

## the Surrey gridiron



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## **A Busy Afternoon for Riverside Council**

Riverside Council held a well-attended, first meeting of the year at Guildford on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. The visitors included W.Bro. Richard Baker, the District Grand Senior Warden, who at a couple of hours' notice, was representing the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, whose father had been admitted to hospital earlier in the day. Our best wishes go out to John and his father.





Richard was accompanied by a team of District officers and twenty-four brethren in total enjoyed a great evening with wonderful ritual. W.Bro. Paul Kerswell having been installed as Worshipful Master last September, was proclaimed by the IPM, enabling him to complete a full year in the Chair.

The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was adjourned and a Lodge of The Grand Tilers of Solomon was opened. Bro. Nigel Graham was then Admitted into the Grand Tilers of Solomon in a most able way by the Worshipful

Master, Paul Kerswell, assisted by V.W.Bro. Eric Trodd, who entrusted the candidate and presented the Lecture. They were very well supported by the Officers of the Council.

The District Grand Senior Warden then invited V.W.Bro. Brian Howlet to present a Grand Council Certificate to

Bro. Miguel Godfrey, which he did in a most accomplished and gentle manner. After the meeting twenty-two of the brethren sat down to a most convivial Festive Board.

Article by Graham Beer and photos by Anton Smith



## A Visit to the District of Kent

The District Grand Council of Kent held there annual meeting at Gillingham on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February and the District Grand Prefect of Kent R W Bro Peter Brockbank held a most enjoyable meeting with good numbers, despite the extreme stormy conditions outside.





Article and photos by Bob Tuthill

At the meeting the District Grand Prefect appointed W Bro Brian Ward as his Deputy District Grand Prefect. Our Deputy District Grand Prefect has been friends of Brian for some years, and he is sure that Brian will be a valuable addition to the Kent team.

W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, our Deputy District Grand Prefect, represented R.W.Bro. John French our District Grand Prefect, who unfortunately had to cancel his attendance due to the sad illness of his father who had been taken seriously ill the day before, all of us at Surrey wish his father a speedy recovery.

Surrey was well represented with Bob being accompanied by the Senior Warden W.Bro. Richard Baker, the Junior Warden W.Bro. Simon Polkenhorne, and the past Deputy District Grand Prefect V.W.Bro John Bryant. Also present were Paul Fitzgerald and Zimmo.



Overall, an enjoyable day meeting old friends and even seeing another Surrey Mason, W.Bro. Les Smith, appointed as the District Grand Inner Guard for Kent (*come on Les you now must join the Allied in Surrey*).

Afterwards we all dined together at Gillingham to a fine festive board of 'St Lawrence' Tomato and Roasted Red Pepper Soup, Kentish Roast Pork and Native Kent Apple Crumble which nicely completed the day before the ominous journey home braving the 80mph winds.

## What's Coming Up?

5<sup>th</sup> April at Sutton 20<sup>th</sup> April at Redhill 27<sup>th</sup> April at Surbiton 10<sup>th</sup> May at Surbiton 11<sup>th</sup> May at Surbiton 16<sup>th</sup> May at Farnham 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Sutton 6<sup>th</sup> June at Croydon 15<sup>th</sup> July at Godalming Pride of Surrey Council No 128 Surrey Hills Council No 208 Southern Cross No XIII Kyngstun Council No 102 Runnymede Council No 191 Farnham Council No 235 Pride of Surrey Council No 128 Surrey Council No 64 Godalming Council No 185 To be advised Grand Tilers of Solomon Red Cross of Babylon St Lawrence the Martyr St Lawrence the Martyr To be advised To be advised Installation & St Lawrence the Martyr To be advised