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The Henry Hotham Tabernacle



The meeting of Henry Hotham Tabernacle was held this year at Surbiton on Saturday the 18th of November with our Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Jack Love as High Priest.



After singing the opening hymn, the High Priest opened the Tabernacle and displayed the warrant.

He welcomed everyone to this special meeting, especially those Right Eminent Knight Priests who had travelled quite some distances to attend the meeting. He also thanked the Surrey Knight Priests who had come along to support him.

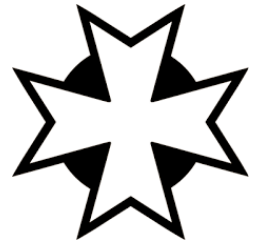


R.III.Kt.Pt. Ian Smith gave a most informative update on the Pillar Fund, on the amount raised so far and the search for suitable premises. R.Em.Kt.Pt. Peter E M Parsons was then declared as High Priest for the ensuing year.

The Tabernacle was adjourned, and the Temple rearranged for a demonstration of one of the Appendant Degrees, The Master of the Blue or Knight of Solomon.

The degree of Master of the Blue or Knight of Solomon was one of the degrees under the early Irish Grand Encampment & The ninth degree of the early Grand Scottish Rite and known by the title of "Master of The Blue or Knight of Solomon". It is sometimes referred to as Masters of the Blue.

This Order meets in a Lodge. The Officers are the Worshipful Master, the Senior & Junior Wardens, Inner Guard, Conductor and Tyler. The Regalia of the Degree consists of an apron of blue on which is embroidered a white lily. A tracing board upon which is represented a beehive and a swarm of bees and an altar with the VSL are used.



The beehive plays an important part in the ceremony as, not only is the beehive used on the tracing board to symbolise wisdom it also exemplifies industry as well as regeneration - a multi-purpose masonic symbol and one that which any brother who is invested with a collar as an officer of a Craft Lodge and progresses through the chair will keep with him for his entire Masonic career by the symbol on the collar that he wears!

After the demonstration the Tabernacle was resumed and V.III.Kt.Pt. Leslie Grout gave a very informative lecture entitled, St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

The Tabernacle was then closed, and after photographs the Knight Priests of the Henry Hotham Tabernacle and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

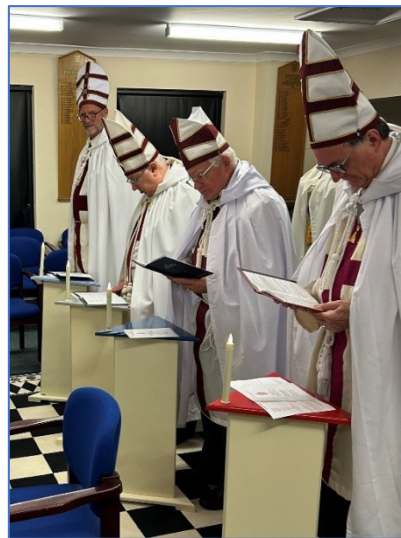


North Downs Tabernacle

The Installation meeting of the North Downs Tabernacle No 299 was held at the Nutfield Masonic Centre on the 21st of September.



The Tabernacle was opened by Knight Priest Miguel Godfrey who welcomed the members and guests.



The main item on the agenda was to Install V Em Kt Pt Charles Hoad as High Priest. The ceremony was conducted by V.Ill.Kt.Pt. Miguel Godfrey in a most sincere manner.

Afterwards ten members and guests dined together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



The Surrey Tabernacle



The Surrey Tabernacle No 27 met at Surbiton on Tuesday the 8th of November. Present was one guest V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Eley, the High Priest of Holy Trinity Tabernacle, the editor of the Surrey Mitre, who came along to take some photos for the next issue.

The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.Em.Kt.Pt. Roger Short, who welcomed everyone, including their visitor, Chris, who acted as 1st Pillar.

