



## Eight Candidates for the Red Cross of Babylon



In April the Brethren of Southern Cross Council No XIII had another busy morning with eight Candidates for the Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon. Present at the meeting was the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, and the Past District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey.



The Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Richard Wileman, who welcomed our District Grand Prefect, Deputy District Grand Prefect, and our Past District Grand Prefect to the meeting, wishing them an enjoyable morning.





After taking the minutes and investing those Officers not able to be present at the installation meeting the Lodge of St Lawrence was then adjourned, and a Council of Red Cross of Babylon was opened by the Reverend Prelate, W.Bro. Bob Hancock, **P.G.St.B.**



Eight Brethren were Constituted and Created as Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon. The representative candidate was Bro. Jeff Penfold.

After Bro. Jeff tried to cross the bridge, he was made a slave and taken before the Thrice Illustrious Sovereign, V.W.Bro. Brian Howlett, **P.G.Reg.**, P.Dist.G.S.W., by the Master of Inventory, W.Bro. Simon McCarthy, **P.G.Swd.B.**, P.Dist.G.J.W.



The Lecture was given in an excellent manner by our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French. It was a most impressive ceremony conducted by the members of Southern Cross Council, and one that the eight candidates will long remember.

After the ceremony was completed, the Candidates were congratulated by our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French.

The Council of the Red Cross of Babylon was closed, the Worshipful Master took his chair and resumed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr.

V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes was declared Worshipful Master for the ensuing years, and W.Bro. Ray Seeley as Treasurer.

After the regular business of the Council had been completed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and we all retired to the bar for refreshments.

To round off a most enjoyable morning the Brethren of Southern Cross Council and their guests sat down to lunch at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



## The Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon



**This degree is of considerable antiquity, being closely associated with the Holy Royal Arch and the rebuilding of the second Temple of Jerusalem with the candidate bearing the name of Zerubbabel.**

The legend beginning in the days of Cyrus, King of Persia, continues through to the time of Darius and incorporates an outstanding feature of passing a bridge over a river which has particular significance. The degree culminates with an intricate debate taken from the First Book of Esdras which established the profound maxim 'great is truth'.

In Scotland this degree is found as the Babylonish Pass while in America it is annexed to the Templar grades. In both Ireland and America it also constitutes the Order of Knight Masons. The theme of this degree is also found in the 15th Degree of the Scottish Rite and with one of the degrees of the Historical Dutch Degrees.



## Council Meeting Dates and Ceremonies

| No. | Name            |           |            | Work  |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|------------|---|
| 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 ( <b>DGP visit</b> ), KoC, StLM (if req) |
| 128 | Pride of Surrey | Friday    | 06/06/2025 | Installation ( <b>DGP visit</b> )                     |
| 208 | Surrey Hills    | Monday    | 16/06/2025 | KoC, GTS  |
| 185 | Godalming       | Friday    | 18/07/2025 |   |
| 212 | Riverside       | Tuesday   | 02/09/2025 |   |
| 102 | Kyngstun        | Wednesday | 03/09/2025 | Installation ( <b>DGP visit</b> )                     |



# Two Candidates for Pride of Surrey Council

Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April was a busy day for Pride of Surrey Council No 128. Not only did they have two candidates for the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, but they followed that with the Degree of Knights of Constantinople for their Candidates.

A Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Stephen Dingvean, who welcomed everyone, especially the guests, some of whom were working that afternoon.



A ballot was taken for two Brethren to be admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, Brother Stephen Sawyer and Bro Kenneth McIntosh, which proved in their favour.



Companions Stephen and Ken were introduced, received and admitted Brothers of St Lawrence the Martyr by W.Bro. Stephen Dingvean and his Officers in a very personal manner. The Lecture was given by the Worshipful Master.



Bros. Stephen and Ken were then congratulated and welcomed into Pride of Surrey Council by the Worshipful Master.



The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was adjourned and the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Chris Eley to act as Junior Conductor.



The Council of Knights of Constantinople was opened by the Illustrious Potentate and Brothers Stephen, Ken, and John Rollason of Surrey 64 were admitted Knights of Constantinople in a very enjoyable ceremony by the Illustrious Potentate and Conductors.



The Council of Knights of Constantinople was closed, and the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was resumed.

W.Bro. Stephen Dingvean was declared Master and W.Bro. Chris Da-Silva-Skinner was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After the regular business of the Council had been concluded, the Lodge of St Lawrence was closed and after the customary photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments.



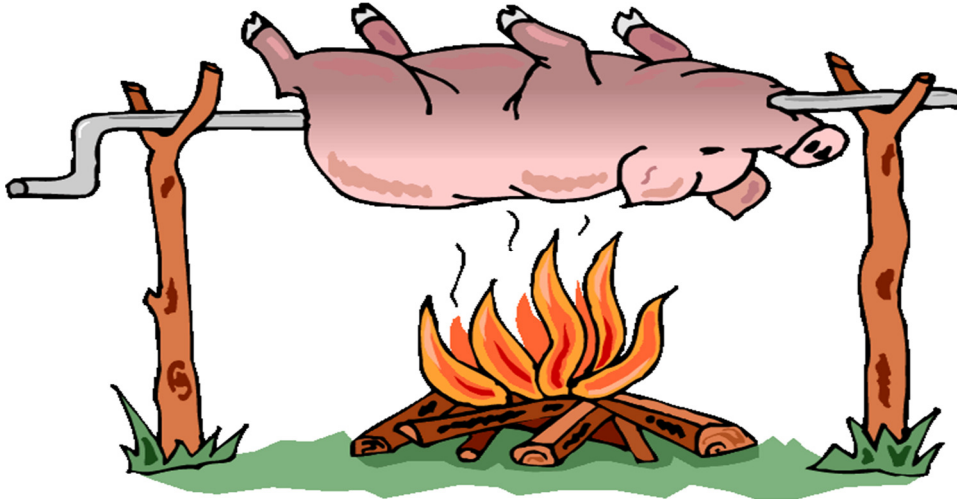
To round off a very enjoyable afternoon the Brethren of Pride of Surrey Council and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



# SURREY AMD HOG ROAST



**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**



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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Sort Code 30-90-44

Account 00741683

*A date for your Diary – Next year's Hog Roast will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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



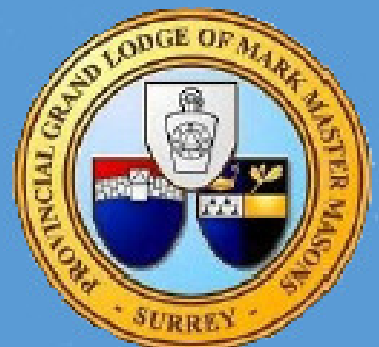
Your Quiz Master & Host

**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](mailto: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.  
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# Surrey Mark Cha Di Da 2025

Double Room  
**£129**

B & B (optional)

**£63**  
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Arrival  
6.30pm  
for 7pm

# DINNER

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](mailto:brockers01@icloud.com)

t: 01737 557997 m: 07868 657276

See website for details - booking form - menu choices