



## Surrey Hills Council

On Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Surrey Hills Council No. 208 was opened by W.Bro James L. Smith, Master at 3.00pm, when he welcomed the members and visitors to the meeting. The Secretary, W. Bro. Alan Hall, was asked to read the dispensation to hold the meeting, which was an extra meeting to enable the ceremonies to be carried out.

The Lodge of St Lawrence was adjourned, and a Council of Knights of Constantinople was opened. W.Bro. Alastair Richardson took on the duties of Senior Conductor, complete with top hat, monocle and silver topped cane, to conduct the representative candidate, Bro. Tony Wright through the ceremony.



This was conducted in a fine manner by the Illustrious Potentate, W.Bro. James Smith, accompanied by the sounds of the artisans and labourers within the Council.

After completing their obligations, the candidates were invested with the Jewel of the Degree by the Chief of the Builders.

The Lecture was given in his usual manner by W.Bro. John Norton-Doyle, and the candidates then took their seats in the Council.

The Illustrious Potentate thanked W.Bro. John for his delivery of the lecture, and W.Bro. Alastair for his presentation as Senior Deacon.



The Council of Knights of Constantinople was then closed, and the Temple prepared for the Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon. A Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon was then opened by King Solomon, W.Bro. James Smith, assisted by W.Bro. Wally Maynard as King Hiram and W.Bro. James Jones as Hiram Abif.

Bro Tony Wright, who had taken this degree at another Council, performed the duties as Captain of the Host in an exemplary manner which was appreciated by those present including the Candidate, Bro. Tibbs.



The Candidate was invested with the Jewel of the Degree by King Solomon, and after the lecture, which was given by W.Bro. Alan Hall, he took his seat in the Lodge of Grand Tilers.



The Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon was closed, and the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was resumed. As this was an extraordinary meeting there were no other items on the agenda and so the Lodge of St Lawrence was closed and the Brethren of the Surrey Hills Council and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre  
*Thanks to Alan Hall and Bob Tuthill*



# Godalming Council

The season is really over, but there are times where Lodges and Councils are still coming to the end of their year. Of late, my good friend and I have taken to going to meetings where support is occasionally required. Members are now involved with their family now that school has closed. Some are off on cruises at the beginning of their masonic holidays. This results in low numbers at the last or penultimate meeting. You know the sort of thing, insufficient officer post filled, or no entrants to enthuse. Sometimes we are asked to go and sometimes we find a request in our email box from a secretary asking for support.



Such was the case at Godalming. I am fairly new to the Allied Masonic Degree and, as such, keen to assimilate new experiences.

So, when the request to support a good friend who is in the chair arrived in our email boxes, we were up for it. We were only too pleased to take the short journey to this very accessible centre. No A3/M25!

The greeting was somewhat muted, and the reason soon became evident, not many posts filled by members. Now that presents a problem for me as I have a full brain at my advanced age, and it does not remember easily! I thought I would sit in one of the rear seats and keep out of the way.

Well, that did not work! My pal had already been selected to deliver a fairly lengthy part of the demonstration of the ceremony of St Lawrence. I was soon spotted by W. Bro. Ray Seeley who pointed out that I was the junior member of the group and as such could be the candidate for this meeting. Now that I did not mind so much because as you all know there is nothing to learn and all I had to do was do what I was asked to do by the capable SD. Off we went.

The ceremony was very capably performed by our good friend the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Trevor Sadler, and Senior Deacon, Bro. Richard Hardaker. Do you know, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and it certainly reinforced what I had learned when undertaking the ceremony some two years ago at Farnham Council. I was satisfying two demands of the Allied Masonic Degrees.



I had a most enjoyable afternoon. However, that was not all. We knew most of the members at the meeting and they made us feel so welcome. There was only a small number to dine but that really meant that we all could engage in conversation with any member in the group. Brilliant. I even managed to change my food order from the fish pie on offer and that was done by a very accommodating member of the serving staff. I had such a lovely time.

