



Two Grade Ceremonies at Warlingham Consistory

On Tuesday the 30th of November Warlingham Consistory No 134 conducted two Grade Ceremonies for Companions of the Order. Present, as members of the Consistory, were our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long; our Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson; and our Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, President.

The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Summus and our guests.

A ballot was taken for a joining member, Dist.Comp. Michael Ellis. This proved in his favour and Dist.Comp. Mike was welcomed into the Consistory by the President.



The next item on the agenda was to promote to the Third Grade of the Order, Companion Steve Harvey.

The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by Companion President and the Officers of the Consistory, ably assisted by Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who acted as our Director of Ceremonies for the afternoon.

Companion Steve was congratulated by our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, then took his place as Third Lecturer for the next ceremony.

The next item on the agenda was to promote to the Second Grade of the Order, Companions Robert Short and Steve Jones of Warlingham Consistory No 134, and Companions Alan Boniface, Jeffrey Flint, Allan Thompson

and Robert Woolloff of Surrey Consistory No 4TI. The representative candidate was Companion Robert Short.

The ceremony was again conducted in an excellent manner by the Primus of Lectores, Em.Comp. Bob Tuthill, and the Officers of the Consistory. Companions, Robert, Steve, Alan, Jeff, Allan and Bob were warmly congratulated by Companion President and R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.

Companion President thanked Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth on behalf of all the members of the Consistory for kindly acting as Director of Ceremonies.

Em.Comp. Bob Tuthill was declared President, and Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Consistory was then closed and the furniture re-arranged for the Warlingham OSM Conclave meeting that followed.



At the following meeting of Warlingham Conclave No 291 the Conclave was honoured with an Executive Visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth, accompanied by his Escorting Officer, Wy.Bro. Steve Jones, and several Provincial Grand Officers.



The main item on the agenda was for Wy.Bro. Chris Eley to induct as Supreme Ruler his old friend, Wy.Bro. David Blackburn, the District Grand Master of the District Grand Council of Surrey in the Order of Royal and Select Masters.

This was done in a very sincere manner by Wy.Bro. Chris, assisted by R.Wy.Bro. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.



A Visit to Durham and Northumberland Scarlet Cord

On the 19th of November our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, and our Past Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist. Comp. Louis Keats attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Durham and Northumberland held at Gateshead.

Although the expected attendance of 90 Companions was reduced with several of our members from Scotland unable to travel due to cancellation of trains following extensive flooding, they still had a wonderful turn out of 60 Provincial members and 18 guests.

The Meeting started in silent tribute in remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and after a friendly introduction of the Distinguished Visitors by the Provincial Grand Summus, Michael A. Jacques, he also acknowledged the presence of 3 Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from the OSM Provinces of Durham, Northumberland, and East Scotland; and other Heads of Orders, including the recently appointed Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Prof. Denovan K. Wilson.



Following usual administrative matters, the Provincial Summus re-appointed his Deputy, Gary Douglas Taylor. The Provincial Grand Summus then thanked Colin Hume for 4 years distinguished service as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus which he had carried out in an exemplary manner befitting of such a dedicated Freemason.



The new Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Morgan McDonald, O.S.M. Prov.G.S.R. for East Scotland, then entered in procession and was Obligated, Invested, Installed and, after Proclamation by the Deputy Provincial G.D.C., was saluted by members of the Province. The Officers appointed to assist the running of the Province for the ensuing year were then invested by the Provincial Grand Summus,

The Provincial Grand Summus then Addressed the meeting and gave thanks to all for attending, especially those that had travelled great distances in such inclement weather.

After the meeting 70 Companions repaired to a fine festive board where the chef and his catering team, had risen to the challenge of providing a Durham & Northumberland theme by dressing the tables in blue and yellow (the county colours of Durham), red and

yellow (the county colours of Northumberland) and serving a 4-course banquet including Northumberland Broth and Durham Trifle (blue jelly, yellow custard).