



The Installation of our District Grand Secretary

Where is the following on display, each letter being a metre tall and seen by millions? “Bid me discourse and I will enchant thine ear.” William Shakespeare.

I find the AMD so interesting in many ways. For one thing there are five different facets to the order and fortunately I have just completed all five of the segments. The Godalming Centre is near my home town of Farnham, easy to park and a bright centre. I went along to make up numbers although there was no real need with 22 attending of which 21 dined - I was however more there to see my good friend Trevor Sadler being installed as the new WM in a confident manner by W Bro Graham Rawlinson.



My journey in AMD adds up to about five meetings, one District meeting and this one, so I'm still quite wet behind the ears. But it is strongly connected to other companion orders.

Yes, I was given a role as ADC, asked to take pics and return the toast to the visitors.

The story of St Lawrence is quite intriguing, and its ritual is very similar to other start-ups when it comes to opening the Lodge. Minutes were presented and signed and the business of the lodge continued. At one point, the Worshipful Master led a discussion and explanation on the decision to present a donation to Mind and the Alzheimer Research, which was met unanimous approval. Genuine events such as this make it feel worthwhile to belong to such a group of very well-meaning individuals.

Prior to the ceremony, I was asked to leave with several others when it came to the Installation but was required to keep an eye on the DC, W.Bro. Ray Seeley, not that he needed much prompting. As is the norm, the District Grand Prefect was in attendance with his retinue of officers and he was welcomed, introducing those who were accompanying him in his usual friendly manner. He did not hold up proceedings and after the minutes returned the gavel to the Worshipful Master. When called back in, I was asked to proceed around the temple, even though a guest, and give the unusual salute as one passes the newly installed Master. All this is commonplace but doing it, makes one feel more involved. I like the wording, and my ear was enchanted by so many phrases. As is the norm, officers able to be present were invested and a few were postponed to the next meeting. The lodge meets but twice a year.



Their next time for gathering is Friday the 18th of July. The Lodge was formally closed and we almost exited only to return for the requested pictures.

The festive board consisted of fish goujons followed by beef with roast potatoes and customary vegetables. It was a satisfying meal and served correctly. Indeed, that element of us meeting was well organised to the extent that, at the arrival, members and guests were offered tea or coffee which I thought was a suitable gesture bearing in mind the rather frosty weather of the time. The atmosphere at this meeting was very relaxed and we all fed well and enjoyed each other's company. Toasts were given and a slight confusion over the fire allowed us to enjoy the meeting even more.

Oh, the opening Shakespearean quote is very visible over the proscenium arch on the stage at the amazing Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. Well worth a visit!!! It is so appropriate, bearing in mind the excellent ritual involved in presenting a Lodge ceremony in all our orders.

Thanks to Michael Fenech

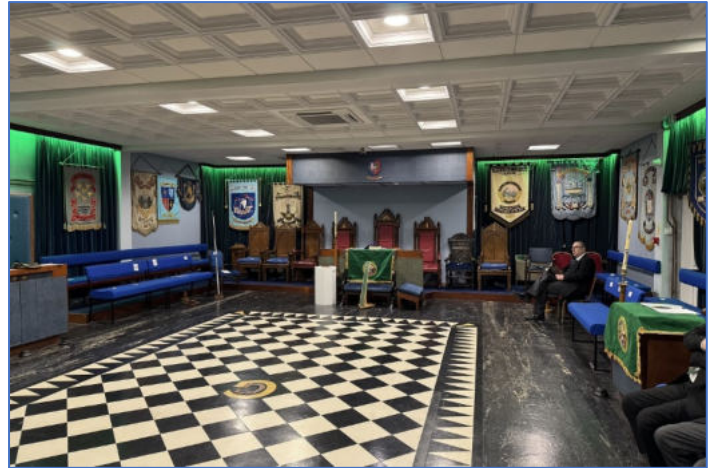


Installation of a new Deputy District Grand Prefect for Sussex



On Saturday the 15th of March, a team from Surrey travelled to the East Brighton Masonic Centre at Peacehaven for the Installation of W.Bro. Ivor M H Bennett, P.G.Swd.B., as the Deputy District Grand Prefect for Sussex in the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees by the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Eugene R (Gene) Earland.

