



Report of the Provincial Grand Recorder

2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey



Greetings Companions.

I'm pleased to report that since our last Annual Meeting the Province has been growing slowly with four new candidates into the Order. All into Hill of Zion, so well-done Robert. It is hoped that some of these will be attending the meeting and will be presented to our Provincial Grand Summus, welcomed by him to their first meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus, and presented with a small gift.

Sadly, we have lost three distinguished companions, V.Dist.Comp. Laurence James Young, Past Great Herald, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Summus on the 3rd of October 2022; Dist.Comp. Frank Lucas Powell, Past Grand Standard Bearer, on the 22nd of January 2023; and R.Dist.Comp. Bryan Frank Page, Past Great Vice Chancellor on the 20th of February 2023.

Our Annual Meeting in July 2022 was well attended with 74 attending the meeting and 67 dining. Joining us at the meeting was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, and our Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard S Markham. At the meeting, Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson was re-appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy was obligated, invested, and installed as our Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

In October, a Preparation Ceremony was held at Guildford Consistory for three Companions of the Third Grade; Companions Wally Maynard of Surrey Consistory No 4 TI; Donald McGarr of Hill of Zion Consistory No 52 TI; and David Blackburn, the District Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters District of Surrey, of Warlingham Consistory No 134. This was immediately followed by the Installation of Em.Comp. Derek Williamson in an excellent manner by Dist.Comp. Barrie Selway, assisted by the Officers of the Consistory.

As you may have seen in Freemasonry@86, as well as in the Surrey Cord and our web site, we have been able to attend several other Provincial Grand Senatus meetings during the year and have enjoyed their fine hospitality. We look forward to welcoming them to our meeting.

Congratulations to Dist.Comp. Ray Hussey who received a promotion to Past Grand Lecturer and Dist.Comp. John Norton-Doyle who was appointed Grand Steward at the meeting of Grand Senatus in May.

The previous day at Mark Masons' Hall, Dist.Comps. Robert Anderson, John Coleman, Mark Currans, Chris Eley, Hugh Everett, and Alastair Mackenzie received their 4th Grade. The Representative Candidate for the 4th Grade was Dist.Comp. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter, the Surrey Cord. This is your newsletter so please let me know of anything you or your Consistory are doing that is newsworthy and we can share it with others.

We are all looking forward to the next Masonic year where several Executive Visits are planned, including an Emergency Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus in October where the Preparation Ceremony will be conducted for those Companions nearing the Chair of President. Details of these visits will be distributed after our Annual Meeting.

May I wish all of you a successful 2023/24 and I offer my personal congratulations to those receiving Provincial Honours on the 20th of July.

Dist.Comp. Chris Eley IV
Provincial Grand Recorder