



## **Report of the Provincial Grand Recorder**

### **2022 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey**



#### **Greetings Companions.**

I'm pleased that since our last Annual Meeting things are slowly getting back to normal with Consistory meetings and visits to other Provinces.

Our Annual Meeting in August 2021 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.

Joining us at the meeting was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, who was there to confirm our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, as Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of Surrey. He 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.

In October we had a real family affair when the son of our Grand Summus was installed as President of the Hill of Zion Consistory by Dist.Comp. Tamba John, assisted by his Director of Ceremonies, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans, and his Assistant Director of Ceremonies, R.Dist.Comp. Trevor Currans.

Also in October, a Preparation Ceremony was held at Guildford Consistory for four Companions of the Third Grade. This was immediately followed by the Installation of Barrie Selway as President. Barry having taken his Preparation Ceremony a few minutes earlier.

In November, Warlingham Consistory confirmed the First Grade on four Candidates. This was followed in January with another two Candidates at Hill of Zion Consistory.

We certainly seem to be doing well in attracting Candidates into our Order with a total of thirteen Candidates since our last Annual Meeting. Some of these will be attending the meeting and will be presented to our Provincial Grand Summus, welcomed by him to their first meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus, and presented with a small gift.

We have also been able to attend other Provincial Grand Senatus meetings during the year and have enjoyed their fine hospitality. We look forward to welcoming them to our meeting.

Congratulations to R.Dist.Comp Trevor Currans who was reappointed as President of the Executive Committee, Very Distinguished Companion Ian Smith was reappointed for the third year as Grand Lecturer, Distinguished Companion Ian Clark received a first appointment to Past Grand Sword Bearer, and Distinguished Companion Len Hillier who received a first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer at the meeting of Grand Senatus in May.

The previous day at Mark Masons' Hall Dist.Comp. Alan Hall received his 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the morning and, following a buffet lunch, Dist.Comps. John Norton-Doyle & Harry Smith received their 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Congratulations also to these Companions.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our monthly newsletter, The Surrey Cord. This is your newsletter so please let me know of anything you or your Consistory are doing that is newsworthy and we can share it with others.

We are all looking forward to the next Masonic year where several Executive Visits are planned, including an Emergency Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus in October where the Preparation Ceremony will be conducted for those Companions nearing the Chair of President.

May I wish all of you a successful 2022/23 and I offer my personal congratulations to those receiving Provincial Honours on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July.

***Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Recorder***