



Surrey Scarlet Cord is well Prepared



On Thursday the 23rd of October at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Guildford, an Emergency Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held to conduct the Preparation Ceremony for the office of President for five Companions of the Third Grade; Companions Steve Rowlands of Surrey Consistory No 4 T.I.; Patrick Dixon, Eddie Ertan, and Mark Sharp of Hill of Zion Consistory No 52 T.I.; and David Thompson of Warlingham Consistory No 134.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist. Comp. Nigel Thomson, assisted by his Provincial Officers.

Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in the First Grade of the Order by the Provincial Grand Summus, who welcomed everyone to Guildford and thanked them for attending to support the Province.



He then had pleasure in investing the Provincial Officers present that were unable to attend the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus in July. The Consistory was adjourned in the First Grade and opened in the Third Grade. The Provincial Grand Summus and his officers then proceeded to put the questions to the Candidates. This was followed by the Provincial Lecturers presenting the Lectures of the Grade.





Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the customary photos taken before retiring to prepare for the installation meeting of Guildford Consistory to follow.

The Provincial Grand Summus designated the Candidates as Eminent Companions saying that the Patent which they will receive will be signed by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus and qualify them to be installed as a President of a Consistory.

The Consistory was closed in the Third Grade and resumed in the First Grade of the Order.



The Installation Meeting of Guildford Consistory

Following the Preparation Ceremony at Guildford, a meeting of Guildford Consistory No 53 TI was held. This was also an Executive Visit by our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist. Comp. Nigel Thomson.



The Provincial Grand Summus, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley; the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, and several Provincial Officers of the year, entered in procession and was welcomed by the President, on behalf of all the Companions of the Consistory.

He was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and responded accordingly.

He said how good it was to be visiting Guildford Consistory again, thanking the Companions of the Consistory for their hospitality and warmth of welcome.



Guildford Consistory No 53 TI was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Barrie Selway, Prov.G.Lect.





He introduced the Provincial team, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Consistory had work to do.

The main item on the agenda was to install as President Dist.Comp. Alastair Mackenzie, P.Prov.G.Lect. This was done in a sincere manner by Dist.Comp. Barrie, assisted by the Officers of the Consistory. The Address to the President was given in his usual excellent manner by R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarious. The Officers were then appointed and invested.

The Provincial Grand Summus congratulated Dist.Comp. Alastair and wished him an enjoyable year as the President of Guildford Consistory.

After the Consistory was closed, we retired to the bar for refreshments. The Companions of Guildford Consistory and their guests then sat down to a most convivial meal at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre.



**Provincial Grand Senatus of
Surrey web site:**



<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-scarlet-cord>

A New Consistory for West Yorkshire



On Saturday the 25th of October two members of the Hill of Zion Consistory proudly represented Surrey at the consecration of a new consistory in West Yorkshire.

The Maurice Bendig consistory No.165 was consecrated in memory of a very prominent mason in Yorkshire. The Grand Summus and his team were in excellent form, and everyone was made to feel very welcome by all the Companions.

Dist.Comp. Robert Anderson, **Dep.G.Swd.B.**, was Standard Bearer for the Consecration and Em.Comp. Mark Sharp, Provincial Grand Steward, was there to represent Surrey.



Thanks to Mark Sharp

Dates for your Diaries

Date		Consistory	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By
28 January 2026	Wednesday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon		
25 February 2026	Wednesday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Grade Ceremony	Ian Clark
31 March 2026	Tuesday	Warlingham 134	Nutfield	Installation	Chris Eley
17 April 2026	Friday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon	Installation	Ian Clark
14 May 2026	Thursday - am	Guildford 53TI	Guildford		
7 May 2026	Thursday	Grand Senatus	Mark Masons Hall	Annual Meeting	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Installation	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Provincial Grand Senatus	Surbiton	Annual Meeting	