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The Order of Holy Wisdom



On Tuesday the 23rd of January 2024 a Congregation of the Order of Holy Wisdom was held under the auspices of Surrey District 15 at Surbiton Masonic Hall. In attendance was our Grand Superintendent, Rt. Em. Kt. Pt. Jack Love.

The morning started with a meeting of the Surrey Tabernacle No 27 which was opened by the High Priest, V.E. Kt. Pt. Roger Short, who welcomed everyone, especially the Grand Superintendent and High Prelate of Surrey District 15,

After the regular business of the Tabernacle had been completed Em. Kt. Pt. Brian Dougherty was declared High Priest and R. Ill. Kt. Pt. Chris Cradock was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Tabernacle was closed, and the Temple rearranged for the ceremony of the Order of Holy Wisdom.





A Congregation of the Order was opened by the High Prelate, Graham McGlashen, and the three Aspirants were admitted.



Having undergone purification, they were led to each of the seven pillars where they were questioned and agreed to comply with certain instructions for the rest of their lives.

The three Aspirants were afterwards congratulated by our Grand Superintendent and High Prelate and welcomed into the Order.



The Congregation of the Order of Holy Wisdom was then closed.

After the customary group photographs the members of Surrey Tabernacle and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Since 2015, when Districts were granted permission by Grand College to confer the Order of Holy Wisdom, Surrey District No 15, except for 2021 when Covid19 rules were in force, has held a meeting each year and has introduced to date, a total of 48 Aspirants into the Order.



Dinner at the County Club



The March **Love** In!



Not really, but yes it was a lovely do, thanks to Jack Love himself. Jack is always a welcoming host and today proved no exception.

The setting was the very smart County Club near the famous Guildford Clock on the beautifully cobbled High Street. Minor problem though, "they" had forgotten to unlock the entrance to the High Street, so we went and parked in one of the plenty parking spaces to the rear of the building.

A little walk to the club and we were readily admitted to the chic environs of this well-known establishment with its beautifully decorated interior, excellent bar and well laid out restaurant.



There were quite a few familiar faces, and several younger, new ones too. The bar staff were kept very busy with a wide range of drinks including non-alcoholic beverages on offer.



Conversation took the form of catching up with old friends, inevitable masonic chat and of course the rugby!

There are pleasant, cosy areas in which to sit and relax and open spaces for those wishing a more open environment.

The bar area is a well laid out environment with a lovely view over the well-known High Street and very conducive to an atmosphere of mingling and meeting old friends and new.



It was soon time to be invited to our repast by the ever-smiling Jack and we duly obliged. Seats were occupied and new friends and old were soon reunited and the conversation flowed readily.

A pause for Grace delivered by Leslie and we took to our seats in anticipation of a splendid meal. Starters were varied with me choosing the attractively laid out melon, and Barrie content with his fish dish.

The much-expected filet steak was our next adventure, and it pleased the palates of most of us, my partner contenting herself with an interesting nut roast.



There were copious amounts of red and white wines which, I am sure, led to good hearted banter and chatter flowing, with people getting out of their seats and visiting acquaintances on other tables.

It was a very relaxed dining experience and after dessert we were served a varied cheese board followed by tea or coffee. The raffle raised a serious amount of funding for Jack's initiative with most table guests gaining lovely prizes.

Farewells were made and homeward bound was comfortable after another successful and most enjoyable evening spent in an attractive surrounding with the good company you would expect of the Love gathering.

All our welcome, come and join us next time.

Article and photos by Michael Fenech



The Pillar Fund



V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris thanked our Grand Superintendent for his kind gesture and pledged support for the Pillar Fund.

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.

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 Royal Blue Level.

Our Grand Superintendent, Rt.Em.Kt.Pt. Jack Love, had much pleasure in presenting V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Eley, High Priest of the Holy Trinity Tabernacle, with the Royal Blue Collarette while they were together at a Scarlet Cord meeting in Botley, Hampshire.



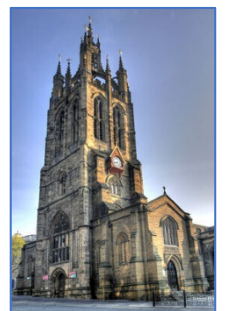
Knight Templar Priests Centenary Celebration 2024



Grand College was constituted as a sovereign body in 1924 and held its first meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne on the 15th of May of that year.

Grand College will return to the city of its birth almost exactly 100 years later on Saturday the 18th of May 2024 to celebrate its Centenary.

A service will be held in The Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne, followed by a Celebration Banquet which will be held at the Newcastle Racecourse, Newcastle upon Tyne.



Dates for your diary



8th June 2024

Grand College

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Visits to Tabernacles by the Grand Superintendent in 2024

9 th September 2024	Holy Trinity Tabernacle No. 212	Croydon
19 th September 2024	North Downs Tabernacle No. 299	Nutfield
11 th October 2024	Chertsey Tabernacle No. 195	Camberley
13 th November 2024	Surrey Tabernacle No. 27	Surbiton
25 th November 2024	Saxon Tabernacle No. 104	Surbiton
13 th December 2024	Pride of Surrey Tabernacle No. 184	Sutton