



## The Installation Meeting of Kyngstun Council



The Installation meeting of Kyngstun Council was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025. Prior to the meeting we met up in the bar for refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends.



The Council was opened in the Council of St Lawrence the Martyr in due form by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Stuart Hogarth, Warrant displayed. W.Bro. Stuart welcomed everyone and wished them an enjoyable afternoon



After a report of the door the Acting Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Chris Eley, advised the Worshipful Master that R.W.Bro. John V C French, District Grand Prefect was outside and demanded admission.



The R.W. District Grand Prefect entered, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master and accepted the gavel. He was saluted with seven under the direction on the Escorting Officer. V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes was invited to give a tribute to W.Bro. Len Hayward who had been our Secretary for many years. The Brethren stood to order for a short time in memory of departed merit, while Bro. Chaplain said a prayer. R.W.Bro. John said how pleased he was to be visiting his Council officially and how much he was looking forward to the afternoon. He introduced the District Officers who had accompanied him, thanking them for their support. After highlighting several District activities, he vacated the Chair as the Council had work to do.

The next item was to install Bro. Bob Soper, our District Grand Organist, as Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes was invited to take the Senior Warden Chair; W.Bro. Mark Donovan to take the Junior Warden Chair; W.Bro. Derek Williamson to continue as Chaplain; W.Bro. Chris Eley to continue as Director of Ceremonies, and W.Bro. Alan Brockwell was invited to act as Inner Guard

Bro. Bob Soper was then Installed as Worshipful Master for the year 2025/2026 by W Bro Stuart Hogarth in an excellent manner.

W.Bro. Bob was congratulated by our District Grand Prefect who wished him an enjoyable year and charged him with getting at least one new member into the Council during his year. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers:

After the regular business of the Council had been concluded, the Council was closed in peace and harmony and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.





## Leonard George Hayward

### 19 May 1945 – 11 August 2025



We were saddened to hear last month of the passing of W.Bro. Len Hayward after a short illness.

Len was a well-known figure in many of the Companion Orders, and at the time of his passing was Secretary/Recorder of eight Masonic units.

Len was Admitted into Kyngstun Council No. 102 in September 1997, was their Worshipful Master in 2005, and their Secretary for 17 years. He was a member of Pride of Surrey Council No. 128 and Southern Cross Council No XIII.

Len, who held high rank in all the Companion Orders, received his first District rank of District Grand Steward in 2006, followed by several promotions until he received Past District Grand Junior Warden in 2023.

His first Grand Rank was P.G.I.G. in 2010 and he was promoted to P.A.G.D.C. in 2017.

Len, who had a quick wit and a twinkle in his eye, will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

# A Busy Day for Southern Cross Council

In September the Brethren of Southern Cross Council No XIII held their Installation meeting at the South West Surrey Masonic Centre, Guildford. Present at the meeting was our District Grand Prefect, RW.Bro. John French and many other Heads of Surrey Orders. At the same meeting Bro. Paul Wicking was Admitted into the Order





A Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Richard Wileman who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Council then voted on a proposition to welcome as joining members, R.W. Bro Anthony James Green, District Grand Prefect for Southern Counties; and W.Bro. Frederick Russell, P.A.G.D.C. was carried unanimously and the Worshipful Master welcomed them into the Council, and our District Grand Prefect welcomed them into the District.



The next item was to ballot for as a Candidate for the Order and if successful to admit as a Brother of St Lawrence the Martyr, Paul Andrew Wicking,

This proved in his favour, and Bro. Paul was Introduced, Received and Admitted as a Brother of St Lawrence by the Worshipful Master and his Officers.



Bro. Paul was welcomed into the Council by W.Bro. Richard and into the Order by R.W.Bro. John.

We then had the installation of V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes as Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. Mik had been our secretary for many years and it was felt that we needed to thank Mik by recommending he be our next Master. V.W.Bro. Mik was presented to the installing Master, W.Bro. Richard Wileman, and answered in the affirmative the questions put to him. Brethren below the rank of Installed Master in this degree retired and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. V.W.Bro. Mik recited his obligation and was invested, installed and saluted.



W.Bro. Richard Wileman then invested V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes with the Worshipful Master's collarette that W.Bro. Richard Baker had presented to the Council several years ago.





After the regular business of the Council was concluded and the customary photographs taken the Brethren of Southern Cross Council and their guests went into the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a very convivial lunch at the Guildford Masonic Hall



## 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 two Past Deputy Grand Masters

