



Knightsbridge Lodge



The Installation meeting of Knightsbridge fine dining Lodge was held at Surbiton on Tuesday the 17th of December 2024.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Massey, P.G.J.D. A.Prov.G.M., who welcomed everyone, wishing them an enjoyable meeting, and an especially enjoyable festive board.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed and the accounts approved the Secretary read the Dispensation to install R.W.Bro. John French as Worshipful Master. W.Bro. Jack Love was asked to occupy the Senior Warden's chair.

The Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Richard Knox, presented R.W.Bro. John French to the Worshipful Master for Installation. W.Bro. John Massey thanked his officers for their assistance during his year in office following which R.W.Bro. John recited his Obligation, was invested with the Master's collar, placed in the Chair, and saluted as an Installed Master.

The Address to the Master was given by W.Bro. John Massey. W.Bro. Perri Ahmet was invested as Senior Warden, and W.Bro. Ian Smith as Junior Warden. The Address to the Wardens was given by V.W.Bro. Richard Knox.

W.Bro. John Engall was invested as Master Overseer, W.Bro. Ivan Larkin as Senior Overseer, and W.Bro. Ian Holden as Junior Overseer. The Address to the Overseers was given by W.Bro. David Lawrence –

The remaining Officers of the Lodge for the year were appointed and invested. R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes gave the Address to the Brethren

V.W.Bro. Perri Ahmet was declared Master Elect for the ensuing year, and W. Bro. Garry Lewis as Treasurer

The Lodge was then closed and after refreshments the members of Knightsbridge Lodge sat down to a superb nine course meal in the Elizabethan Suite at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.





Lingfield Lodge



Friday the 15th of November was a busy day for the Brethren of Lingfield Lodge with an Elevation in the RAM and the presentation of a Grand Lodge Certificate in the Mark.

We all got together in the bar for a coffee and a chat before the meetings started.

The Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. David Planner, who welcomed everyone, hoping that they had an enjoyable afternoon.



The main item on the agenda was to Elevate Bro. Lawrence Simmons who had been recently Advanced into the Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

W.Bro. David Planner invited the Scribe of the Lodge, W.Bro. Bob Soper, to conduct the Ceremony of Elevation. The Ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Bob and the Officers of the Lodge.



The signs were explained by W.Bro. Mike Flynn, and the Working Tools by W.Bro. Chris George.



After congratulating Bro. Lawrence, the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting.



The Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Planner.

V.W.Bro. Chris Eley was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Lawrence Simmons who had been Elevated earlier that day.

This was particularly pleasing for V.W.Bro. Chris as he had assisted as Master Overseer at Bro. Lawrence's Advancement at the previous meeting of the Lodge.



The Lodge was closed and after refreshments in the bar the Brethren of Linfield Lodge and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.

Another Candidate for Kintore Lodge

On Monday the 18th of November the Brethren of Kintore Lodge No 333 were honoured by the presence of our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The afternoon started with a short Royal Ark Mariner meeting. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Paul Haxell, who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master.



After the administrative business of the Lodge was completed, the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting.



Kintore Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Rob Downing.

W.Bro. Brett Willingale, escorting Officer, entered and advised the Worshipful Master that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master was without and demanded Admission.

The Provincial Grand Master entered with several Provincial Officers of the year, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, accepted the gavel and took the Chair. He said how good it was to be visiting Kintore Lodge again, introduced the Provincial Officers, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had a busy afternoon.

A ballot was taken for Bro. Ikchi Ezeunwo, a Master Mason of Frederick Wheeler Craft Lodge No. 8037. This

proved in his favour and the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.Stwd**, Prov.D.C., to conduct the first part of the ceremony of Advancement. He then handed over to V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie, **P.G.J.O.**, A.Prov.G.M., for the second part. It was an excellent ceremony that Bro. Ikchi thoroughly enjoyed.



Bro. Ikchi was afterwards congratulated by our Provincial Grand Master and welcomed into the Order. He was welcomed into the Lodge by V.W.Bro. Bill and W.Bro. Rob.

The next item on the agenda was to install Bro. Paul Haxell as Worshipful Master. This was done in a very sincere manner by the Installing Master, W.Bro. Rob Downing. The Address to the Master was given by W.Bro. Rob Downing, to the Wardens by W.Bro. Alan Zimon, to the Overseers by W.Bro. Peter Unwin and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. John French.

Our Provincial Grand Master was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Colin Moules. This was done in a most informative way.

The Lodge was closed and after the customary photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments. The Brethren of Kintore Lodge and their guests then sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Croydon Masonic Hall



Another Candidate for Croydon Lodge



On Thursday the 21st of November Croydon Mark Lodge No.198 were pleased to receive a visit from our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and several Provincial Grand Officers of the year.



Croydon Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Sam Norman. W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.Stwd.**, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, entered and advised the Worshipful Master that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master was without and demanded Admission.

The Provincial Grand Master entered with the Provincial Officers of the year, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, accepted the gavel and took the Chair.



