



Surrey Council Knocks the Socks Off



At their December meeting Surrey Council No 64 had a great time performing a Grand Tilers of Solomon degree in front of our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French.

But W.Bro. Norman Jones had a surprise in store - he had found some green Allied Degrees socks - to mount an awareness campaign like the Chapter red socks idea.

Norman presented several of the brethren, including the DGP, with their new hosiery - standby for more greenery at our meetings!





W.Bro. Mike Neville acted as King Solomon in the Grand Tilers ceremony with Bro. Kevin Morrell as the representative candidate, who was well and truly grabbed on his entry.

Once again AMD64 had a fun and friendly meeting. Importantly, the Council proposed to move their Installation meeting to 10th July - the exact date of their consecration in 1964.

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!

Brother Glyn Harvey

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden passing of Companion Glyn Harvey on the 30th of December 2023. As most of you may be aware, Glyn had been unwell for some time, but his sudden passing was shock to many of us.

Glyn, whose occupation was a Professional Classical Musician, was initiated into the Royal Dental Hospital Lodge No. 7099, London, in November 1983. He was a member of nine Craft Lodges and achieved the ranks of SLGR, and PProvGSuptWks (Surrey).

He was Exalted into Sterndale Bennet Chapter No 2182, London, in June 1986 and held the ranks of PPGSoj (West Kent), and PProvDepGSwdB (Surrey). Glyn was also a member of ten of the Companions Orders under Mark Masons Hall, as well as the Ancient and Accepted Rite, where he used to play the organ at their church services. He was Admitted into Kyngstun Council in May 2006, was a Founder of Surrey Hills Council in 2007, and Joined Surrey Council in 2011.

Glyn was also the Provincial/District Grand Organist in several of the Companion Orders including the Provincial Pories of



Kent and Surrey, as well as the District of Surrey in the Royal and Select Masters. He was also Deputy Great Organist in Great Pory from 2012 to 2015.

But for most of us he will be remembered for conducting the Provincial Choir at the Annual Services of Thanksgiving held at Guildford Cathedral, and the Royal Arch Christmas Carol Services held at Woodham and Beddington.

Who can forget Glyn leading us through his own rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas. One of the highlights of the year.

A Busy Afternoon for Godalming Council



Last January, our District Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Ray Seeley Installed W.Bro. Hugh Johnstone into the Chair of Godalming Council.

After Hugh's untimely death in April, Ray again found himself in the Chair on Monday the 8th of January, to open the Council and welcome the District Grand Prefect, R.W. Bro. John French; his Deputy, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill; and nine other District Officers of the year.

The District Grand Prefect took the Chair and introduced the Officers accompanying him. After dealing with the minutes, he returned the gavel to the acting Worshipful Master.



A ballot proving in his favour, Bro. Colin Clark was Introduced, Received and Admitted as a Brother of St Lawrence by W.Bro. Graham Rawlinson, who also gave the Lecture.



Having resumed the chair, and using the shortened form of the ritual, W.Bro. Ray Seeley then Installed W.Bro. Graham Rawlinson, Master Elect, into the chair of St Lawrence the Martyr. The WM appointed and invested the officers, and after closing the Lodge, the customary photographs were taken.

The brethren retired to a very fine Festive Board where the usual Loyal and Allied toasts were taken.





Grand Council Of The Order Of The Allied Masonic Degrees in India



The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees in India was held on Friday the 8th of December at Freemason's Hall, Kolkata. At the meeting W.Bros. Simon Polkinghorne and Graham Hancock were given Honorary Appointments to Grand Directors of Ceremonies.



Next Council Meeting Dates

The next Council meetings are:

On **Wednesday the 7th of February** at Surbiton, Runnymede Council will be conducting the **Grand Tilers of Solomon Ceremony**.

For details contact Eric Trodd eric.trodd@talktalk.net

On **Thursday the 15th of February** at Guildford, Riverside Council will be conducting an **Installation Ceremony**, and will be receiving our District Grand Prefect.

For details contact Alastair Richardson alastair.richardson@gmail.com

On **Monday the 19th of February** at Croydon, Surrey Council will be conducting the **Red Cross of Babylon Ceremony**.

For details contact Mike Neville mrmikeneville@aol.com

On **Tuesday the 2nd of April** at Sutton, Pride of Surrey Council will be conducting the **Grand Tilers of Solomon Ceremony** (provisional).

For details contact Simon Polkinghorne simonpolkinghorne@yahoo.co.uk

