



Address by the Provincial Grand Summus to the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey

Good morning Companions. My first job is to welcome everyone here this morning and to thank you all for attending. I am especially delighted that our Most Distinguished Grand Summus and the Assistant Grand Summus have joined us today



I must first congratulate those Companions who have received First Appointments or Promotion in Provincial Grand Senatus today. It has been an absolute pleasure to invest all those present whilst I will try to invest those unable to be with us today during my visits round the Province. I must also congratulate those who were honoured in early May this year at Grand Senatus with first appointments in Grand Rank. Distinguished Companion Ian Clark received Past Grand Sword Bearer and Distinguished Companion Len Hillier received Past Grand Standard Bearer, both very well deserved. Additionally, Very Distinguished Companion Ian Smith remains as a Grand Lecturer for the third year running and I must not forget Right Distinguished Companion Trevor Currans, who has been reappointed President of the Executive Committee

Additionally, on the day before Grand Senatus I was at Mark Masons Hall to support 3 of our Companions who were receiving Grade Promotions. Distinguished Companion Alan Hall, who had actually been put forward by Sussex, received 5th Grade, Distinguished Companion John Norton-Doyle and Distinguished Companion Harry Smith received 4th Grade, all well deserved

In my address when I was first installed as Provincial Grand Summus I mentioned that there was still plenty of scope to recruit more members and that I

would like to see us try and reach 100 members as soon as possible. I am happy to report that in the last year we have brought in 14 new members into the Order and we currently have several others waiting to come in so, with a little bit of luck, we might comfortably reach our target this time next year. It has been achieved by hard graft and a little bit of luck. I would like to thank the unofficial Scarlet Cord Representative I appointed, Distinguished Companion Len Hillier, together with considerable help from Distinguished Companion Colin Beerling our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. We must also be grateful for the regular flow of Candidates our Most Distinguished Grand Summus introduces into Hill of Zion Consistory

As I reported in an early edition of the Surrey Cord, this year a further donation of £500 was sent to the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival prior to its closure. I was delighted to be present at the recent Festival Dinner and what a wonderful occasion it was. I also discovered that over the last 5 years the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey had contributed in total £3,100. Companions, you should all congratulate yourselves for what was a tremendous effort

Two months ago, I was asked by our Most Distinguished Grand Summus to put together a team of Officers to deliver the First Grade Ceremony to a number of brethren from South America and Europe some of whom could only speak little English which made communication very difficult. The Province of London performed the 2nd Grade and members of Brian Wareham Consistory the 3rd Grade. I have to say that our team did a wonderful job and in his thankyou email to me the Most Distinguished Grand Summus was more than suitably impressed. So well done our team

I must not forget the two Companions who have contributed greatly to the success of today's meeting. Firstly, our Provincial Grand Recorder, Distinguished Companion Chris Eley, who not only carries out his duties in an exemplary manner, but continues to amaze me with his commitment to the Office and trying to keep me on the straight and narrow as well. Secondly, many thanks to Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth who has stood in today as acting Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and then got the job. Well done Ian, and I look forward to working with you

May the God of our Fathers have you all and your loved ones in his Holy Keeping now and ever more
R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, Provincial Grand Summus



Provincial Grand Senatus 2022



The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Thursday the 21st of July. We were honoured by the presence of the Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans, escorted by Dist.Comp. Geoffrey Kear, and accompanied by the Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard S Markham.

From 9 a.m. the Companions started to arrive, sign in and made their way to the downstairs bar for tea and coffee.

At the same time, in the George Cowen Temple our Provincial Grand Summus was having a last look at his detailed agenda, and the Escort for the installation of the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus were rehearsing their roles with the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus Designate, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy

Just after 11.00 a.m. the visiting Right Distinguished Companions entered the Temple in Procession followed by our two Past Provincial Grand Summi, Right Distinguished Companions Michael F Barnes and Louis M Keats.

The Companions were then called to Order to receive the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus who entered the Temple in procession through an Arch of Steel, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.

Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Designate, Dist.Comp Ian Bloodworth. The other Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Geoffrey Kear was admitted and advised the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus that the Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans accompanied by the Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard S Markham, was outside the door of Provincial Grand Senatus.

Most Distinguished Companion, Ian S Currans, Grand Summus, was received and welcomed by the Provincial Grand Summus. He was then saluted with eleven under the direction of the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the many honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions. The Minutes of last year's meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus held on 18th August 2021 were confirmed by the Companions.





The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called following which the Roll of Consistories in the Province was called and the members of each Consistory rose and indicated their presence with a court bow to the East.

The Accounts were then adopted. The Provincial Grand Summus thanked the Treasurer and Account Auditors for their endeavours.

The Provincial Grand Summus reappointed Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus

thanking him for all his support over the past year. The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with five under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Dist.Comp. Nigel thanked the Companions for their salutation.

The Provincial Grand Summus was pleased to announce that he was appointing Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. The Assistant Provincial Grand Summus Designate entered in procession, took his Obligation, and was invested by the Provincial Grand Summus. The Assistant Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with five under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Dist Comp Simon thanked the Companions for their salutation. A total of 24 appointments and promotions to Provincial Grand Rank were made.

The R.Dist. Provincial Grand Summus was pleased to appoint the Captain, Deputy Captain, and Members of the Tzaddikim. He then inspected his personal Tzaddikim.

The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed nine Companions who had been admitted to the Order since the last Annual Meeting. The Companions were presented to the Provincial Grand Summus who warmly welcomed them into the Order, and the Province, and presented them with a lapel pin and a drinks voucher. The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by Right Distinguished Companions, and Honoured Guests.

After a few drinks in the bar, where the new Companions spent their drinks vouchers, the Companions of the Province of Surrey and their guests enjoyed an excellent and convivial Festive Board.

After our guests had departed, a couple of us said goodbye to Mariana on her last day at Glenmore House, thanking her and the team for looking after us so well.



Photos by Bob Tuthill and Chris Eley

An Amazing Scarlet Cord day at Mark Masons' Hall

On Thursday the 14th of July at Mark Masons Hall, 32 Brethren from France, Paraguay, and Greece took three grades in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord. There were 21 candidates from France, 6 from Paraguay, and 5 from Greece. The Ceremonies were held at an Emergency Meeting of The Brian Wareham Scarlet Cord Consistory T.I.

The First Grade Ceremony was conducted by a team from Surrey, the Second Grade Ceremony by a team from London, and the Third Grade Ceremony by a team from Grand Senatus. The Surrey team, headed by the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, arrived early for rehearsals in the Temple. They are seen here with our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, who is a Surrey Companion.



Prior to the Ceremonies, the Grand Summus outlined the plan for the day and thanked everyone for their support in ensuring that all the Candidates will have a very special day.

The Brethren were admitted and took their seats in the North and South. The representative Candidate, Bro. Michel Boubles, and the other 31 Candidates were Obligated, Entrusted, and Invested as Companions of the Scarlet Cord by Distinguished Companion Mark Currans, Primus of Ostiarii, and the Surrey Team in an excellent manner. Bro. Michel is the Grand Supreme Ruler for the Order of the Secret Monitor in France. The Grand Summus then congratulated Companion Michel and the other Companions saying how Surrey had set the bar for what follows with a word-perfect ceremony, with not a single prompt.

The President, R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus, opened the Consistory. The Primus of Lectores was Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy and the Primus of Ostiarii was Dist.Comp. Mark Currans the son of our Grand Summus.

It was a real family affair as Mark's uncle, R.Dist.Comp. Trevor Currans, was the Director of Ceremonies for the First Grade and Primus of Lectores for the Third Grade.





The representative Candidate, Comp. Andreas Spyropoulos, and the other 31 Candidates were Obligated, Entrusted, and Invested as Lectors of the Scarlet Cord by Distinguished Companion Seirios Kokkalis, the Primus of Ostiarii, and the London Team in another excellent manner. Comp. Andreas is the Grand Master of the Great Priory of Greece.



After refreshments we moved into the dining room for most convivial buffet lunch.



The representative Candidate, Comp. Jose Fernandez Zacur, and the other 31 Candidates were Obligated, Entrusted, and Invested as Fellows of the Scarlet Cord by Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans, the President, and the Grand Senatus Team in yet another excellent manner. Comp. Jose Fernandez is the Grand Master of the Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay.

The Consistory was closed and the Grand Summus, the Assistant Grand Summus and the Grand Team retired in procession to end a truly amazing day.

After a short break it was the turn of the London team. The President was R.Dist.Comp. Jules Greenwall, the Provincial Grand Summus, the Primus of Lectores was Dist.Comp. Seirios Kokkalis, and the Primus of Ostiarii was Dist.Comp. Dr. Surjit S Bhalla, the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.



The Grand Summus then congratulated Companion Andreas and the other Companions on taking their Second Grade.

Before we retired for refreshments and lunch, the Grand Summus, the Assistant Grand Summus and members of the London team posed for a photograph with the Candidates.



After lunch it was the turn of the team from Grand Senatus. The President was M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans, the Grand Summus; the Primus of Lectores was R.Dist.Comp. Christopher Barker; the Primus of Ostiarii was R.Dist.Comp. Trevor Currans; and the Director of Ceremonies was R.Dist.Comp. Phillip Purves. I had the honour of acting as Recorder in all three ceremonies.



A Special Day for our new Assistant Provincial Grand Summus



Just before the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey, the Surrey Consistory No 4 T.I. held their Installation Meeting.

The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. David Willmott, our Provincial Grand Treasurer, who welcomed the Companions. These included some guests from other Provinces who had arrived early to attend our Annual Meeting.

Our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long was saluted with seven under the

direction of the Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth.



The main item on the agenda was to install Dist Comp. Simon McCarthy as President. This was done in a most sincere manner by Dist.Comp. David Willmott.

Our Provincial Grand Summus gave the Address to the President in an exemplary manner.

After the Officers had been appointed and invested, the Consistory was closed and we went downstairs to rehearse Simon's installation as our new Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

Companion Wally becomes a Scottish Master of St Andrew

At the June meeting of the Suth Seaxe Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 9 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City one of our Companions, Wally Maynard, a member of Surrey and Warlingham Consistories, took his Fourth Degree Ceremony.



At the end of the Ceremony Wally was congratulated by Revd. Knight Arnold Long and Revd. Knight Chris Eley.

Assisting in the ceremony were Revd. Knight Ian Smith, one of our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Summi, the Junior Warden, and Revd. Knight Chris Eley, our Provincial Grand Recorder, the Assistant Master of Ceremonies. Many other Surrey Companions were there to see Wally join the Order.