I mentioned this to my good friend and just by chance asked if he would like to join this council. He agreed because he is that sort of man, always prepared to take part and support. The District Grand Prefect, R.W. Bro. John French, immediately produced two joining forms and the die was cast. It means a couple of meetings in AMD and I will be able to understand more thoroughly this very interesting part of my Masonic journey and assist me in my duties as secretary in Farnham Council.



Why don't you come and join me at Godalming or Farnham. You will be very warmly received and, if you accept my invitation to come as my guest, it will be a pleasant evening,

and you may well make even more friends. Farnham's next Council takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 and Godalming will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

**Thanks to Michael Fenech**



# The District of Devon & Cornwall

The Meeting of The District of Devon and Cornwall Allied Masonic Degrees took place at the Mount Edgcombe Masonic Hall, Plymouth, Devon on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. It was attended by over 70 Brethren including 29 visitors from other Districts across the Country.

RW.Bro. Barry Slade, District Grand Prefect for Devon & Cornwall welcomed the District Grand Prefects; Deputy District Grand Prefects, including W.Bro. Bob Tuthill representing Surrey. He also welcomed Heads of Orders and members of the Allied Councils within Devon and Cornwall.



After the business of District Grand Council had been concluded R.W.Bro. Barry Slade made his appointments for the following year. He once again was delighted to appoint W.Bro. John Clive Penpraze **P.G.S.D.** as his Deputy District Grand Prefect after which he was given salutations of that rank by W.Bro. Gary Peard **P.J.G.D.**, the District Grand DC.

Officers of the District were then led up to the District Grand Prefect for Investing with their collar of office and presented with a certificate of that office.



R.W.Bro. Barry Slade before addressing the brethren made a surprise and unusual presentation to his District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. John Smerdon.

W.Bro. Smerdon, 20 years in the order, was appointed as Assistant District Grand Secretary in July 2022 taking over, due to health issues of the previous District Grand Secretary the office of District Grand secretary the following year 2023 and has continued to hold that office despite battling cancer himself. Sadly, this year and prior to the District meeting he had been re diagnosed as terminal but still wishes to continue in post as long as he can.

R.W.Bro. Barry Slade presented W.Bro. Smerdon with a letter from the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Daniel Heath, **P.G.J.W.**, which he read out conferring a field appointment, with immediate effect to the Grand Rank of **P.G.St.B.**, along with his personal good wishes.

The brethren responded with a hearty applause as R.W.Bro. Slade, on behalf of the Grand Master, Invested W.Bro. Smerdon with a Grand Collar. W.Bro. Smerdon, with a tearful response thanked everyone, pointing out how much he enjoyed the post.

The District Grand Prefect then stood and gave his annual speech, after which he closed District Grand Council and photos were taken. The Brethren retired to an enjoyable 4 course lunch.



# Congratulations



Congratulations to those Surrey Brethren who will be receiving an appointment for promotion at Grand Council on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St. London.

### Promotions 2025

Robert Gregory Tuthill

Christopher Douglas Cradock

Andrew George Sales, *JP*

Past Grand Senior Deacon

Past Grand Junior Deacon

Past Grand Junior Deacon

### First Appointments 2025

Barrie Stuart Selway

Stephen Richard Jones

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Past Grand Standard Bearer



## Mike Neville's Walks and Talks 2025

30 August 2025	British Museum
27 September 2025	Crime Walk
4 October 2025	City Walk
11 October 2025	Military Walk
12 October 2025	West End Walk
18 October 2025	Military Walk
1 November 2025	Jack the Ripper
5 November 2025	Walk TBC
8 November 2025	City Walk
29 November 2025	City Walk



For more details see the web site: <https://www.mike-neville-walks-and-talks.co.uk/>

### Masonic Walks London Famous Masons History Crime

The Birthplace of Modern Freemasonry & its Myths. Friends, family, ladies, children & potential Masons welcome.

## The 2025 Annual Meeting of District Grand Council

# Save the Date

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Surrey

will be held on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2025

at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m.

