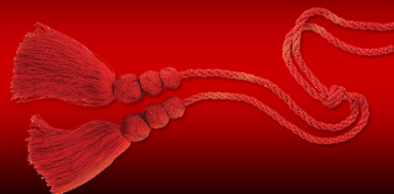




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A busy week for the Scarlet Cord at Mark Mason's Hall



It was a busy week in the Scarlet Cord with the Most Distinguished Grand Summus and his team engaged in Thursday's conferrals of the 4th and 5th Grades, followed on Friday by the Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus, all held at Mark Masons' Hall.



First up was the 5th Grade Conferral with many Candidates in attendance to receive the Grade in recognition of their continuing devoted service to the Order.

These included Distinguished Companion Colin Beerling from Surrey.

A buffet lunch was served before the Conferral team returned to the Grand Temple to receive further Candidates ready to be admitted to the 4th Grade, another award of merit for service to the Order.

Among the 65 Candidates for the 4th Grade were Distinguished Companions Simon McCarthy and David Willmott.



Our Deputy Provincial Grand Summus was one of the Priests for this, one of the most impressive ceremonies in Freemasonry.



After the ceremony the Consistory was closed by the Grand Summus who retired from the Temple, greeting everyone on the way out. The Grand Summus afterwards returned for a group photograph with the Surrey Companions.



The two ceremonies successfully completed, the Grand Summus and his Officers quickly had to turn their attentions to Friday's meeting of Grand Senatus. This saw the Grand Temple filled to capacity with representatives from across the Constitution worldwide. The Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Stanley Currans, VI, presided over the meeting, ably assisted by a full team of Grand Officers.



Following the initial items of business, the Deputy Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Francis Charles Spencer, proposed the re-election of Ian Stanley Currans as Grand Summus. The proposition was confirmed with acclamation from the Companions present and the Grand Summus was duly Proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Phillip Purves.

The Grand Summus then announced he would be re-appointing R.Dist.Comp. Francis Charles Spencer as Deputy Grand Summus, and R.Dist.Comp. Howard Saul Markham as Assistant Grand Summus. These re-appointments having been announced and Proclaimed, it was time to appoint and invest the other active Grand Officers of the year, followed by those receiving promotion in, or appointment to, Grand Rank.

These included V.Dist.Comp. Ian T D Smith who received a Promotion to Past Grand Registrar; V.Dist.Comp. Colin M Beerling appointed to the Active Rank of Grand Lecturer; Dist.Comp. Robert M Anderson appointed to the Active Rank of Deputy Grand Sword Bearer; and Dist.Comp. Hugh J Everitt who received a First Appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer.



He then said he had a special appointment to make, to someone who has contributed much to the Order. He asked the Grand Director of Ceremonies to escort R.Dist.Comp. Trevor Currans to him. He then had much pleasure in investing R.Dist.Comp. Trevor with his Chain of Office as Grand Regent Vicarius.

Following further items of business, the Grand Summus took the opportunity to address Grand Senatus. He welcomed everyone to Grand Senatus, which this year saw the highest ever attendance. Membership growth over the past year has been the highest ever and he reminded everyone of the importance of our Companions also continuing their activity in the Order of the Secret Monitor as our recruiting ground. He congratulated all those he had appointed or promoted today, as well as those who received their 5th and 4th Grades yesterday. He went on to greet all our overseas visitors, as well as Heads of the Orders.



Finally, there were thanks to the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his ceremonial team, and the Grand Recorder and the team at Mark Masons Hall for all their hard work and support. There being no further business, Grand Senatus was closed and the Grand Summus greeted everyone on leaving the Temple.



We then retired for refreshment. After three very successful meetings, the Grand Summus and his team were finally able to relax and reflect on a job well done.



A Third Grade Ceremony at Guildford Consistory

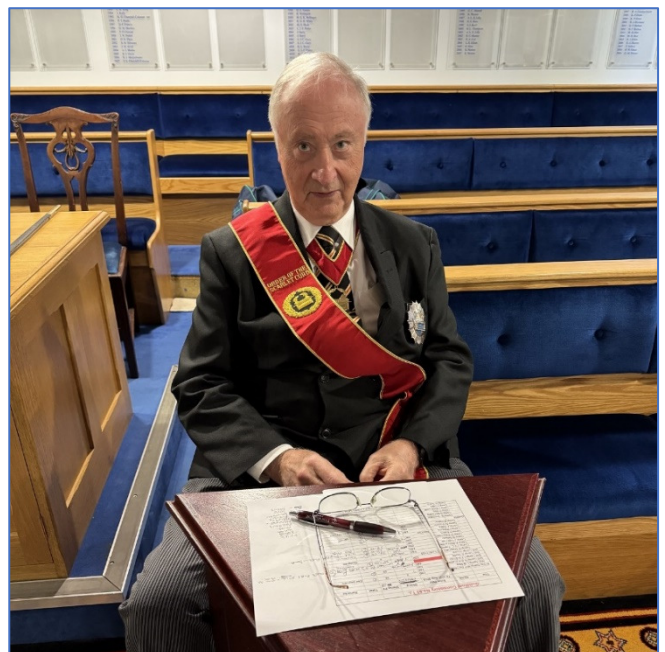
On Thursday the 8th of May, Guildford Consistory Ni 53 TI conducted a Third Grade ceremony. Present were R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, our Past Provincial Grand Summus, and Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, P.G.Swd.B. Deputy Provincial Grand Summus.



The main item on the agenda was to Promote to the Third Grade of the Order Comp. Michael Fisher. The Consistory was opened in the Third Grade of the Order. The Ceremony was conducted in fine manner by Dist.Comp. Barrie, with assistance from R.Dist.Comp Mik who gave the Lecture.

The Consistory was opened in the First Grade of the Order by Companion President, Dist.Comp. Barrie Selway, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Companions stood to order to remember M.Dist.Comp. Michael Guest, Past Grand Summus, who passed away in December 2024. The other agenda items were completed and we stood to order for two minutes to remember VE80 Day.



The Consistory was closed in the Third Grade and resumed in the First Grade. Dist.Comp. Alastair Mackenzie was elected as President and V.Dist.Comp. Ray Hussey as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Consistory was closed, and the Companions of Guildford Consistory and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down for lunch together.





The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey Save the date

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey will be held on Thursday the 17th of July 2025 at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

The meeting will commence at 11.15 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m.



Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey

Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 11.15 am at the
Surbiton Masonic Hall, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4BN.

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION AND LUNCH BOOKING FORM

To: Chris Eley, 3 Heath Drive, South Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5RP
E-Mail: cw.eley@talktalk.net

From: (Initials & Surname).....

Consistory Name and Number:

Scarlet Cord Rank:

Please tick the appropriate boxes

I will attend and dine with _____ guests (*Please advise names, Consistory, and Ranks*)
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I would like dessert OR Cheese and Biscuits at additional cost

I will attend the meeting but will not dine

I am not able to attend the meeting nor dine – please give my apologies

Enclosed is my cheque for £_____ @ **£42.00** per person (*£43.50 if cheese & biscuits*)
Please make cheques payable to **Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey**.

Or by Bank Transfer to **Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey**
Sort Code **60-05-29**. Account Number **22088504**; and advise Dist.Comp. David Willmott, Provincial Grand Treasurer, by email on dandaw38@outlook.com with copy to cw.eley@talktalk.net

Any dietary requirements:

Signature: Date: