



Our new Assistant Provincial Grand Summus



At our Annual Meeting in July, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy was installed as the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus of the Scarlet Cord Province of Surrey by our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.

Simon was educated at Raynes Park High School. He started work when he was 18 for a company called Sankeys and moved into sales a year later. He then left to become Manager at a retail showroom in London, stayed there for 10 years, got married at 26 and had a son in 1993.

He started his own business in 2000 and travelled all over Europe. He had a partner in 2007 when they started importing from the Far East, and South Africa. Simon was running 2 companies then but went back to being on his own in 2019 with his own Ltd. company.

Simon was initiated into Spencer Park Lodge N° 6198 in 1997, was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in 2000, and Mark shortly afterwards. He was Master in 2004/2005 and joined other progressive orders between 2000 and 2010. He was appointed Met AGDC in Craft in 2010 and Met AGDC in Royal Arch a year later. He became a visiting officer then and has only just retired from both now. Simon was promoted to SLGR in 2015, and Active Grand Rank in 2019. He currently holds Grand Rank in 7 orders.

Simon joined the Order of the Scarlet Cord in Surrey Consistory N° 4 T.I. in 2014 and was a founding member of Middlesex and Warlingham Consistories. He was installed as President

of Warlingham Consistory in March this year and in July as President of Surrey Consistory, just before our Annual Meeting.

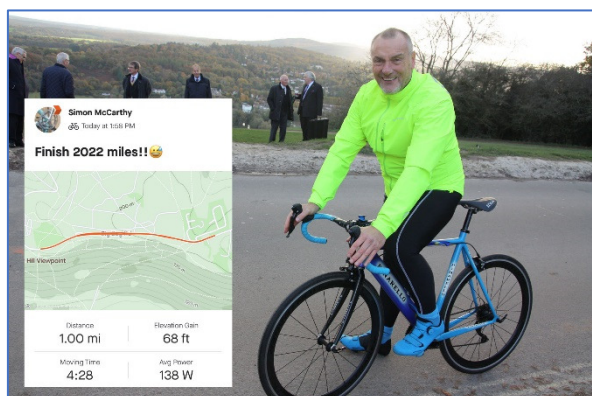
Simon was always a keen cyclist, even at school when he used to ride his bike to school every day. Even when he started working in London he rode to work, as he didn't pass his driving test until he was 21!!

He joined the 29th Wheelers in London and started on time trials. He broke the hour for 25 miles in 1989. He went on to join Epsom Cycle Club and in 1992 broke the club 25 record for 25 miles in 53 minutes and 57 seconds. A year later he broke the 50-mile record in 1 hour, 54 minutes and 27 seconds - both records he held for 8 years. He went on to ride the National 25 in 1993, which was a qualifying event. Chris Boardman was riding that day too when he broke the National record. Simon also tried his hand at road racing and in France's National Event was in the top 100 fastest riders in the Grand Prix over 10 miles.

He says he hung up his cycling shoes in 2002, but the event that we all remember Simon for was in 2020 when he did a sponsored ride to raise funds for the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

Simon was out on his bike on the roads of Surrey and Hampshire in all weathers in support of the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival. His target was 2,022 miles by the end of October 2020. We followed Simon's bike ride via his Strava app. and on a Saturday in the pouring rain Simon had reached a total of 2,021 miles leaving one mile to complete his goal.

The Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey, R.W.Bro. Ian N Clark, was there at the finish line at Box Hill to congratulate Simon and celebrate with him his magnificent effort on behalf of the Festival.



We were pleased to announce that Simon exceeded his target of raising £2,500 for the 2022 MBF Festival – a fantastic personal achievement.

Also present at the finish were representatives of many of the Surrey Orders who have been supporting Simon both financially, and with a lot of encouragement.

We all wish Simon every success in his new role.



A new Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord Province of Middlesex



Following the meeting many Companions took advantage of the large patio and garden at the venue to soak up some sun, while others kept to the shade of the indoor areas, before sitting down to a welcome light lunch.

There was sunshine and smiles all around at Cole Court, Twickenham on Saturday, 16 July as the Most Distinguished Grand Summus, Ian Stanley Currans and his team undertook the Installation of the new Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord Province of Middlesex, R.Dist.Comp. Jonathan Wallis.

Following his Installation, R.Dist.Comp. John appointed and invested the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, V.Dist.Comp. Brian Anthony Calcutt, V, P.G.Reg.; and the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Robert William Chilvers, IV, P.G.Swd.B.

