

A Message from our Provincial Grand Recorder

Greetings Companions and welcome to the fifth edition of the Surrey Cord. I hope you have found this newsletter an interesting distraction during the suspension of Masonic activity.

Remember that this is your newsletter so please feel free to send me any items you think worthy of inclusion.

At the end of June we held our Warlingham Consistory meeting where R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, our Past Provincial Grand Summus, installed me as President. It was a very special meeting for me as I have known Mik for many years; and last year he installed me as Supreme Ruler in Warlingham Conclave.

We were all looking forward to the first Annual Provincial Meeting in July, but the changes to the Government road map meant that this has had to be put back to **Wednesday the 18th August** at 11.15 a.m. Preparations are well underway to ensure a most enjoyable morning which, for many of us, will make a welcome relief from Zoom.

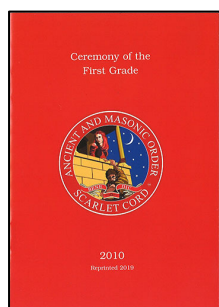
Having said that, I have been impressed with our ability to accept and adapt to change. An example of this is the use of the Zoom video conferencing tool which has been put to good use by the Orders administered by Mark Masons Hall.



The first Virtual Business Meeting of a Consistory in Surrey was held by Warlingham Consistory in September last year. Not only were we able to conduct administrative business virtually but, more importantly, it enabled us to keep in touch during the suspension of Masonic activity.

Of course, the first Virtual Business Meeting of any Order under MMH guidelines was our Annual Meeting in July 2020.

This was attended by over 170 Companions from across the world and set the bar for others to follow. Thanks again to my old friend Tim Ford for running things behind the scenes, ensuring we had a most successful meeting.



We are all looking forward to getting back to some form of normality as the country opens up. I have shown a list of scheduled meeting dates in case anyone feels like visiting.

I know a number of Consistories have Candidates in the wings so we had better dust off our ritual books to give them the best ceremony we can.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when our Consistories resume their activities.

But may I remind everyone that there is no pressure on any individual member to return to physical meetings before they feel ready.

Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Recorder.



Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus

We are looking forward to the **Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus** which has been **rescheduled** for **Wednesday 18th August 2021** at **Surbiton Masonic Hall** commencing at **11.15 a.m.** followed by lunch.

Our Provincial Grand Summus is looking forward to investing his Officers, something he has been unable to do since he took office back in July 2020. **Companions, it is easy to book in. Just send me an email and I will reserve you a place, and book you in to dine if you wish.** The lunch is very good value at £30.00 including wine; and I thank Robbie Dobbie for all his assistance.

Details of the Annual Meeting along with a booking form are available on the Provincial web site



Scarlet Cord 4th and 5th Grades

We are delighted to announce that a number of Surrey Companions will be receiving their 4th and 5th Grades this year.

4th Grade

Colin M Beerling
Ian N Clark
Paul D Fitzgerald
John V C French
Leonard H Hillier

5th Grade

Leonard G Hayward
Ian A Parsons



All 4th Grades will be undertaken on the 1st September 2021 in two sessions. The 5th Grades will be undertaken on the 3rd September 2021 and 2nd December 2021.

The Grades are dependent on the recipients attending Mark Masons Hall on 1st September 2021 or any other such future dates. Distinguished Companion Robert Shepherd of Guildford Consistory No. 53 T.I. was also offered 4th Grade but, due to his longstanding illness which has considerably limited his mobility, he felt unable to make the journey to London and back and therefore sadly he has had to decline the offer.

Future Consistory Meetings

15 July am	Surrey No 4 TI	Surbiton
<i>Installation</i>		
18 August am	Provincial Meeting	Surbiton
16 September	Hill of Zion No 52 TI	Croydon
<i>Installation</i>		
28 October	Guildford No 53 TI	Guildford
<i>Installation</i>		
28 October	Provincial Meeting	Guildford
<i>Preparation Ceremony</i>		
30 November	Warlingham No 134	Nutfield
<i>First Degree - Induction</i>		

A Special Day for Warlingham Consistory

The first face to face meeting of a Scarlet Cord Consistory in Surrey after the lifting of the suspension of Masonic activity took place on Tuesday the 29th June at Nutfield Masonic Centre, Redhill. Although the current Covid-19 restrictions limited us to 27 in the Temple we had a good turnout to see R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes install Em.Comp. Chris Eley, our Provincial Grand Recorder, as President.



This was the first full meeting of the Consistory since its Consecration in October 2019 by the Grand Summus and his team. It was therefore very special that the Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, and R.Dist.Comp. Trevor D Currans, both Honorary Members, were able to be with us.

It was also the first opportunity for our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long to attend a Scarlet Cord face to face meeting since his investiture in July 2020. Also present were two Past Provincial Grand Summi, R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes, President of the Consistory, and R.Dist.Comp. Louis Keats who travelled all the way down from Darlington to be with us.



Attending the meeting were six Heads of Orders in Surrey. This was the first time they had met up together in over a year and the first time that R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long our Provincial Grand Summus and R.Wy. Bro. Colin Beerling, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor, had been together since their investitures.

The Consistory was opened by the President, R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus, and the Dispensation to hold the meeting was read by the Recorder, Comp. Alastair Richardson. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to the Grand Summus. The Grand Summus was saluted with 11 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.



The main item on the agenda was to Install Em.Comp. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Recorder, as President. This was done in a very sincere manner by R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes.

Em.Comp. Simon McCarthy was invested as Primus of Lectorus and Em.Comp. Bob Tuthill was Invested as Primus of Ostiarii. The Address to the President was given by R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long in an excellent manner.

After the appointment and investiture of the remaining officers and the regular business of the Consistory had been completed the Consistory was closed and everyone went outside for a socially distanced photograph.

The Consistory meeting was followed by a meeting of Warlingham Conclave where the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Chris Eley, Inducted a Candidate into the 1st Grade of the Order with the assistance of R.Wy.Bros. Colin Beerling and Michael Barnes.

