & Pepper Squid with sweet chilli dip*)

After a really lovely meal I returned to the Hotel. Next morning, still wanting to use my Bus Pass, I crossed the road, got a 301 Coaster, which dropped me at the Gateshead Hall.

I was visiting Bishop Aethelric Lodge No.16 in the Prefecture of Brigantes. In the car park, I encountered my old mate Mike Jaques, the Provincial Grand Summus, the candidate for the day, who was gobsmacked to see me! That,

of course, was my intention.

Inside I met up with David Roach, newly appointed Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes. David had only been Installed as such on the previous Thursday, and this was his first outing!

The other members and visitors arrived, including Gary Taylor, the WDM elect, and John Watts together with others from Monday night, and several other old pals. *Regional Grand Prefect, David Roach*



Thanks to Peter Wise for the article

Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent was held on Saturday the 11th of October at the Gillingham Masonic Centre on Saturday the 11th of October 2025.



Present were many honoured guests and Heads of other Orders in Kent, including our Regional Grand Prefect, RV..Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.B.H.C., seen here with V.Revd.Kt. Noel Grout.

During the meeting the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Scott Dunn, had much pleasure in presenting several awards. He presented the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler ‘s Service Award for dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and outstanding contributions to the Province to three Past Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers, R.W.Bros. Noel Grout, Peter Wise, and Kevin Johnson.

As he was on holiday our Chancellor, Peter Wise, ‘attended’ the meeting via a conference call. Congratulations to Peter, Noel and Kevin.



Lodges in the Prefecture



Thamesis No 3

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



Suth Seaxe No 9

The next meeting of Suth Seaxe Lodge is at Nutfield on Wednesday the 17th of June 2026. Admission of a Candidate into the Fourth Degree.



Urbs Sancta No 14

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



Cantwara invicta No 15

The next meeting of Cantwara Invicta Lodge is at Wrotham on Friday the 7th of November 2025.



Verulamium No 22

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

The Grand Priory meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in September at Mark Masons Hall

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Anglo Saxon Prefecture

The Annual Meeting of the Anglo Saxon Prefecture will be held at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday the 6th of November 2025 at Mark Masons Hall. This will include the Conferment of the 5th Degree of the Order.



Luncheon will follow at 3.00PM, with proceeding planned to be finished by 4:15PM

We are delighted to inform you that the Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master will be in attendance. The correct attire is for a meeting of the INNER Order, i.e. mantles etc. for 6th Degree, Sash & Jewel for 5th Degree Squire Novices. ONLY 4th Degree members admitted later in the meeting will wear the SMSA apron & Collar.

The Anglo Saxon Prefecture web site:

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

