

the Surrey gridiron



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A Message from our District Grand Photographer

Our District Grand Prefect asked me to write the foreword to this issue of the Surrey Gridiron following my installation into the Chair of Southern Cross Council No XIII.

It was a splendid ceremony conducted in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Richard Baker.

Following my installation as Master, we conducted the Ceremony of Knights of Constantinople for Brother John Massey. John is the Chair of the Mark 2022 Festival



Committee, and we had earlier in the meeting donated the sum of £1,000 to the Festival.

What was also nice was that at the meeting we had eight heads of Surrey Orders – is this a first?



A full report and photos will be in the next issue of the Surrey Gridiron.

As a member of Southern Cross Council, I am not able to propose anyone into our Order, which is why I, along with our District Grand Prefect and three others, joined Kyngstun Council. I already have members of my Mark Lodge, Richmond, showing an interest in the Order so I am optimistic we will have some candidates in the near future.

Remember, if your Council has a meeting please take a photo and send it to me with a brief write-up and I can put it in the Surrey Gridiron.

Take care,

Chris.

Official Visits for 2021 Runnymede No 191 Farnham No 235 Surrey Hills No 208 Surbiton Farnham Redhill 1st Oct 3rd Nov 9th Nov

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Mark Province of Surrey Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday 11th September 2021 at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon, Surrey. This was the first opportunity to get together since March 2019 due to the suspension of all Masonic Activity.



The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian Clark, confirmed the appointment of W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, **P.G.J.D.**, Dep.Prov.G.M. (*our District Grand Prefect*) to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey.

The Deputy Provincial Master Designate was presented and took his Obligation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master invested W.Bro. John with his Chain of Office. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren of the Province of Surrey to Order and W.Bro. John French was proclaimed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and saluted with five.

Kyngstun Council is growing

In September Kyngstun Council No 102 was pleased to welcome five joining members, including two DGPs; our District Grand Prefect and our District Grand Photographer.



They hope to be able to admit candidates from Richmond Mark Lodge in the future as our Editor is the Secretary of the Lodge, and Bro. Tim Ford is the Treasurer.



Surrey AMD Annual Hog Roast

The Annual AMD Hog Roast was held at the normal venue in Guildford on Sunday 12th September, albeit a change of date from our 2nd Sunday in July annual event. We are pleased to say that it was very well supported in that we had 120 in attendance.



W.Bro. Alan Brockwell along with his better half Wendy ensured that the raffle was a great success, raising a fantastic sum of £950.00.



The Bubbly flowed and good food was enjoyed in good company by one and all.



Many thanks to W.Bro. John Coleman for the hard work in arranging another excellent and well supported day, and the staff at Guildford Masonic Centre for all their hard work!

The Past District Grand Prefect, RW.Bro. Raymond S H Hussey also kept his promise of ensuring that the sun would shine as it always does "on the righteous"!



A big thank you to W.Bro. Ray Beadle who donated a TV which was won by Mrs Andrew Sales.



W Bro Bob Hancock was celebrating his birthday and was happy to receive a melancholy rendition of Happy Birthday, along with a beautiful birthday cake, which he kindly shared and was enjoyed by the guests.



Next year's Hog Roast will be held at Guildford on the 10th of July 2022.