



Congratulations

We are delighted to learn that the Grand Master has invited V.W. Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, our District Grand Prefect, to be Ian Clark's successor.

He will be Installed as the eighteenth Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey at Croydon District Masonic Hall on the morning of the 18th of March 2023.

We wish John every success in his new role and can assure him of our fullest support as he leads the Mark Province of Surrey forward.



An Orders beyond the Craft evening in Surrey



A very interesting and informative workshop entitled 'Orders beyond the Craft' was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall on the 30th of November 2022.

Many of the Orders beyond the Craft had their stands in the main dining room, where the representatives of each Order were available to answer questions. It was good to see Alan manning the Allied Masonic Degrees stand.

We then went up to the main Temple where Chris Hatton introduced the evening, which was arranged to give everyone a brief insight into the ceremonies and regalia of many well-known Orders, as well as some lesser-known Orders in Freemasonry.

Behind the scenes Simon Polkinghorne was busy getting all the regalia ready for the next team to go into out the Temple.

In conclusion Chris thanked Simon for all his hard work putting the evening together, the team of 'models' Dave Harrison, Alan Hall, Ken Macintosh, Steve Rush, and Chris Eley; and especially Shelley and her staff for the wonderful support and encouragement they had provided.

Here we see Steve wearing a Provincial collar, Alan wearing a Grand Rank collar and one of the aprons that used to be worn, and Chris brought along his American AMD Royal Ark Mariner sash.



Godalming Council

On the 9th of January our District Grand Master visited Godalming Council No 185 at the Masonic Hall in Godalming. He was accompanied by several District Grand Officers and an enjoyable time was had by all.



Bro. Hugh Johnson was installed in the Chair of Godalming Council in a very personal way by W.Bro. Ray Seeley. W.Bro. Hugh was then congratulated by the District Grand Master.

The Council was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ray Seeley, District Grand Treasurer.

The District Grand Master entered in procession, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, and accepted the gavel. He said how pleased he was to visit Godalming Council again, introduced the District Grand Officers, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Master had work to do.



After the regular business of the Council had been concluded the Council was closed and photos taken, the Brethren of Godalming Council and their guests sat down to a very convivial meal together at the Godalming Masonic Hall.

AMD Carvery Lunch



Members of AMD64 enjoyed the “Roast Beef of Olde England” at the Toby Carvery, Ewell.

Not only was a fine meal enjoyed by Mike Neville, Norman Jones, Alan “Zimmo” Zimon, Richard Pelc, and Kev Morrell, but the brethren also found time to plan an event to celebrate the King’s Coronation. The beer flowed and a good time was had by all!

No publicity is bad publicity - or so the saying goes! Here is Mike Neville of AMD64, a regular guest on Talk TV.

On the 16th of January, Mike, a retired Scotland Yard DCI appeared with host Mike Graham to discuss the problem of violent crime across the country, particularly shooting.

Mike proudly wore his AMD tie.



Don’t forget to take your AMD napkin along when you attend a Mark Festive Board. There is no better way to promote our Order.



Here are nine AMD Brethren at a recent meeting of Lingfield Mark Lodge, all sporting their AMD napkins.

A Good 'Knight' at Surrey Council No. 64



There was another friendly and fun meeting in the District's fastest growing Council with Surrey No. 64 holding their last meeting of 2022 at Croydon on 19th December. They were supported by the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill.

Four members became Knights of Constantinople, with the ceremony delivered by W.Bro. Mike Neville, who also gave a short presentation regarding the historical setting of the degree and its possible American origin.

The Council also voted to donate £100 to a mental health charity.

At the Festive Board, the Master, W.Bro. Norman Jones, encouraged the brethren to continue recruiting new members.



The next meeting will be held on the 20th of February 2023, with two ceremonies the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, and Grand High Priest.

If you wish to attend, contact the secretary via mrmikeneville@aol.com

