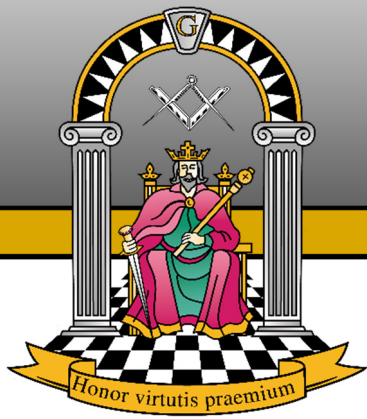
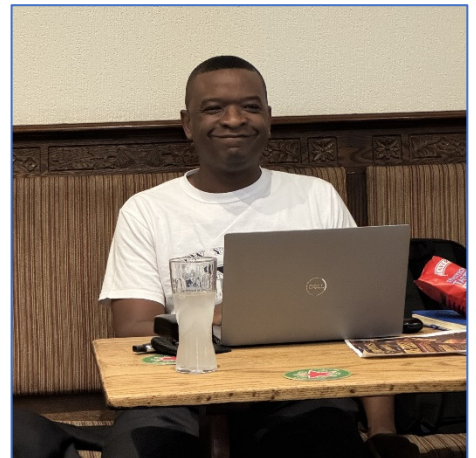




The Sword of Constantine Court

The Sword of Constantine Court met on Monday the 13th of July at the Croydon Masonic Hall. We all met in the lounge for a get together before the meeting, and some had to work....



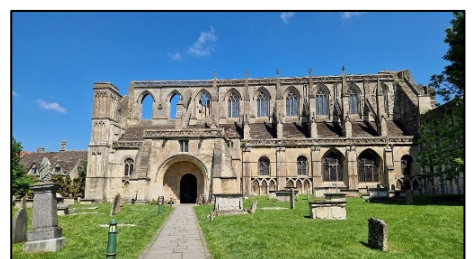
The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Norman Jones, who welcomed everyone wishing them an enjoyable afternoon.



It was a short business meeting where Bro. Ese Edjekughele was elected as Master and V.W.Bro. Chris Cradock *KCAG*, *PGSwdB*, *PPrJGW*, was elected as Treasurer.

After the regular business of the Court was completed W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, *KAG*, Provincial Eminent Grand Prior, gave a talk on King Athelstan and Malmsbury.

This was well received and prompted some discussion afterwards led by our guest W.Bro. John Norton-Doyle.



According to medieval chroniclers, the **Sword of Constantine** was a legendary relic gifted to King Athelstan in 926 AD by Hugh, Duke of the Franks, to secure the hand of Athelstan's half-sister, Eadhild. It was said to contain a nail from the True Cross set in crystal in the hilt.

Following Athelstan's death in 939 AD he was buried at **Malmesbury Abbey** in Wiltshire, where he deposited these legendary relics.



The Court was then closed and, after refreshments, the members of the Sword of Constantine Court and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable curry supper at the Croydon Masonic Hall where we were joined by our Candidate for our next meeting.



The Court of Aelle

On a hot Saturday morning in Eastbourne The Court of Aelle No.25 of The Masonic Order of Athelstan had a full morning of Ritual.

First, Bro .Ken Dry was Instructed as a new Brother into the Court. Then the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, presented Grand Court certificates to Bros. Callum Sage and Terry Valeriano.



W.Bro. Tony Padley then Installed Bro. Steve Davis as our Worshipful Master. The Court had support from two Brethren from the Court of South Saxon No.60, and the Grand Secretary, V.W.Bro. Andries van der Burgh, found time in his busy schedule to also attend.

*Thanks to Bernard Marchant,
Cullan Sage, and Tony Padley*



Ælle of Sussex

Ælle is recorded in early sources as the first king of the South Saxons, reigning in what is now called Sussex from 477 to perhaps as late as 514.

Ælle and three of his sons are said to have landed at a place called Cymensora near Selsey Bill in 477. He immediately made war on the Britons, and in 491 he and his son Cissa massacred a British garrison at the former Roman fort of Anderida, now known as Pevensey in East Sussex.

Ælle was the first king recorded by the 8th century chronicler Bede to have held *imperium*, or overlordship, over other Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

The first candidate for The Court of Lunuri

The Court of Lenuri recently celebrated an important milestone by instructing its first Candidate, Bro. Rupert Hague-Holmes, in a memorable ceremony well supported by the members and the Province.



Travelling from Jersey, Bro. Rupert's commitment to joining the Order reflected the strong bonds of friendship that unite Freemasonry in the Channel Islands. The Brethren were also honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Mark Donovan, *KCAG*, our Consecrating Officer whose attendance made our first Instruction extra special.



Following the regular business of the Court, Bro. Rupert was Instructed in an excellent ceremony conducted by the Officers of the Court. At its conclusion, he was welcomed and congratulated by both the Worshipful Master and the Provincial Grand Master.

The Court of Lenuri is continuing to build on this success and is looking forward to conducting a double Instruction at our next regular meeting on Monday, 7th September.

The meeting presents a fantastic opportunity for Brethren from further afield to combine the occasion with a long weekend in Guernsey, where they can enjoy both the warm hospitality of the Court and the unique attractions of the Island.



*Thanks to W.Bro
Russell Johnson,
Worshipful Master of
The Court of Lenuri*





The Consecration of a new Court in Hampshire



On Saturday the 17th of October a new Court in the Province of Sussex will be Consecrated in Botley by our Provincial Grand Master and his team.

Ytene Court No 209

Ytene (pronounced *ee-ten* or *eye-ten*) is an ancient Anglo-Saxon name for the area now known as the [New Forest](#) in southern England.

In Old English, the word derives from *Ytena*, which translates to "land of the Jutes." The Jutes were an early Germanic tribe who settled in the region. Before the Norman Conquest of 1066, the area retained a distinct cultural and ethnic Jutish identity under the name Ytene.

Around 1079, William the Conqueror claimed the wild woodland as a royal hunting ground, officially renaming it the "New Forest."

The stag is of particular importance to Ytene, and the white stag is considered a magical emblem. The white stag, also known as the white hart, has long been a symbol of the otherworld, and the sight of it is said to signify that someone important is about to enter into the realm of spirit.

The Consecration Ceremony of an Athelstan Court is in two stages. The first on Saturday morning deals with the Instruction Ceremony and Special Progression of the Senior Officers followed by a light lunch; and then in the afternoon the Consecration of the Court; and finally the Installation of the Worshipful Master and investiture of the Officers. All of this is topped off later in the afternoon with a Consecration Festive Board.



Everyone is welcome to attend this all day event

Put the 17th of October in your diary

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