



## Address by the Provincial Grand Summus to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus

Well Companions of Surrey, we finally made it. There have been many worrying occasions when I thought this meeting would never actually take place other than as a Virtual Business Meeting and although we are a little short on numbers it's great to be back with face-to-face Freemasonry after two years since our last active Senatus.



My first job is to welcome everyone here this morning and thank you all for attending, especially our Most Distinguished Grand Summus, making it such a special occasion for me.

I must congratulate those Companions who have received First Appointments or Promotion in Provincial Grand Senatus today. It has been an absolute pleasure to invest those present whilst I hope to invest those unable to be here today on my visits round the Province.

I must also congratulate those to be honoured with Grand Rank in Grand Senatus on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021; and those chosen to receive 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, details of which are on our website. All these honours are extremely well deserved, so wear your regalia with pride and I expect you to continue to give your full support to our wonderful Order

It is no secret that I am keen to promote greater visiting between Consistories and to this end I shall be making Official Visits to all four Consistories within my second year having been unable to do so last year, and inviting all my Active Officers and any other Companions to accompany me.

As most of the Consistories do not operate ceremony rehearsals, I honestly believe that such visits could do nothing but help in improving the standard of ceremonies throughout the Province.

I must now thank two Companions who have contributed greatly to the success of today's meeting. Firstly, our Recorder Distinguished Companion Chris Eley. In my address last year, I described his work rate as truly phenomenal, and nothing has changed. Apart from his usual duties, Distinguished Comp Chris was the instigator of the Surrey Cord which we have now issued over the last 6 months so that we could keep in touch with our members during lockdown, and I hope you have enjoyed its content.

I am so delighted that our Director of Ceremonies, Distinguished Companion Ian Parsons, is also with us today. You may not be aware, but he has health problems for which he is receiving ongoing treatment, and if that wasn't enough he is in the process of moving to Yorkshire. Thank you, Ian, for your support today, and I hope both your problems have happy endings. I shall be there to congratulate you when you receive 5<sup>th</sup> Grade later in the year

At our last Annual Senatus, held as a Virtual Business Meeting, in my Address I stressed the importance of increasing the number of members in our Province. As a means of doing so it was my intention to visit all OSM Conclaves when our Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was making an Official Visit, but sadly due to Covid19 only one visit was possible.

However, at that meeting I was able to announce that Distinguished Companion Len Hillier had accepted my offer to take on the unofficial post of Scarlet Cord Representative for the Province, and to prove his capabilities in the job he signed up two Candidates. Distinguished Companion Len always has plenty of forms available and is more than willing to help if any member has a potential Candidate interested.

I cannot stress the amount of help our Right Worthy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler has given us over the past twelve months to increase our membership and for that I am extremely grateful. Hopefully, in our working partnership we can come up with other ideas which could be to the benefit of both our Orders

Companions, I am sure that with your support we can progress this Province from strength to strength. Finally, I wish you all well for the future and look forward to visiting your Consistories, enjoying your company again and, in particular, working together to further develop our Order

May the God of our Fathers have you all and your loved ones in his Holy Keeping now, and evermore.

R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long  
**Provincial Grand Summus**





# The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This was not only the first meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus since our Provincial Grand Summus was appointed at a Virtual Business Meeting in July 2020, but it was also the first meeting of a Provincial Grand Senatus since the resumption of Masonic activity.

The Companions started to arrive around 9 am, signed in and made their way to the upstairs dining room. Coffee and bacon butties were gratefully received, and faithfully applied. Joining us at the meeting was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, who was here to confirm our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, as Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of Surrey; along with members of the Grand Tzaddikim.

The visiting Right Distinguished Companions entered the Temple in Procession followed by our two Past Provincial Grand Summi, Right Distinguished Companions Michael F Barnes and Louis M Keats. The Companions were then called to Order to receive the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year. Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp Ian Parsons. The other Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies



The Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.Dist.Comp. Phillip Purves was admitted and advised the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus that the Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans was outside the door of Provincial Grand Senatus. The Grand Summus entered in procession led by the Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Grand Standard Bearer. Most Distinguished Companion, Ian S Currans, Grand Summus, was received, welcomed by the Provincial Grand Summus, and took the Chair. He was then saluted with eleven under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.Dist.Comp. Phillip Purves.

The Grand Summus said that 13 months ago in July 2020 he attended such a marvellous Virtual Business Meeting with over 170 Companions attending from all over the world from far away places

such as India and the Caribbean. At the meeting he installed our Provincial Grand Summus in a formal way, albeit on Zoom. The Patent was read and the Grand Summus installed R.Dist. Comp. Arnold but couldn't on Zoom invest him with his Chain. He therefore had the greatest of pleasure in investing our Provincial Grand Summus with his Chain of Office and installing him into the Chair of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey.

The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the many honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions. He then welcomed Companions who had been admitted to the Order since the last Annual Meeting. Companions Alan, Dejean and Jeff were presented to the Provincial Grand Summus who warmly welcomed them into the Order, and the Province.

The Provincial Grand Summus reappointed Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and Dist. Comp. Chris Hatton as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. A total of 24 appointments and promotions to Provincial Grand Rank.



Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by our Honoured Guests.

After a few drinks in the bar the Companions of the Province of Surrey and their guests enjoyed an excellent and convivial Festive Board in the Elizabethan Suite. In the reply to his toast the Provincial Grand Summus thanked the Grand Summus for attending to make this a very special day for the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey, and had much pleasure in presenting him with book and a bottle of his favourite tippie.



The Provincial Grand Summus was pleased to appoint the Captain, Deputy Captain and Members of the Tzaddikim. He then inspected his personal Tzaddikim, after which he addressed Provincial Grand Senatus.

The Grand Summus then retired in procession with his Grand Officers and members of the Grand Tzaddikim.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Provincial

