



## A Message from our Provincial Grand Summus

Greetings Companions and welcome to the sixth edition of the Surrey Cord.

I am now feeling more optimistic with what has happened recently. There is definitely a small chink of light that we might return to normality in the foreseeable future.

At the time of writing this article Lockdown is no longer and the daily figure showing confirmed cases of Covid19 is on the decline - and long may that continue. So let's keep our fingers crossed.



I have already attended 3 Scarlet Cord Meetings and what a joy it was to be back in the swing of things and what excellent meetings they were. I shall say no more other than if you have not already attended a Scarlet Cord meeting for some considerable time you have the opportunity to join me at the **Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at Surbiton Masonic Hall** starting at 11.15 a.m. Full details of which can be seen on the right hand side of this page. I am sure you will not be disappointed

In my address at our last Annual Meeting, held as a Virtual Business Meeting, 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 the 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 of 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 has plenty of forms available and is happy to talk with any Companion who may have a chance to

lure any other Brother into our wonderful Order

In the meantime, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and I hope to see as many of you as possible at Provincial Grand Senatus on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Right Distinguished Companion Arnold Long  
*Provincial Grand Summus Surrey*

## It's Not Too Late

To attend the **Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus** which will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021** at **Surbiton Masonic Hall** commencing at **11.15 a.m.** followed by lunch.

The Grand Summus will be there with his team to invest our Provincial Grand Summus with his Chain of Office having been previously succeeded to office by Patent without installation.

**Companions, it is easy to book in. Just send an email to [cw.eley@talktalk.net](mailto:cw.eley@talktalk.net) 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.

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



## Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey Annual Meeting

The first Provincial OSM meeting since the ending of the suspension of Masonic activity took place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 at Surbiton.

It was good to see the Temple so full of Surrey members and Provincial guests.



Present at the meeting to see the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, appoint and install his Officers for the first time in two years was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans, and our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.

We are all now looking forward to our Annual Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August when our Provincial Grand Summus will be investing his Officers for the first time.

A full report and photos will be in the next issue of the Surrey Cord, as well as on the web site.





# Two more Candidates for Surrey Consistory

In July 2021 Surrey Consistory No 4 T.I. held their first meeting since the suspension of Masonic activity in early 2020. Present was our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long and our Past Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes,



The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp. Colin Beerling. After the minutes were taken, Bros. Jeffrey Flint of Surbiton Conclave No 299 and James Walker of Warlingham Consistory No 291, were Obligated, Entrusted and Invested as Companions of the Order, First Grade, in an excellent manner by R.Dist.Comp. Michael Barnes, Acting Primus of Ostiarii.

Companions Jeff and James were congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Grand Summus and welcomed into the Consistory by the President.



The next item on the agenda was to Install Em.Comp. David Willmott, Provincial Grand Treasurer, as President. This was done in a very sincere manner by Dist.Comp. Colin Beerling.

After the appointment and investiture of the officers the President invited the Provincial Grand Summus to present a Grand Senatus Certificate to Em.Comp. Bob Hancock.

After the Consistory was closed and the customary photographs taken the Companions of Surrey Consistory and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable lunch in the marquee at the Surbiton Masonic Hall

## The Royal Order of the Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord in the USA

The Royal Order of the Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord is an appendant body originally stemming from the Order of the Secret Monitor, but in America one needs only be a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees. This is an invitational-order which requires Masons to be members of the 2nd grade/degree of the Order of the Secret Monitor known as "Prince." This order is composed of 6-grades:

- Grade 1: Ostiarii or Doorkeeper**
- Grade 2: Lectors or Readers**
- Grade 3: Fellow or Healer & Exorcist**
- Grade 4: Councillor**
- Grade 5: Keeper of the Hidden Secret**
- 6th Grade, one must have received the 5th Grade and have served as an elected Grand Officer within the American AMD.**

The 1st Grade tells the story of Rahab and hiding the Jewish spies from the King of Jericho.

The 2nd Grade tells the story of Ruth, her marriage to Boaz, and her son Obed, the grandfather of David.

The 3rd Grade surrounds the resolve of the Maccabees to retain their faith in the face of tyranny.

The 4th Grade depicts the carrying of the Ark of the Covenant over the River Jordan and its entrance into Jericho.

The 5th Grade surrounds Nebuchadnezzar attack on Jerusalem and accounts for the disappearance of the Ark of the Covenant.

The 6th Grade is centred on the Maccabees fight for independence around 150 BC.

Every member wears a scarlet cord, but the fashion in which it is worn may change depending on what grade you hold.

