

Provincial Grand Senatus

The Installation of Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as our new Provincial Grand Summus.



At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, Grand Summus, installed Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as the fourth Provincial Grand Summus of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey.



The day before, the Provincial Recorder and the Tooting Boys set up everything in preparation for the meeting.

Early the next day the Companions of the Province of Surrey and their guests started to arrive.



Thanks to Robbie Dobbie and his team, coffee, tea and bacon butties were gratefully received and faithfully applied.





At the same time, rehearsals were taking place in the George Cowan Temple under the direction of the Grand Director Ceremonies.





It was good to see so many guests from other Provinces at the meeting to support the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey





At 10.55 R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, **G.Reg.Vic.**, Past Provincial Grand Summus, the Presiding Officer, entered the Temple escorted by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Ian Bloodworth and opened Provincial Grand Senatus.

The Presiding Officer was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The other Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and R.Dist.Comp. Stephen White, Provincial Grand Summus for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wiltshire, responded.

Provincial Grand Senatus then received the Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Stanley Currans, Installing Officer, who entered in procession with his Officers. After the Installing Officer had appointed his Officers, he was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.



The Installing Officer addressed the Companions and directed the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Consistories in the Province. He then directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that the Provincial Grand Summus designate, Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, was in attendance. The Grand Director of Ceremonies formed an escort and introduced the Provincial Grand Summus designate. The Installing Officer addressed the Provincial Grand Summus designate and requested the Grand Recorder to read the Patent of Appointment. The Grand Episcopus offered a prayer and then Provincial Grand Summus designate was obligated, invested and installed as the Provincial Grand Summus of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey. The Provincial Grand Summus was proclaimed and saluted.





The Provincial Grand Summus addressed the Installing Officer and his team thanking them for making this such a special day for the Companions of Surrey. The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers then retired in procession.

The Provincial Grand Summus thanked all our Honoured Guests and invited them to retire for refreshments under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies while the regular business of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was completed.



The Provincial Grand Summus announced the appointment of Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy, as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

Dist.Comp. Chris and Dist.Comp. Simon were obligated, invested and installed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus and Assistant Provincial Grand Summus of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey. They were then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.



Provincial Grand Senatus was closed, and we retired for refreshments with our many guests. Suitably refreshed, the Companions of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey sat down to a most convivial luncheon with their many guests, some who had travelled some distance to be with us that day.





In proposing the Toast to our Grand Summus the Provincial Grand Summus once again thanked everyone for supporting the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey, and had pleasure in presenting tokens of his appreciation to the Grand Summus and his Executive for their attendance and support that day.

Surrey Consistory Installation Meeting

The Installation meeting of the Surrey Consistory No 4TI was held in the morning of the 18th of July prior to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey Annual Meeting.



The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th of February 2024 were approved and signed.

The main item on the agenda was to install Em.Comp. Mark Peter Donovan as President. This was done by R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes in an exemplary manner. R.Dist. Comp. Mik Barnes gave the Address to the President. The Officers for 2024-25 were then appointed and invested.

The President, R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, **Grand Regent Vicarius**, Past Provincial Grand Summus, welcomed all the Companions, displayed the Warrant and opened the Consistory in the First Grade of the Order in due form at 9.00 am.



Congratulations to the Companions honoured with Grand Rank at the meeting of Grand Senatus in May.

R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes – Grand Regent Vicarius

Dist Comp. Chris Eley – first appointment to Past Grand Sword Bearer

Dist Comp. Ian Bloodworth – first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer

Dist Comp. Alan Brockwell – promotion to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies



Application forms for membership have been received from W.Bro. Jeffrey Sykes and Bro. Simon Triptree of Pride of Surrey Conclave.

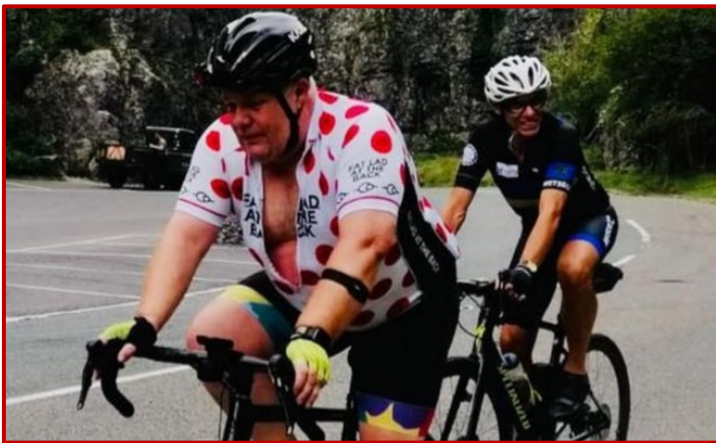


After the Officers had been appointed and invested, the Consistory was closed, and we went downstairs to have coffee and prepare for the meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus to follow.

Scarlet Cord Charity Bike Ride

On Saturday the 10th of August, our Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Simon McCarthy and R.Dist.Comp. Phil Clare the Provincial Grand Summus for Kent will be combining forces to cycle from MMH to the most easterly part of Kent to raise money for Cancer Research.

This epic journey will be around 100 miles (*depending if they get lost*). Both are not what you would call natural athletes, weighing in at over 40 stones between them, Phil has had both his knees replaced & Simon is a cancer survivor. However above all both have a love of cycling, which is where their friendship outside of Masonry continues.



R.Dist.Comp. Phil explains *"it's fair to say I'm a cycling nut, that's doing it, watching it, fettling with my bikes or generally talking about it! Cancer is something that will or has affected most of our lives.*

My Mother had breast cancer and fortunately managed to beat it, however she finally passed away last month just a few weeks off her 89th birthday, so I wanted to do something in her memory.

My good friend Simon is a cancer survivor, we were chatting and our Craft Metropolitan Inspector recently lost his mother to it. We were saying how cancer needs to be beaten and looked at each other. It was like a lightbulb appeared above our heads, so we decided to do try & raise some funds for Cancer Research.

We will leave Mark Masons Hall about 7am, cycle to Freemasons Hall, cross to the correct side of the Thames and cycle down through the Garden of England to Broadstairs. It's a distance of around 100 miles. It will be hard & we will both suffer, but this pales into insignificance to people undergoing cancer treatment. Lets hope the weather is kind to us & we have a tail wind all the way".

Our just giving link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/philip-clare-1717533384341>

The route: <https://www.komoot.com/tour/1657279361>