*Brethren should be seated by 10.45.*

District Grand Council will be honoured by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master and the Past Deputy Grand Master





# Visits to Councils by our District Grand Prefect



<b>KYNGSTUN COUNCIL No. 102</b>	<b>2025</b>
M.H. The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BN	
2nd Tuesday May, <b>1st Wednesday September</b>	
<b>(Installation September)</b>	<b>3rd Sept</b>

<b>RUNNYMEDE COUNCIL No. 191</b>	<b>2025</b>
M.H. The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BN. <b>Note: Possible change to Chertsey</b>	
1st Wednesday February 2nd Wed May, <b>1st Friday October</b>	<b>DDGP</b>
<b>(Installation October)</b>	<b>3rd Oct</b>

<b>SOUTHERN CROSS COUNCIL No. XIII</b>	
M.C. Hitherbury Close, Guildford GU2 4DR	
<b>3rd Wednesday September</b> at Guildford; 4th Wednesday April at Surbiton	
<b>(Installation September)</b>	<b>No OV</b>

<b>COUNCIL DETAILS</b>	
<b>GODALMING COUNCIL No. 185</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. Ockford Road, Godalming GU7 1RQ	
<b>2nd Monday January</b> , 3rd Friday July	
<b>(Installation January)</b>	<b>12th Jan</b>

<b>RIVERSIDE COUNCIL No. 212</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. Hitherbury Close, Guildford GU2 4DR	
<b>3rd Thursday February</b> , 1st Tuesday September	
<b>(Installation February)</b>	<b>19th Feb</b>

<b>SURREY HILLS COUNCIL No. 208</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. Nutfield Road, Redhill RH1 4ED	
<b>3rd Wednesday April</b> , 1st Tuesday November	
<b>(Installation April)</b>	<b>15th Apr</b>



# Visits to Councils by our District Grand Prefect



<b>FARNHAM COUNCIL No. 235</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. 42 Castle Street, Farnham GU9 7JB	
<b>3rd Monday May, 1st Wednesday November</b>	
<b>(Installation May)</b>	<b>18th May</b>
<b>SURREY COUNCIL No. 64</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. Oakfield Road, Croydon CR0 2UX	
<b>3rd Monday February, 1st Monday June, 3rd Monday December</b>	
<b>(Installation June)</b>	<b>1st June</b>
<b>PRIDE of SURREY COUNCIL No. 128</b>	<b>2026</b>
Sutton Masonic Hall, 9, Grove Road, Sutton, SM1 2BB	
<b>1st Friday June, 1st Tuesday April</b>	
<b>(Installation June)</b>	<b>5th June</b>
<b>KYNGSTUN COUNCIL No. 102</b>	<b>2026</b>
M.H. The Crescent, Surbiton KT6 4BN	
<b>2nd Tuesday May, 1st Wednesday September</b>	
<b>(Installation September)</b>	<b>2nd Sept</b>
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# Council Meeting Dates and Ceremonies

No.	Name	Date	Ceremony	
212	Riverside	Tuesday	02/09/2025	
102	Kyngstun	Wednesday	03/09/2025	Installation (DGP visit)
13	Southern Cross	Wednesday	17/09/2025	Installation (DGP visit)



**Bond of Friendship Lodge & Allied 64**  
**The First Mark & Allied**  
**Ladies Night**  
**22nd August 2025**



**Glenmore House, The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4BN**  
 (Lots of Free Parking at rear)  
 7pm for 7.30pm  
 Bucks Fizz (on arrival)  
 3 Course Meal  
 Ladies Gift  
 Raffle  
 Disco & Dancing until Midnight  
 £65 pp

Dress: Men Black tie, Ladies Ball Gown / Cocktail Dress  
 RWBro John French, PGM will be in attendance




**Surrey Mark. Cha. Di. Da 2025**

Double Room  
**£129**  
 B & B (optional)

**£63**  
 pp

**DINNER** Carriages  
 Midnight  
 Arrival  
 6.30pm  
 for 7pm

**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**  
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See website for details - booking form - menu choices