



A Candidate for Pride of Surrey Council

On Tuesday the 2nd of April Pride of Surrey Council was honoured by a private visit by our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French. Also present were several District Grand Officers.

We gathered in the bar before the meeting where we met the Candidate, Companion Stephen Bignell, seen here with his proposer, Bro. Steve Dingvean, and the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Hatton.



A Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master who welcomed everyone, especially our District Grand Prefect, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Hugh Everitt.

The District Grand Prefect said how pleased he was to be visiting Pride of Surrey Council, especially as they had a Candidate.

A ballot was taken for Companion Steve, which proved in his favour.

Companion Steve was introduced, received and admitted a Brother of St Lawrence the Martyr by W.Bro. Chris Hatton and his Officers in a very personal manner. The Lecture was given by the Worshipful Master.



Bro. Steve was then congratulated and welcomed into Pride of Surrey Council by the Worshipful Master, and into the Order, and the District of Surrey by the District Grand Prefect, who gave him the usual goody pack of AMD leaflet, pen and napkin.



Bro. Steve Dingvean was declared Master and W.Bro. Chris Da-Silva-Skinner was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The District Grand Prefect was invited to present a Grand Council Certificate to Bro. Len Hillier, which he did in a most informative way.



The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a convivial meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



Sunny Sussex by the Sea



A lovely sunny spring day for a journey to the District Grand Council meeting in Peacehaven where our Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, accompanied by Bro. Trevor Sadler, the District Grand Secretary, were warmly welcomed and entertained to a most enjoyable meeting presided over by the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Gene Earland, who was in very good form.



The recently modernised centre at Peacehaven saw eighty-five present, including District Grand Prefects from ten other Districts, and eight Deputy District Grand Prefects. Also present was the Past Deputy Grand Master RW. Bro Clive Manuel, who was the personal guest of the District Grand Prefect.

The District Grand Prefect of Sussex was well supported by the officers of the year, and we were all treated to a wonderful festive board of traditional Sussex fayre after the meeting.

There was a most interesting and amusing toast to the District Grand Prefect by W.Bro. Ian Taylor, the Deputy District Grand Prefect of Sussex. Not only were his attributes as the head of the AMD in Sussex mentioned, but the little-known fact that he was a good ballet dancer in his youth. His tendu was apparently a joy to behold, the core movement that served him well for the foundation of his leadership.



The District Grand Prefect and the Deputy District Grand Prefect always welcome company from members of Surrey at their visits around the country, because as you can see there is always something to enjoy.

Riverside Council

On Thursday the 15th of February Riverside Council No. 212 was honoured by a visit from our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French at their Installation Meeting.

A Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, who welcomed everyone, especially our District Grand Prefect, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Anton Smith.



The District Grand Prefect said how pleased he was to be visiting Riverside Council and said how much he was looking forward to the afternoon and evening in their company.

He introduced the District Team, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Council had work to do.

The main item on the agenda was to Install Bro. Dr Miguel Godfrey as Worshipful Master. This was done in a most sincere manner by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr. W.Bro. Miguel the appointed and invested his Officers.

The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and after refreshments the Brethren of Riverside Council and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal at the Southwest Masonic Centre, Guildford.



The 2024 Hog Roast

An invitation from the District Grand Prefect to attend the Annual District Hog Roast on Sunday the 14th of July 2024 (*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.

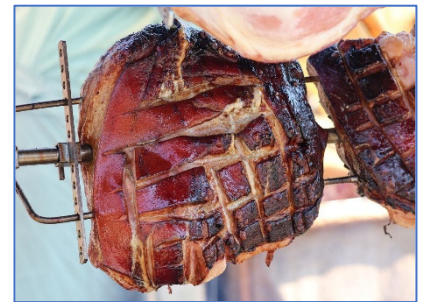
This high-class event, which includes complimentary drinks on arrival, courtesy of R.W.Bro. John French, District Grand Prefect, and an extensive range of food laid out buffet style in the restaurant. It is our usual custom to hold a raffle (*please bring a prize if you can*).

Delight in the pleasant surroundings of the Guildford Masonic Centre, Weybourne House, Hitherbury Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4DR. Please download and complete the booking form below returning it to me ASAP to my home address 26 The Street, Tongham, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 1DH (*including a cheque!*).

Alternatively, should you prefer, please pay by transfer, and confirm your booking and payment details via email. Thank you in anticipation for your support and I look forward to greeting you. [AMD-Hog-Roast-Flyer-2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Tickets cost just £25.00 per person.

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Next Council Meeting Dates

The next Council meetings are:

On Wednesday the 17th of April at Nutfield, Surrey Hills Council will be holding a presentation on the Allied Masonic Degrees. Arrival at 5.30 pm with Dinner at 7.15 pm.

At 6:00pm our guests from the Mark will be welcomed by R.W.Bro. John French our District Grand Prefect. The Deputy Grand Prefect will present a paper entitled, "*The Distinctive Five Degrees of the AMD or Variety Is the Spice of Life*". The regalia of the Order will be explained, and the Treasurer will advise the cost of membership. Afterwards the guests will be invited to put questions to members of the Order.

At 7:15 pm the Brethren of Surrey Hills Council will dine together with members of other local Allied Councils and their guests from local Mark Lodges at a 'White Table' two course dinner.

For details contact Steve Harvey: st.g.harvey@gmail.com

On Wednesday the 24th of April at Surbiton in the morning, Southern Cross Council will be conducting the Red Cross of Babylon Ceremony.

For details contact Ian Clark: nelsclark@yahoo.co.uk

