

An introduction to the Allied Masonic Degrees

In the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas, the District Grand Council of Surrey was Constituted at Croydon on Tuesday the 13th February 2007. This is under the supervision of a District Grand Prefect, R. W. Bro. Ray Hussey, assisted by a dedicated team of District Officers drawn from the various Councils within his jurisdiction.

Since that date the District has grown with the Consecration of three new Councils meeting at Nutfield, Guildford and Farnham. So how can this increase be explained? The real charm of the Order is its variety. There are five degrees which can be worked. No meeting is therefore just the same as the one before. There are different officers and lectures for each degree, so every member has the opportunity to participate in the ceremonies if he so wishes and that participation can be large or small.

The ceremonies are dramatic, with much role-playing and are enormous fun to perform. But underneath the fun and drama are serious Masonic lessons which cannot fail to enlighten and impress the candidate.

The Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr must be taken first. It explains how Lawrence gave his life rather than betray his principles and responsibilities. Integrity and fortitude are the lessons to be learned here. The other four degrees may be taken in any order.

Knight of Constantinople concerns the relationship between the Emperor Constantine and his subjects. The ceremony is entertaining and amusing but at the end, the candidate is left in no doubt of the importance of humility.

Grand Tilers of Solomon is a very dramatic degree set in the secret vault beneath the Temple. It teaches us to reflect on the danger of hasty judgment.

Red Cross of Babylon covers the gap between the Craft and the Royal Arch, Zerubbabcl obtaining permission to commence the rebuilding of the Temple. The lesson is the supreme importance of truth.

The Order of Grand High Priest sees the candidate anointed, consecrated and set apart to the service of God in the High Priesthood. This is a special and uplifting ceremony, which many believe should be the last degree to be taken.

District Grand Council and Councils in Surrey

The Annual Meeting of the District is held on the first Saturday in December, followed by a luncheon. All Councils in the District of Surrey are encouraged to share the Summons for all of their meetings with all the Brethren of our Order, via routine circulation to their Brother Council Secretaries.

It is hoped that more regular visiting will take place and that all members of this unique Order will also encourage new members to join us. For geographical convenience our present Councils are shown in two groups as shown below.

WEST

Surrey No 64

Meeting at Croydon
3rd Monday in February, 1st Monday
in June (Installation) and 3rd Monday
in December

Kyngstun No 102

Meeting at Surbiton
2nd Tuesday in May;
1st Wednesday in September

Pride of Surrey No 128

Meeting at Sutton
1st Tuesday in April,
1st Friday in June

Surrey Hills Council No 208

Meeting at Redhill
on 3rd Wednesday in April and
2nd Tuesday in November

Southern Cross, No XIII

Meeting at Guildford
2nd Wednesday in September and by Dispensation

EAST

Runnymede No 191

Meeting at Surbiton
1st Friday in February and May;
1st Monday in October

Godalming No 185

Meeting at Godalming
2nd Monday in January;
3rd Friday in July

Farnham Council No 235

Meeting at The Farnham Masonic Hall
3rd Monday in May (Installation) and
1st Wednesday in November

Riverside Council No 212

Meeting at South West Surrey
Masonic Centre, Guildford
3rd Thursday in February
(Installation) and 1st Tuesday in
September

The Allied Masonic Degrees are open to brethren who are Mark and Royal Arch Masons and of any faith. If you are interested in joining, in the first instance contact:

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