The morning started with coffee and bacon butties in the bar where we had the chance to catch up with friends from Sussex and other Districts.



By 10.45 the Brethren of the District and all visiting brethren were seated in the lovely Temple at Peacehaven. R.W.Bro. Gene Earland, District Grand Prefect, opened District Grand Council and welcomed all the guests and visitors from other Districts; and Heads of other Orders in Sussex.

It was good to see our Deputy District Grand Master, Bob, looking so well.



After the regular business of the Council had been concluded, the District Grand Prefect announced that he had much pleasure in appointing W.Bro. Ivor Bennett, **P.G.Swd.B.**, as Deputy District Grand Prefect of the District of Sussex.



W.Bro. Ivor entered in procession, was obligated, invested and installed by the R.W. District Grand Prefect. He was then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Officers for the year were then appointed or re-appointed.



The District Grand Prefect addressed District Grand Council. He thanked everyone for attending, especially those from other Districts who had travelled far to get here. He thanked them for their hospitality whenever he or his team visited other Districts.

W.Bro. Martin Barker, the Worshipful Master of the Grafton Council No 26, was escorted to the District Grand Prefect. It seems that Grafton Council is the very first Council to receive the Grand Master's 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund Jewel. It was therefore with great pleasure that he invested W.Bro. Martin, with the jewel appertaining to that award reminding him that this Jewel must be passed on to his successors pure and unsullied as he received it.



He congratulated those Brethren he had appointed or re-appointed today wishing them a successful year. He also congratulated those who received Grand Rank honours at the Annual Meeting of the Order held last October; W.Bro Mike Conn who continues in his role as **G.Org.**; W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, appointed as the **G.St.B.**, and promotion being conferred on the now Very Worshipful Brother, Andries van der Burgh as **P.G.Reg.**, wishing that they all enjoy their tenure.

He particularly wished to convey his gratitude to the District Secretary, W.Bro. Tony Padley, who was instrumental in putting together all aspects of the meeting, ably assisted by the Treasurer, John Ellenger, and the DC, Greg Shackleton. This will be Tony's final year in that Office which he will then have faithfully served for 5 years.

In conclusion the District Grand Prefect thanked all the Brethren of Sussex for their support, friendship, and kindness, saying that this is a great personal encouragement, and he feels immensely privileged to be able to serve the District. He ended by wishing all the guests and members a safe and uneventful journey home.

District Grand Council was closed and the District Grand Prefect, the Deputy District Grand Prefect, Right Worshipful Brethren and other honoured guests gathered for photographs.



The District Grand Prefect modelled the new Sussex AMD napkin.....



We then retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the East Brighton Masonic Centre.





In his Toast to the District Grand Master the Deputy District Grand Master showed everyone the First Aid kit he will be taking with him for the care of the District Grand Master while visiting the Councils, or other Districts....



We then all made our way home to our Districts, thanking Gene and his team for a most enjoyable day.

Council Meeting Dates and Ceremonies

No.	Name			Work
128	Pride of Surrey	Tuesday	01/04/2025	StLM, KoC
208	Surrey Hills	Wednesday	16/04/2025	Installation and StLM (DGP visit)
13	Southern Cross	Wednesday	23/04/2025	RCB
102	Kyngstun	Tuesday	13/05/2025	GTS
191	Runnymede	Wednesday	14/05/2025	GTS
235	Farnham	Monday	19/05/2025	Installation
64	Surrey	Monday	02/06/2025	Installation (DGP visit), KoC, StLM (if req)
128	Pride of Surrey	Friday	06/06/2025	Installation (DGP visit)
208	Surrey Hills	Monday	16/06/2025	KoC, GTS

