



The Annual AMD Hog Roast



I, no we, had an absolutely terrific afternoon. Some one hundred and twenty-five men, women and children had an absolutely happy time.



We gathered at the Guildford Masonic Centre at about 1 pm, filled the car park and quickly arrived at the very appealing surrounds of that well-appointed and well-staffed bar and saloon. We greeted old friends and made new friends in appropriate Masonic manner.



It was such a lovely atmosphere, enhanced by the colourful, (or perhaps garish!) attire of many brethren proudly displaying their Hawaiian shirts, a trend started years ago more as a dare than a readily accepted form of dress.

Today, it just increased the happy and relaxed atmosphere, set in a wonderful surrounding, overlooking the beautiful River Wey sparkling in the afternoon sun. I have not met such a pleasant group of people in such large numbers for some time.



The usual topics of conversation, the usual handshakes and the usual acknowledgement of each other's presence greatly added to this superb event.



After much storytelling, we were advised that the hog had been fully roasted. We arrived at our tables before being called in due order to be presented with a very full, several courses meal. The pork was delicious, the accompanying sides more than sufficient and the choice of dessert was unfair. Too many eye watering choices.

My table companions were rather quiet when sitting down to their meals but as the afternoon progressed, the drinks flowed and so did the conversation.

My good pal, Barrie, had brought two of his family and I was seated next to a couple I first met a few years ago at our October Mark event. Another example of a renewal of friendship which, I am sure, happened on other tables. Yes, the topic of football was briefly touched on but in general we all had a good opportunity to join in a very good general conversation.



Before we realised, we were aware of the booming voice of none other than Alan Brockwell. He called us to order and the raffle began, with the young members of John French's family, enthusiastically shepherded by the District Grand Prefect's daughter, running from table to table with some excellent prizes.

One had to be amazed at the number of winners and even more at the superb prizes on offer. We are very grateful to one gentleman, W.Bro. Ray Beadle, who has consistently supported this event by providing some amazing choices. Thank you, sir.

The raffle did take some time. It did provide many a happy moment for the lucky many. Alan Brockwell was ably assisted by his lady wife, Wendy, who it has to be said has a better eye for colour than our cheerful raffle leader. I think we, the onlookers, gave him something of a hard time and he had to call for our attention on a few occasions.

Our R.W.Bro. John French was at his best and thanked us all for our generosity. Yet, it was a very rewarding interlude where a significant four figure sum was raised by the guests at this terrific afternoon. Well, you will know that, if you were there and, if you were not able to attend, there is always next year's Hog Roast, which will be held at Nutfield.

Thanks to Michael Fenech



District Grand Council of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-allied-masonic-degrees>



More fun at Surrey Council No. 64

Surrey Council No. 64 had a very busy meeting on the 1st of June at Croydon. The District Grand Prefect and his Deputy were present to see over thirty brethren in the Temple.

Three ceremonies were performed, firstly the Installation of David Clark as Master, followed by a St Lawrence for four new brethren and then a Knights of Constantinople for ten candidates. The Conductors and representative candidates dressed in togas with laurel wreath head dress as the Roman nobility, with Mike Neville resplendent in a crown as Constantine and Norman Jones dressed as a Centurion - ready to put to "instant death" anyone who would not state that all men are equal in the sight of God. The new Master was involved straight away, delivering a flawless St Lawrence degree.



The Festive Board was themed as a Kentucky evening to honour Mike's appointment as a Kentucky Colonel by the State's Governor. Tony Rastall organised the festivities and dressed as Colonel Sanders.



Much fun was had, including singing songs with a vague connection to Kentucky. George Rodger impressed all with his rendition of Strangers in the Night.

Another fun filled meeting with be held on 21st December. For more information contact mrmikeneville@aol.com

Thanks to Mike Neville



Godalming Council No. 185

Another fine meeting you got me into. Who was the who? Many at Godalming, but, on with the story, using longish sentences to appease our main photographer, but I shall stick with my unusual punctuation and suffer the slings and arrows of Uncle Ray.



The centre is convenient, with ample parking and very helpful bar and serving staff, which is what I look forward to when going out on a Masonic event.

The occasion contains the very varied opportunities which you experience when you attend an Allied Masonic Degree meeting. By this I mean that there are five separate elements to AMD.

Several of us who had completed all five commented that this degree was only just remembered as an occasion,

and not the particular working. Whilst we open with the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr we pause and then continue into a new dimension called the Grand High Priest. There is a different set up in the temple and, on this occasion, eight candidates.



A guide, if any be needed, in the interest shown by the candidates and the attending members and visitors. We did, of course, go through the required agenda items of Warrant display, confirming minutes and investing appropriate previously absent members.

Then, it was the ceremony of admitting our eight Allied members to be Admitted, Consecrated, Anointed, and set apart to the Holy Office of Grand High Priest.

It is quite an elaborate part of the meeting and caused the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Ray Seeley, to be on the quiver throughout the entire presenting of the ceremony. There were eight candidates who needed eight bibles and more items. He had to keep an eye on the three ceremony deliverers even the one who only just got there in time. We won't say why.



It was a very impressive event, superbly directed by the Director of Ceremonies and thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the candidates.



V.W.Bro. Eric Todd was amazing. If only my memory was half as efficient as his! My good friend, W.Bro. Barrie Selway, was the Conductor of the candidates and carried out his duties with great aplomb.

Many of us who had completed this Degree revelled in the memory of being involved some years ago and thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

We closed the Grand High Priest part of our afternoon, resumed in the degree of St Lawrence and completed various electoral requirements such as electing a new Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Accounts Examiners. That was a long sentence!

We then had the opportunity to chat about our experiences and imbibe followed by a satisfying meal, served piping hot by the serving staff. This sort of event was worth going out for and I look forward to seeing you at the next A.M.D. meeting, perhaps in Farnham.

Thanks to Michael Fenech





Allied Masonic Degrees



SURREY ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING - Saturday 5th

December 2026

at Croydon District & Masonic Halls



District Grand

Council of Surrey

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026

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The Provincial Grand Lodge of
Mark Master Masons of Surrey
requests the pleasure of your company at the

Surrey Mark Charity Ball

Saturday 24th October 2026

ARRIVAL 6:30pm	DINNER 7:00pm	CARRIAGES Midnight
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Thursday the 23rd of July at Banstead Downs Golf Club

Provincial Grand Lodge of

Mark Master Masons of Surrey

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Burdon Lane, Cheam Surrey SM2 7DD
On Thursday 23rd July 2026

Tea/Coffee & bacon rolls from 11:00hrs, 1st tee from 12:00hrs
18 holes of Individual Stableford
One course meal after play with prizes
Non Masons will be made most welcome as guests

Cost for the day is £78.00 (meal only £23.00)

To book please e mail Steve Berkshire
(steve.berkshire@surreymarkmasons.com) confirming your name,
handicap, lodge number and details of any guests.

To confirm your booking, payment by BACS must be made to:

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Sort code 30-93-74, Account 02602788

Please use your surname as the reference i.e 'A Smith GOLF'

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