



A message from our Provincial Grand Summus

Late November and early December have been a very busy time for me in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord.

On Saturday 27th November I visited the Annual Provincial Senatus for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wiltshire at Cirencester where we had an excellent ceremony further enhanced by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus dedicating their new Provincial Sword. No photographs I am afraid much to the annoyance of our Provincial Recorder as I had declined to dine so that I could safely return in time to support the OSM's Annual Christmas Dinner Dance which I must report was a great success

Warlingham Consistory No.134 was consecrated on 30th October 2019 and since then we have been trying to bring in 4 Candidates into the Order but of course due to Covid19 this had not been possible. Earlier this year we managed to fit in a meeting, but regulations meant that we had to install a new President. However, finally on Tuesday 30th November all four were admitted to the First Grade of the Order. It was an excellent ceremony carried out by Right Distinguished Companion Mik Barnes with a little assistance from myself. *A full report is on page 2.*

And, finally I had the pleasure to attend Mark Masons Hall on Thursday 2nd December to see both Distinguished Companion Len Hayward, **P.G.Swd.B.**, and Distinguished Companion Ian Parsons, **P.A.G.D.C.**, being admitted to the Fifth Grade of the Order.



It was a wonderful ceremony beautifully carried out by the Grand Team and I know both were blown away by the performance as you can observe by their happy faces in the photograph. It is the Grade to aim for Companions and you will not be disappointed

Finally, Christmas is on the horizon, but we are still not certain whether we shall have some form of normality or not. Whatever we end up with Companions I will still take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year
Stay safe and keep well

Right Distinguished Companion Arnold Long

The Installation Meeting of Guildford Consistory

In October 2021, Guildford Consistory No 53 was honoured to receive the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, and a number of Provincial Officers of the year.



The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. John Coleman. The Consistory received the Provincial Grand Summus, who entered through an Arch of Steel and was welcomed by the President.

After the minutes were taken, Em.Comp. Barrie Selway was installed as President by Dist.Comp. John Coleman, ably assisted by R.Dist. Comp. Michael Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus.



Dist. Comp. Barrie had only taken his Preparation Ceremony less than one hour before he was installed as President – is this a record?

Dist.Comp. Barrie was congratulated by R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long who wished him a most successful and enjoyable year.



Four Candidates for Warlingham Consistory

On Tuesday 30th November Warlingham Consistory No 134 conferred the First Grade of the Order on four Candidates. Present, as members of the Consistory, were R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, Provincial Grand Summus, and R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus.

The Consistory was opened in the First Grade of the Order by the President, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, who welcomed all the guests and visitors. After the minutes had been approved, the main item on the agenda was to confer the First Grade on W.Bro. Steve Harvey, and Brothers Paul Jenner, Robert Short, and Jim Turner.



The President congratulated the four Companions and welcomed them into the Order and thanked R.Dist.Comp. Mik for all his support for the Consistory. R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long welcomed them into the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey.

Em.Comp. Simon McCarthy was elected as President, and Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson was elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting when we will confer the First Grade on Wy.Bro. Steve Jones, as well as install Em.Comp. Simon McCarthy as President.

Following the Consistory meeting, a meeting of the Warlingham Conclave in the Order of Secret Monitor was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, the Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes and the Provincial Grand Visitor, W.Bro. Len Hiller.

At the meeting Wy.Bro. Chris Eley installed Bro. James Walker as Supreme Ruler, ably assisted by R.Wy. Bros. Colin Beerling and Mik Barnes.

The President invited R.Dist. Comp. Mik Barnes to occupy the chair of Primus of Ostiarii for the ceremony. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by the Past Provincial Grand Summus assisted by our Provincial Grand Summus, the Consistory Director of Ceremonies. It was certainly a ceremony that the candidates will remember for a long time.



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The Consistory was closed in due form and we all went along to the bar for a drink before dinner....to find that the bar was closed... Dist.Comp. Ray had to make do with coffee from the machine....



After a long wait, someone came to open the bar and after a quick drink we retired to the dining room for an enjoyable festive board.

