

the Surrey cord

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Surrey Scarlet Cord is well Prepared



The Ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, assisted by his Provincial Officers. Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in the First Grade of the Order by the Provincial Grand Summus, who welcomed everyone to Guildford and thanked them for attending to support the Province. The Consistory was then adjourned in the First Grade and opened in the Third Grade.

On Thursday 27th October 2022 at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Guildford, an Emergency Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held to conduct the Preparation Ceremony for the office of President 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.



The Provincial Grand Summus and his officers then proceeded to put the questions to the Candidates. The Provincial Grand Summus designated the Candidates as Eminent Companions saying that the patent which they will receive will be signed by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus and qualify them to be installed as a President of a Consistory.

The Consistory was closed in the Third Grade, and resumed in the First Grade of the Order. The Provincial Grand Summus then presented Em.Comps. Wally Maynard and David Blackburn with their 3rd Grade Certificates. He also presented Em.Comp. Graham Rawlinson with his Preparation Certificate. Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the customary photos taken before retiring to prepare for the installation meeting of Guildford Consistory which followed.

With a little help from his friend...

In September I was asked to present a talk to Coulsdon Lodge of Perseverance, who meet at Sutton.



Our Provincial Grand Summus was initiated into this Lodge in 1970 and has been actively involved in the activities of this Lodge for over 50 years.

My talk was on Irish Royal Arch Masonry, showing the difference in the ritual between the workings in Ireland compared to English Royal Arch Masonry.

It also gave me an opportunity to wear my Irish regalia. Seen here is our Provincial Grand Summus and the Worshipful Master of Coulsdon Lodge of Perseverance, W.Bro. Robert King.



The Installation Meeting of Guildford Consistory

Following the Preparation Ceremony at Guildford, a meeting of Guildford Consistory No 53 was held. This was the first Executive Visit by our Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist. Comp. Nigel Thomson, since his installation.





The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus entered under an Arch of Steel and was welcomed by the President, on behalf of all the Companions of the Consistory.

After the regular business of the Consistory had been concluded, Em.Comp. Derek Williamson was installed as President in an excellent manner by Dist.Comp. Barrie Selway, assisted by the Officers of the Consistory. The Officers were then appointed and invested.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus congratulated Dist.Comp. Derek and wished him an enjoyable year as President of Guildford Consistory.

He also thanked the members of the Tzaddikim, some of whom acted as his Arch of Steel at the last minute.

After the Consistory was closed, the Companions of Guildford Consistory and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre.