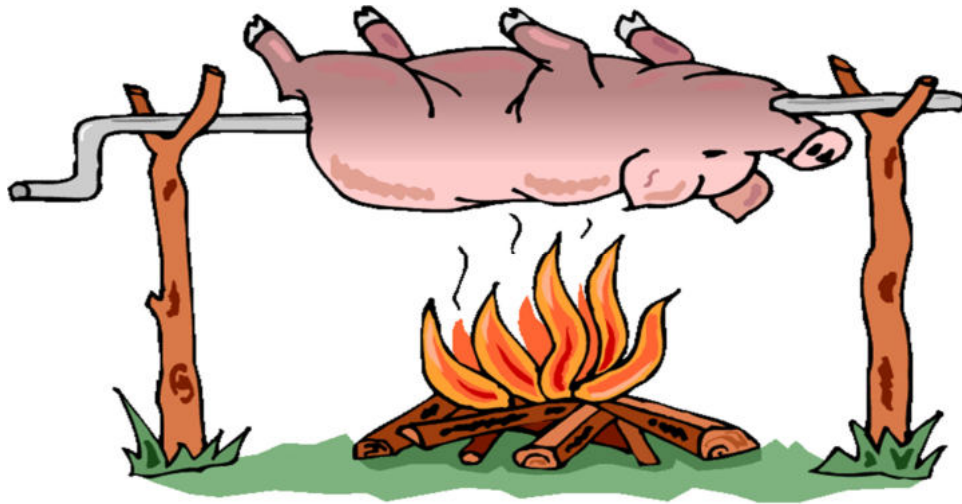




SURREY AMD HOG ROAST



SUNDAY 13th July 2025



South-West Surrey Masonic Centre, Hitherbury Close,
Guildford, GU2 3DR. Tel: 01483 568768

Sunday 13th of July 2025 (Midday for 1pm) Drink on Arrival

HOG ROAST- £25.00

Various Salads - Choice of Sweets – Raffle

Tickets from: Kevin Brennan

26 The Street, Tongham, Farnham, Surrey. GU10 1DH

email: kevinbrennan33@gmail.com T: 01252 658471 or M: 07789 005336

A RAFFLE PRIZE WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

District of Surrey AMD

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A date for your Diary – Next year's Hog Roast will be on the 12th of July 2026

Mark Provincial Quiz Night

Friday 2nd May 2025

7.30pm

Nutfield Masonic Centre

Who has had the most spouses?
Liz Taylor had 7

Micky Rooney has had 8

Zsa Zsa Gabor has had 9

Think it is King Solomon or Mike Neville lol



Your Quiz Master & Host

Mike Neville

MrMikeNeville@aol.com

Including Fish & Chips for £20

Teams of 4-8 & Lodge Sponsorship available for £100





The Surrey Mark Charity Golf Day

Monday 2nd June 2025

**Chobham Golf Club, Chobham Road,
Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2TZ**

Office: 01276 855584

Pro Shop: 01276 855748



To raise funds for The Mark Benevolent Fund

RETURN COMPLETED FORM

By post to:

Nigel Graham: 2 John Ades Close, Ash, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 6EL

By email to: n.graham123@btinternet.com M: 07976 546355

COST: Full Day - £70.00 | Meal Only - £30.00

Cheques made payable to:
Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund

Payment by Transfer: Please use your name as a reference.
Acc Name: Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund
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Surrey Mark Cho Di Do 2025

Double Room
£129

B & B (optional)

£63
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DINNER

Arrival
6.30pm
for 7pm

Carriages
Midnight

Dance Party

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER

Reigate Manor Hotel - Reigate Hill

Dancing: Ricky Zalex (West End Stage Singer) + Alan Lovell (Swinging Blue Jeans)

3 Course Meal • Charity Raffle • Party Surprises

Contact: W.Bro Alan Brockwell - e: brockers01@icloud.com

t: 01737 557997 m: 07868 657276

See website for details - booking form - menu choices