



8 days to go



On Saturday week, the 18th of March at Croydon, our District Grand Prefect will be installed as the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey by the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman.

We all wish John a memorable and enjoyable day, and I am sure many Allied Brethren will be there to support him, and the Mark Province of Surrey.

At least Mike was wearing an Allied tie this time – a pity it wasn't a Surrey one....



The 2023 Hog Roast

An invitation is extended from the District Grand Prefect to attend the annual District Hog Roast on Sunday 9th July 2023 (Midday for 1pm) - Please support this extravaganza and in doing so meet members of this and other Districts and enjoy a convivial luncheon in each other's company; it is open to all members of our District, partners, family and friends (including children and non-masons).

This high-class event includes complimentary drinks on arrival and an extensive range of food laid out buffet style. It is our usual custom to hold a raffle (*if you can, bring a prize please*). Delight in the pleasant surroundings of the Guildford Masonic Centre, Weybourne House, Hitherbury Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4DR.

Please complete the booking form available from the web site [The 2023 Hog Roast \(alliedmasonicdegrees.co.uk\)](http://www.alliedmasonicdegrees.co.uk) returning it to Kevin Brennan ASAP to his home address: 26 The Street, Tongham, Farnham, Surrey GU10 1DH (*including a cheque*). Alternatively, you can pay by direct bank transfer - details are on the booking form.



Tickets cost just £25.00 per person.

A new District Grand Prefect for Kent

On Saturday the 18th of February 2023 at Gillingham the Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, installed W.Bro. Brian Alan Ward, P.G.St.B., as the District Grand Prefect of the District of Kent.



While the rest of us were able to catch up with some old friends.



The Brethren of the District of Kent and all visiting Brethren were seated in the Temple by 11 a.m. to receive the Presiding Officer, R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel, Past Deputy Grand Master, who opened District Grand Council. I had the pleasure of acting as District Grand Inner Guard - at the last minute.



The Installing Officer was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. He then directed the Grand Secretary to call the Roll of Councils in the District, following which he addressed the Brethren assembled and announced that he has appointed W.Bro. Brian Alan Ward, P.G.St.B., as the District Grand Prefect for the District of Kent

After a very good journey round the M25 the coffee and bacon butties were gratefully received, and thankfully applied.



The Grand Team were having their photographs taken with the District Grand Prefect Designate and the Deputy District Grand Prefect Designate.



The Installing Officer, M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, accompanied by the Assisting Officers of Grand Council, entered, assumed the Chair and appointed his Officers.





The Installing Officer addressed the District Grand Prefect designate and then directed the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment. After a prayer the District Grand Prefect designate was obligated, invested and installed as the District Grand Prefect for the District of Kent.



After a quick group photo, we retired for refreshments before making our way into the dining room for lunch. R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey, our Past District Grand Prefect, said that the Merlot was one of the best he had tasted – praise indeed....



After a most enjoyable lunch the District Grand Prefect proposed the toast to the Grand Master thanking him and his team for a very special day. He then had much pleasure in presenting him with a Gable Endies scarf, from Montrose Football Club. After a most enjoyable morning we all made our way home to our Districts wishing the District Grand Council of Kent every success in the future.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that the District Grand Prefect designate was in attendance and requests to be admitted so that he may be installed. The Installing Officer directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and introduce the District Grand Prefect designate. The District Grand Prefect designate-and his escort entered in procession.



The District Grand Prefect announced that he is appointing W.Bro. Geoffrey Edward Whale, **P.G.St.B.**, as Deputy District Grand Prefect of the District of Kent and the Deputy District Grand Prefect designate was obligated, invested, and installed.

The District Grand Prefect appointed and invested the Officers of District Grand Council for the ensuing year. After the District Grand Prefect had addressed the meeting District Grand Council was closed in due form and the District Grand Prefect, the Deputy District Grand Prefect, District Officers of the year, and honoured guests, retired from District Grand Council.



The Installation Meeting of Riverside Council

In February the Brethren of Riverside Council No 212 held their Installation meeting at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Guildford. Present at the meeting was our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, and several District Officers of the year.



After the regular business had been completed the Master Elect, Bro. William R Barr, was presented to the installing Master and answered in the affirmative the questions put to him.

Brethren below the rank of Installed Master in this degree retired and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. Bro. Barr was then duly obligated, invested, entrusted, installed, and saluted. R.W.Bro. John French congratulated W.Bro. Bill Barr on behalf of the Installed Masters present.

A Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Graham Rawlinson.

The WM welcomed all present and particularly our District Grand Prefect, who accepted the gavel and took the chair for a few minutes. He introduced the Officers who had accompanied him, thanking them for their support. He spoke about our Annual Meeting in December and the Hog Roast on the 9th of July.



The Board was closed, and the brethren admitted. W.Bro. Bill Barr was then proclaimed and greeted. He expressed his appreciation at the excellent ceremony and looked forward to a happy and successful term of office. He then appointed and invested his Officers.

R.W.Bro. John French was invited to present Grand Council Certificates to Bros. Kevin Brennan and Stuart Hogarth, which he did in a very informative manner.

After the regular business of the Council was concluded and the customary photographs taken the Brethren of Riverside Council and their guests went into the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a very convivial lunch at the Guildford Masonic Centre.