He said how good it was to be visiting Croydon Lodge, especially as they had a candidate to Advance. He introduced the Provincial Officers, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair.

A ballot was taken for W.Bro. Michael Beckerman as a joining member, and Bro. Szymon Zaborski, a Master Mason of Crescamus Craft Lodge No. 7776.

This proved in their favour and the Worshipful Master welcomed W.Bro. Michael into Croydon Mark Lodge.



Bro. Szymon was then Advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason by the Worshipful Master, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge.



It was a most enjoyable ceremony and afterwards Bro. Szymon was congratulated and welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master and welcomed into the Order by our Provincial Grand Master.





Bro. Sam Norman was Proclaimed as the Worshipful Master of the Croydon Lodge of Mark Master Masons for a second year following which he appointed and invested those Officers present.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

A family affair at Ditton Lodge

Wednesday the 27th of November was a very special day for the Spevack family. Not only was Adam's son, Oscar, being advanced into Mark Masonry but our Provincial Grand Master and Past Provincial Grand Master were there, and assisted with the Ceremony.



The afternoon started with the Royal Ark Mariner meeting. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Adam Spevack who welcomed everyone, especially the two Right Worshipful Brethren.

After a very short business meeting the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.





The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Stephen Nicklin

who welcome our Provincial Grand Master.

R.W.Bro. John French and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark were saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Martin Baker, Prov.G.J.W.



The main item on the agenda was to Advance Bro. Oscar Spevack of Addlestone Lodge No 5222, proposed by his dad.

The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Richard White to conduct the Ceremony of Advancement.

W.Bro. Adam acted as Senior Deacon to take his son round the Lodge. V.W.Bro. Chris Eley acted as Master Overseer and gave Bro. Oscar a hard time.

Bro Adam had an excellent ceremony with our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, explaining the Signs and our Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, explaining the Working Tools.



After the regular business had been completed the Lodge was closed and we retired for some well earned refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



As is the usual custom at Surrey Mark Festive boards the members of the Surrey Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins and posed for a photo with the District Grand Prefect.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about this very varied and enjoyable Order see: <https://www.allied-masonic-degrees>



The Allied Masonic Degrees

A busy afternoon for Bond of Friendship Lodge

Bond of Friendship had a fantastic meeting on Saturday 23rd November at Croydon.

A record of attendance of over 50 in the Temple first witnessed the installation of Kevin Morrell as Master, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master and his team of officers.

Secondly, the lodge Advanced **FOUR** candidates in a unique joint ceremony with Nick Tamila, Mike Jefferys, Yusef Mills and Neil Tyson becoming Mark Master Masons, with a joining member, Neil Jones-Lumby acting as one of the four Deacons.

Many of the brethren had attended to see W.Bro. Harry Winter become an Honorary Member. Harry, who served in the RAF in WW2, is now 102 years old and lives in the James Terry Court RMBI home.

When he was proclaimed as a member of the Lodge, W.Bro. Mike Price, a former Army musician, played the General Salute on the bugle. Harry thanked the members for the honour conferred and was greeted with applause and loud cheers.



So, by the end of the meeting, Bond of Friendship had six new members and the Secretary, Mike Neville, announced that there were further candidates for the next meeting.

A packed Festive Board was then enjoyed by the members and guests.

Article by Mike Neville

W.Bro. Harry Winter, P.Prov.G.S.W.

Harry Winter joined the RAF in September 1941 and was trained as a Sergeant Wireless Operator Air. While he was serving with 427 Squadron his aircraft was shot down on the night of 22/23 October 1943 during an operation on Kassel. He was wounded and spent time recuperating before being sent to Bankau, Poland.

In January 1945 he and fellow POWs were force marched through Czechoslovakia to south of Berlin because of Russian advances. They were liberated by Russian troops in mid April 1945.



A special meeting of Richmond Mark Lodge



On the 28th of November Richmond Mark Lodge held an Emergency Meeting at the Sutton Masonic Hall to Advance a further two candidates prior to their Centennial Meeting. This was a very special meeting as it was the first time the Lodge had met at Sutton in just over 100 years, and the Candidates were David Giles, the Master of Nonesuch Park Lodge, which meets at Sutton, and Jamie, the third Harbrow brother who V.W.Bro. Chris Eley had Raised only eight days earlier.



Jamie's brothers, Mark and John, acted as Deacons for the ceremony taking Jamie and Dave round, with support from V.W.Bro. Chris.



The acting Worshipful Master was W.Bro. Roger Tutton who was ably assisted by W.Bro. Garth Blanchard and the Brethren of the Lodge. Our Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, P.G.J.D., P.Prov.G.S.W., acted as Chaplain.

Everyone was acting in Office that day and ensured that Brothers Jamie and Dave had an afternoon to remember,



As is the usual custom at Mark Lodge festive boards the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees were wearing their AMD napkins.

The Lodge was closed and after refreshments in the Miller Bar the Brethren of Richmond Lodge and their two new members enjoyed a most convivial meal together.





The Surrey Mark

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Monday 2nd June 2025

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