



The Consecration of Suthrige Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew

The Consecration of Suthrige Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No. 23 in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales was held at the Nutfield Centre, Redhill, Surrey on Wednesday the 27th of May 2026.

The Consecrating Officer was the Most Eminent & Reverend Knight Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, G.C.H.C., Grand Master; the Installing Officer was R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.C.H.C., Regional Grand Prefect; and the acting Grand Mareschal was R.Revd.Kt. Paul R Clement, G.C.H.C., Grand Prior and Deputy Grand Master.



It was a lovely sunny day at Nutfield, so many of the Petitioners and guests took the opportunity of going out of the terrace where there were lovely views over the North Downs.





The Brethren were assembled in the Temple at 10.45 a.m. and the Grand Master entered in procession and appointed his Assisting Officers. The Grand Master opened a Lodge of Scottish Masters of St. Andrew and the Opening Hymn, 'Fight the good fight' was sung.

The Grand Master was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Acting Grand Mareschal, addressed the Brethren on the object of the meeting, and called upon the Grand Prelate for prayer. Then followed an Oration on the nature and principles of the Order.

The petitioners were arranged in order in the west and the Charter was read. After the Grand Master had enquired of the Petitioners if they approve of the Worshipful Deputy Master and Wardens named in the Charter the Petitioners signified their approval with the Degree sign.

The Grand Master carried the Elements of Consecration four times round the Lodge, halting in the East after each perambulation. On the First Circuit the Grand Master scattered corn - the emblem of fertility and abundance; on the Second Circuit the Grand Master poured wine - the emblem of joy and cheerfulness; on the Third Circuit the Grand Master sprinkled oil - the emblem of peace and harmony; and on the Fourth Circuit the Grand Master strew salt which symbolises the purity of our intentions and the Brotherly love that unites us.

The Consecrating Officer then Dedicated and Consecrated the Lodge following which the Grand Master invited the Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.C.H.C., to be the Installing Officer.





The Worshipful Deputy Master, Revd.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, K.B.H.C., A.G.Mar., was presented and installed as the Primus Worshipful Deputy Master of the Lodge. The Worshipful Deputy Master was entrusted with the Charter and saluted.

The Worshipful Deputy Master appointed and invested the first Officers of the Lodge, the Lodge By-Laws were approved, and the Grand Master and his Assisting Officers were elected as Honorary Members.

After thanking the members of Suthrige Lodge for the honour conferred the Grand Master, accompanied by his Assisting Officers, retired in procession and, after other general Lodge business was completed, the Lodge was closed.

We then retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable lunch together at the Nutfield Masonic Hall





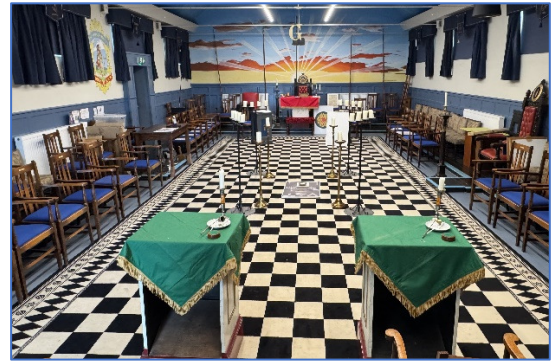
It was a very successful and most enjoyable day.....



Another Two Candidates for Cantwara Invicta Lodge of Scottish Masters



On Monday the 1st of June, at Wrotham, Kent, Cantwara Invicta Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew No 15 received another two candidates into the Fourth Degree of the Order; E.Kt. Scott Dunn, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent in the Order of the Secret Monitor; and Kt. Mark Eyles-Thomas, the Inspector General of West Kent, in the Order of the Antient and Accepted Rite.



On arrival, we had the opportunity to catch up with old friends over tea and coffee before making our way upstairs to the most impressive Temple.

My good friend David Barden and I are currently Worshipful Deputy Masters in our Lodges.



Our Regional Grand Prefect, R.Revd.Kt. David Jordan, K.C.H.C., opened the Lodge and welcomed the visiting dignitaries, which included R.Revd.Kt. Kessick J Jones, K.C.H.C., Pres.G.M.C., the Primus Master.

Revd.Kt. Colin Smith was installed as the Worshipful Deputy Master of Cantwara Invicta Lodge of Scottish Masters by our Regional Grand Prefect following which he appointed and invested his Officers.

A ballot was taken for two Candidates to be received into the Fourth Degree, E.Kt. Scott Dunn, and Kt. Mark Eyles-Thomas. This proved in their favour and E.Kt. Scott and Kt. Mark were received as Scottish Masters, and Scottish Masters of St Andrew in exemplary fashion.





Brothers Scott and Mark were congratulated by our Regional Grand Prefect who wished them an enjoyable time in our Order.



He then had much pleasure in presenting 4th Degree Certificates to Bro. Edward Lines and Bro. Mark Woolcott; and a 6th Degree certificate to Revd.Kt. Pieter Swinge, in his usual informative manner.

After closing, and photos taken, all descended to partake of a beverage and lunch.



The Anglo Saxon Prefecture web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/introduction-knights-beneficent-of-the-holy-city>

