



A special Consistory meeting in Essex

On Friday the 6th of February I and Dist.Comp. Robert Anderson, were invited by Em.Comp. Mark Sharp of Hill of Zion Consistory to Trinovantes Consistory, his Essex Consistory, where he was being installed as President



After driving up and down Rectory Road in Orsett a few times, and calling Mark to guide me in, I finally arrived at the Masonic Hall. When I got there, I was soon roped in as Guarder for the meeting.



The Provincial Grand Summus of Essex, R.Dist.Comp. Terry Sheern, was making an Official Visit to Trinovantes Consistory, accompanied by the Provincial Tzaddikim and Active Officers, to witness Mark's installation as President of the Consistory.



The evening was packed with surprises and warm Masonic fellowship from start to finish. The first and most welcome surprise for the Consistory was the attendance of the Assistant Grand Summus, Right Distinguished Companion Howard Markham, who prior to the Installation presented two Preparation Certificates, much to the delight of those present.

The Installation was then carried out in fine style by Distinguished Companion John Pike, (Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for

the Order of the Secret Monitor in Essex). This was followed by a further unexpected honour when the Assistant Grand Summus delivered the Address to the President, adding even more distinction to an already memorable ceremony.





Following his installation, the new President appointed an impressive and distinguished team of officers, a true “who’s who” of Essex Freemasonry.



Distinguished Companion Jeffrey Conway, (District Grand Prefect of AMD in Essex), was appointed Treasurer; Distinguished Companion Richard Bowyer, Deputy Grand Prefect and PCW of Essex R.S.M., as Recorder; Distinguished Companion Paul Fell, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler as Registrar; Distinguished Companion Barry Hurst, Provincial Grand Recorder for Essex O.S.M. as ADC; and Distinguished Companion David Atterbury, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, as Director of Ceremonies.



The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and will be remembered as a most fitting and special occasion for Mark and Trinovantes Consistory. And what a way to finish the night off with a fish and chip supper.

Content credit Terry Sheern and Chris Eley





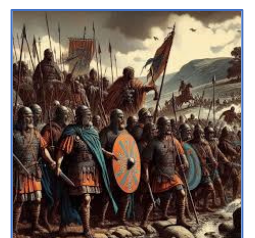
The Trinovantes



The Trinovantes were a powerful Iron Age Celtic tribe located in present-day Essex and Suffolk, north of the Thames estuary.

They were the first British tribe mentioned by Caesar (54 BC), acting as allies against the Catuvellauni.

Their capital was Camulodunum (Colchester), which later became the first Roman colonia. They later joined Boudicca's rebellion in AD 60.



Five Candidates for the Second Grade in Surrey 4TI

It was a busy morning for the Companions of Surrey Consistory No 4TI on Wednesday the 25th of February. Not only did they receive a visit from our Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Ian N Clark, but they had five Candidates for the 2nd Grade.



The Consistory was opened by the President, Dist.Comp, Leslie Grout, who welcomed everyone. R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, our Provincial Grand Summus, and .Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Grand Regent Vicarious, Past Provincial Grand Summus, who kindly acted as Primus of Ostiarii, were saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies., and our Provincial Grand Summus responded.

Following a report, the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by Comp. President, and offered the Chair.

Dist.Comp. Chris Eley gave the In Memoriam to two Companions who had passed away since our last meeting, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, **PProvGS**, who passed away on the 1st of January 2026, and Dist.Comp. Leonard G Hayward, **P.G.Swd.B.**, P.P.G.Chan. who passed away on the 21st of August 2025. A proposal was made by Dist.Comp. Graham Rawlinson to donate £200 to the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Arnold. This was seconded by Dist.Comp. Len Lillier and carried unanimously.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Summus said how pleased he was to be visiting Surrey Consistory, introduced the Provincial Officers present,

took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Consistory had work to do.



After the regular business of the Consistory had been completed, the next item on the agenda was to confer the Second Grade of the Order on Companions Richard Wileman, Nigel Harding, David Harrison, Jeffrey Sykes, and Simon Triptree.



The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by the Primus of Lectores, Em.Comp. Bob Hancock. The Representative Candidate was Companion Richard Wileman.

Em.Comp. Robert R Hancock was elected as President for the ensuing year, and Dist. Comp. David Willmott was elected as Treasurer.

The Consistory was then closed, and the Companions of Surrey Consistory and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.





Official Visits for 2026



The Official Visits for 2026 are scheduled for:

Date	Consistory	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By	
31 March 2026	Tuesday	Warlingham 134	Nutfield	Installation	Chris Eley
17 April 2026	Friday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon	Installation	Ian Clark
14 May 2026	Thursday - am	Guildford 53TI	Guildford		
7 May 2026	Thursday	Grand Senatus	Mark Masons Hall	Annual Meeting	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Installation	
16 July 2026	Thursday - am	Provincial Grand Senatus	Surbiton	Annual Meeting	

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