



## Congratulations

Congratulations to those Companions receiving Promotion or Appointment in Grand Rank at the meeting of Grand Senatus on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

Dist.Comp. Ray Hussey will be receiving a promotion to Past Grand Lecturer (*he will be a Very Distinguished Companion when he receives the rank*); and Dist.Comp. John Norton-Doyle will be appointed Grand Steward.

On Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, John Coleman, Chris Eley and Alastair Mackenzie will take the Fourth Grade of the Order.



## A Family Affair

St David's Day saw the Consecration of the 144th Scarlet Cord Consistory at Carlisle.



The Grand Summus M.Dist.Comp. Ian Stanley Currans, assisted by Officers of Grand Senatus, including his brother Trevor Currans, Consecrated the new Consistory, Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100, with his son Mark being Installed as the First President.

The Grand Summus was a little apprehensive when the President (*his son*) of the new Consistory stood up to give the Toast to the Grand Summus.

Mark was probably just as apprehensive when his father stood to give the Toast to the Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No 100.



Many Companions travelled to Carlisle for this special occasion, including a strong contingent from Surrey.



# A Candidate for Surrey Consistory

On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023 at Surbiton Masonic Hall the Companions of Surrey Consistory No 4 T.I. were pleased to receive a visit from the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long and several Provincial Grand Officers of the year.



The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, Assistant Provincial Grand Summus who welcomed everyone, especially our Past Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth, was admitted and informed Companion President that the Provincial Grand Summus was without and demanded admission. The Provincial Grand Summus accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the President, and accepted the Chair.

He said how good it was to be making his Official Visit to Surrey Consistory and introduced the Provincial team. He then had much pleasure in presenting a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Certificate to Companion Roger Short,

After taking the minutes, the Provincial Grand Summus returned the Chair to Companion President as he and his team had some work to do.



A ballot was taken for Brother Richard John Wileman of Pride of Surrey Conclave as a Candidate for Admission.

This proved in their favour and Brother Richard was conferred with the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade of the Order by the Primus of Ostiarii, Em.Comp. Mark Donovan, assisted by R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes.

Companion Richard was then welcomed into the Consistory by the President and congratulated by the Provincial Grand Summus.



Em.Comp. Graham Rawlinson was elected as President for the ensuing year, and Em.Comp. Wally Maynard as Treasurer. The Provincial Grand Summus thanked the members of the Tzaddikim who had escorted him on his Official Visit.



The Consistory was then closed and after photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



## Evening All



In February, Dist.Comp. Mike Ellis of Warlingham Consistory invited some of us along to Upper Thames Lodge for a very special meeting.

Mike's grandson, Jack Critchley, a serving Policeman working for the Metropolitan Police was being initiated. Mike was Senior Deacon for the ceremony and Mike's son, Lee Ellis, Jack's father, was the Junior Deacon.

After Jack had retired to restore himself to his personal comforts, we were all given Policeman's helmets to put on as a surprise to Bro. Jack.





# A new Provincial Grand Summus for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and the Channel Islands

On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at Brook House Masonic Hall in Botley in Hampshire the Grand Summus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, Most Distinguished Companion Ian Stanley Currans, installed Right Distinguished Companion Richard Charles William Batchelor, V. P.G.V.Chan., as the Provincial Grand Summus of the Province of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and the Channel Islands.



After a very good journey down to Hampshire in Mik Barnes' Audi RS7 the coffee and bacon butties were gratefully received, and thankfully applied.



We then made our way upstairs to the Temple where the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team were finishing their rehearsals.



While the rest of us were able to catch up with some old friends.







Meanwhile, the Grand Team were having their photographs taken with Provincial Grand Summus Designate, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus Designate, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus Designate.

There were many Provincial Summi who came along to support the Provincial Grand Summus of the Province of Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands at his installation.

The Presiding Officer opened Provincial Grand Senatus. The Installing Officer, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, accompanied by the Assisting Officers of Grand Senatus, entered, assumed the Chair and appointed his Officers.

The Installing Officer was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. R.Dist.Comp. Phillip Purves. He then directed the Assistant Grand Recorder to call the Roll of Consistories in the Province, following which he addressed the Companions assembled



and announced that he has appointed R.Dist.Comp. Richard Charles William Batchelor, V, P.G.V.Chan., as the Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and the Channel Islands. The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that the Provincial Grand Summus designate was in attendance and requests to be admitted so that he may be installed.

The Installing Officer directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and introduce the Provincial Grand Summus designate. The Provincial Grand Summus designate-and his escort entered in procession.



The Installing Officer addressed the Provincial Grand Summus designate and then directed the Assistant Grand Recorder to read the Patent of Appointment.

After a prayer the Provincial Grand Summus designate was obligated, invested and installed as Provincial Grand Summus. He was proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.







After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been completed the Provincial Grand Summus appointed and invested the Officers of Provincial Grand Senatus for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. He welcomed the many honoured guests and heads of orders thanking them for their support. He said that his aim was to unite all four islands with an ever-increasing bond of fraternity. He congratulated everyone he appointed that day, as well as those who will receive Grand Rank at the meeting of Grand Senatus on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

He closed by thanking the Director of Ceremonies and the Recorder and their teams for all the work they had put in to make the day such a success, as well as everyone for attending today.



Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus and the Provincial Officers of the year, and honoured guests, retired from Provincial Grand Senatus.

After a most enjoyable morning we all made our way home to our Provinces wishing the Province of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and the Channel Islands every success in the future.