The High Priest announced that he intended to rehearse part of the Ceremony of Reception of a Candidate. V.III.Kt.Pt. Christopher George offered to act as the Candidate and the Conductor, which he did a good job of.

Everyone agreed that it was useful to go through the Ceremony picking up where improvements to the rubric are needed.



The Tabernacle was closed and after photographs were taken the members of The Surrey Tabernacle dined together at the Surbiton Masonic Centre





Dinner at the County Club

A Lovely Jack Love Do!



Yes, you are right. The evening was in the finely appointed County Club in Guildford. On Saturday nights, you can park outside the event and no payment is requested. A definite bonus!

A goodly crowd of well-known faces and some new ones gathered to support Jack's worthy cause. The gentle routine of meeting up with fine people at this very agreeable venue for drinks and a good old chinwag meant that we arrived somewhere around 6.30 pm on a gentle autumnal evening.



The added bonus of convenient parking was readily accepted where often in this beautiful town it costs a pretty penny to park. This Yorkshire man smiled as I gained entrance to the dinner. I was looking forward to meeting up with many a Mark man and others from the Masonic orders.



My good friend, Barrie, was with Anne and myself and we were soon seated, enjoying drinks in the bar in the company of Alan and his hard-working wife, Wendy, together with a good group of like-minded folk. I was impressed by the very good service at the bar which offered an acceptable range of drinks for all concerned.





Our host, Jack, called us to dinner and we proceeded to the well laid out dining area and took our seats.





The dining on offer was of a variety of dishes which we chose beforehand. I am rather a picky eater but enjoyed my pate while Anne had a slightly vegan arrangement - I think! The main course is invariably a medium cooked steak of sufficient size, although there were alternatives including fish. The chef always presents his meat dish cooked to perfection and the staff were very efficient in its delivery.



This fine meal occupied us for some time and the conversation on our table was both interesting and informative. For dessert there was a choice, and I took the one with the least sugar!



Coffee and cheese followed and then we came to the raffle. I am always somewhat amazed at the generosity of the group, for yet another substantial amount of money was raised for Jack's venture which was on behalf of the KTP Pillar Fund.

The prizes donated allowed all tables to benefit from winning a prize. Our table did very well, and there were smiles all round.

It was now time to make our farewells, thank Jack for arranging yet another splendid evening, and repair to our vehicles for the short journey home.



Another adventure awaited Barrie and myself as we set our sights on a visit to the beautiful island of Malta.....the very next day!

Article and photos by Michael Fenech

The Pillar Fund

Following on from another of our Grand Superintendent's fund raisers he has kindly allocated an amount to Holy Trinity Tabernacle, which means they are now at the Blue Level.

It is our Grand Superintendent's intention to get the District to the next level which is "Red" which we all need to support as our Grand Superintendent cannot do it all on his own and needs our support.

Our Order, which was founded in 1924, will soon reach its Centenary and to celebrate this occasion it was intended that the procurement of our own premises would be a fitting tribute and ensure its continuance for the years to come.

In order to do this The Pillar Fund was established, to which it is hoped that all members of the Order will contribute. It is operated under a Trust Deed, thus ring-fencing the assets from those of Grand College.

The current premises extend to only 675 square feet, which is less than the footprint of a modern three-bedroom semi. This leaves barely enough space for any storage. Suitable alternative accommodation must, therefore, be the medium-term goal of the Order.



Knight Templar Priests at Southern Cross AMD Council



In September, at the Installation meeting of Southern Cross Council No XIII in the Allied Masonic Degrees, Bro. Colin Beerling, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor in the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was installed as Worshipful Master.

Southern Cross Council is the Executive Council in Surrey, and there were many Heads of Orders and Executive members of the Companion Orders in Surrey present to see Colin installed by W.Bro. Denis Leigh, who is the Intendant General for Middlesex in the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Among those present were many Knight Priests of the District of Surrey, including our Grand Superintendent, Jack Love, and our past Grand Superintendent, Ian Smith.

