



A busy Scarlet Cord day in Surrey



Thursday the 17th of July 2025 was a busy day for the Scarlet Cord Companions of Surrey. The day started with the Installation meeting of Surrey Consistory No 4TI where Dist.Comp. Mark Donovan installed Em.Comp. Leslie Grout as President. This was followed by the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey where Dist Comp. Ian Clark was installed as our Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.



The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Deputy, ADC, and the team were busy rehearsing in the Temple while the rest of us were enjoying coffee and bacon butties upstairs. Prior to the meeting our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, made sure he individually welcomed all our guests and Companions of the Province.

By 11.00 the Companions were all gathered in the Temple. They were called to Order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to receive the Provincial Grand Summi and other R Dist Companions. The next procession was the Past Provincial Grand Summi of the Province of Surrey, R.Dist.Comp. Michael F Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, and R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long. The Provincial Grand Summus then entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Banner Bearer.

Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The other Right Distinguished Companions were saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and R.Dist.Comp. Stephen N White, Provincial Grand Summus for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wiltshire responded appropriately.

The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the Honoured Guests from other Provinces, as well as the Heads of Surrey Orders and their Executive.

The Provincial Grand Summus thanked Dist.Comp. Chris Eley for his support as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus over the past year and said he had much pleasure in re-appointing him as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus. He was then saluted with five and Dist.Comp. Chris responded accordingly.

The Provincial Grand Summus announced the appointment of Dist.Comp. Ian N Clark as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. Dist.Comp. Ian was obligated, invested and installed as the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey. He was then Proclaimed by the Herald and saluted under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Officers of the year were then appointed and invested.

In his Address, the Provincial Grand Summus greeted all those attending with warmth and a hearty welcome and said how pleased he was to see so many Companions, and guests from other Provinces and Orders attending. He thanked the Companions from other Provinces for their kind hospitality whenever he attended their Provincial meetings. R.Dist.Comp. Nigel ended by thanking all those who worked so hard and contributed to the success of the meeting.











After the R.Dist. Brethren had entered in procession they were followed by our two Past Provincial Grand Summi R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, and R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long.





Provincial Grand Senatus was closed, and we retired for refreshments with our many guests.





We were honoured with the presence of twenty-four guests from other Provinces, including twelve Provincial Grand Summi. R.Dist.Comp. Stephen White from Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Wiltshire; R.Dist.Comp. Ian Sullivan from Somerset and Dorset; R.Dist.Comp. Michael Jacques from Durham and Northumberland; R.Dist.Comp Philip Clare from Kent; R.Dist.Comp. Keith McCully from East Anglia; R.Dist.Comp. Chris Welton from Cheshire and North Wales; R.Dist.Comp. Barry Chalkley from Devon and Cornwall; R.Dist.Comp. Silverio Ostrowski from The Chilterns; R.Dist.Comp Jonathan Wallis from Middlesex; R.Dist.Comp. Dries Van de Burgh from Sussex; R.Dist.Comp. Richard Batchelor from Hampshire, Isle of Wight and The Channel Islands; and R.Dist.Comp. Allun Jones from South Wales & Monmouthshire



Suitable 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 today. In appreciation of this, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley ensured that his good friend Laurie Brooks, Assistant Provincial Grand Summus for Somerset and Dorset, was served with a large bowl of trifle, his favourite, for dessert...



Many thanks to Dist.Comp. Robert Scott for kindly playing the organ for us, his music really enhanced the meeting.



Also, a big thank you to Comp. David Thompson and the Tooting Boys for coming in the previous day to set everything up for the meetings, Dist.Comp. Derek Williamson for manning the welcome desk, and Robbie Dobbie and all the staff at Surbiton Masonic Hall for looking after us so well.

Surrey Consistory 4TI Installation Meeting

The Installation meeting of the Surrey Consistory No 4TI was held in the morning of the 17th of July prior to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey Annual Meeting.



The President, Dist.Comp. Mark Donovan, welcomed all the Companions, especially R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarius, Part Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, Part Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Silverio Ostrowski, Provincial Grand Summus of The Chilterns, and Dist. Comp. Adam Spevack from the Province of London.



The President displayed the Warrant and opened the Consistory in the First Grade of the Order in due form at 9.00 am and the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th of February 2025 were approved and signed.

The main item on the agenda was to install Em.Comp. Leslie Grout as President. This was done by Dist.Comp. Mark Donovan in a very personal way. The Officers for 2025-26 were then appointed and invested.

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

