

Preparation Ceremony for the Installation of President

On Thursday 28th October 2021 at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Guildford, an Emergency Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held to conduct the Preparation Ceremony for the office of President for four Companions of the Third Grade. The Ceremony was conducted by our Provincial Grand Summus, assisted by his Provincial Officers.



Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in the First Grade of the Order by the Provincial Grand Summus, who welcomed everyone to Guildford and thanked them for attending to support the Province.

The Consistory was then adjourned in the First Grade and the Provincial Grand Summus gave a short preamble as to why an Emergency meeting and its purpose, and briefly welcomed the guests

The Consistory was opened in the Third Grade and the Companion Director of Ceremonies, presented the candidates; Companions Graham Rawlinson of Surrey Consistory No 4 TI; Jim Smith and Alastair Richardson of Hill of Zion Consistory No 52 TI; and Barrie Selway of Guildford Consistory No 53.



The Provincial Grand Summus and his officers then proceeded to put the questions to the Candidates.

The Provincial Grand Summus designated the Candidates as Eminent Companions saying that the patent which they will receive will be signed by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus and qualify them to be installed as a President of a Consistory.



The Consistory was closed in the Third Grade and resumed in the First Grade of the Order.

The Provincial Grand Summus then closed Provincial Grand Senatus in due form.

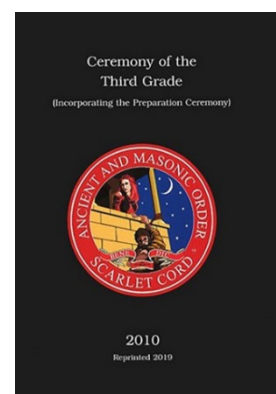
After a short break for tea a

meeting of Guildford Consistory No 53 was held. This was the first Executive Visit by our Provincial Grand Summus in the current Masonic Year.

At the meeting Em.Comp. Barrie Selway was installed as President by Dist.Comp. John Coleman, ably assisted by R.Dist. Comp. Michael Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus.

Em.Comp. Barrie had only taken his Preparation Ceremony less than one hour before he was installed as President – is this a record?

Many thanks to the team at Mark Masons Hall for making this possible and issuing Barry with his Certificate in advance of his Ceremony.



Visits to other Provinces

The Province of Essex



On Saturday 25th September a delegation from Surrey attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Essex held at Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea. We received a very warm welcome from R.Dist.Comp. Ray Clare, Provincial Grand Summus, and the Essex Companions. Present at the meeting was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans

The Companions were 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 Most Distinguished Companion, Ian S Currans, Grand Summus, was received and welcomed by the Provincial Grand Summus.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Summus reappointed Dist.Comp. Christopher Derek Sampson, **P.A.G.D.C.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and V.Dist. Comp. Robin Fagence, **P.G.Her.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. A total of 30 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were made.

The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he said that it had been a hard struggle, which is not over yet. He thanked every member of the Province for their support over the past 18 months saying how glad he was to be able to hold a face-to-face meeting rather than a Virtual Business Meeting.

After a few drinks in the bar the Companions of the Province of Essex and their guests retired to an adjoining room to partake in a Southend Sea Food Stall before going into the dining room at Saxon Hall for a splendid lunch of Haggis, Neeps & Tatties with a tot of Whisky where the traditional Toast to the Haggis was given.



The Province of The Chilterns

On Friday 29th October a delegation from Surrey attended the Installation Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of The Chilterns held at Ashwell House, St Albans. We received a very warm welcome from Dist.Comp. Dr Silverio L Ostrowski, Provincial Grand Summus Designate, and Companions of The Chilterns. Present at the meeting to install the new Provincial Grand Summus was our Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, seen here with his Assisting Officers and the Provincial Grand Summus designate.

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus, was received, welcomed by the Presiding Officer and took the Chair. The Installing Officer addressed the Companions and directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that the Provincial Grand Summus designate was in attendance.

An escort was formed, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies introduced the Provincial Grand Summus designate in due form. The Installing Officer addressed the Provincial Grand Summus designate and requested the Grand Recorder to read the Patent of Appointment.

Dist.Comp. Dr Silverio L Ostrowski was obligated, invested, and installed as the Provincial Grand Summus of The Chilterns, and was Proclaimed and Saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by Right Distinguished Companions, and Honoured Guests.

After a few drinks in the bar the Companions of the Province of The Chilterns and their guests sat down to a splendid lunch in the dining room of Ashwell House.

