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A New Year message from our Grand Superintendent

Dear Knight Priests,

As we enter into a new year having celebrated Christmas with our families and friends I have been looking back over the past year and what we have achieved together in the District of Surrey and look forward to what 2025 will bring.

I thank you all for the hospitality I have received during my visits to your Tabernacles. The District is in good heart and it is good to see many Knights coming into our Order.



One of the highlights of the year was the Knights Templar Priests Centenary Celebration

Grand College was constituted as a sovereign body in 1924 and held its first meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne on 15th May of that year. Grand College returned to the city of its birth almost exactly 100 years later on Saturday 18th May 2024 to celebrate its Centenary.

A service was held in The Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, St. Nicholas Square, Newcastle upon Tyne followed by a Celebration Banquet.

The banquet, attended by many Surrey Knight Priests, was held at Newcastle Racecourse, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Once again I thank V.Em.Kt.Pt. Chris Eley, C.H.W., for his hard work in putting together the issues of the Surrey Mitre, as well as the Newsletters for 11 other Companion Orders. This is our Newsletter, so please send to Chris any photos and articles of what you are doing in your Tabernacles.

I also thank V.E.Kt.Pt. Tim Ford and the team for their hard work in developing and launching the new Companion Orders web site. This web site hosts 16 Companion Orders including the District 15 KTP. Which can be found on <https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-k-t-p-o-h-w-home>

I look forward to seeing you all during the course of the year and many thanks for your continued support.



With kind regards,

Right Eminent Knight Priest Jack Love
Grand Superintendent, District 15



An Orders beyond the Craft evening in Surrey

A very interesting and informative workshop entitled 'Orders beyond the Craft' was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall on the 29th of November 2024.

Many of the Orders beyond the Craft had their stands in the main dining room, where the representatives of each Order were available to answer questions.



We then went up to the main Temple where Chris Hatton introduced the evening, which was arranged to give everyone a brief insight into the ceremonies and regalia of many well-known Orders, as well as some lesser-known Orders in Freemasonry.

Behind the scenes Simon Polkinghorne was busy getting all the regalia ready for the next team to go into out the Temple. Here we see Steve wearing the regalia of a Knights Templar Priest.

In conclusion Chris Hatton thanked Simon for all his hard work putting the evening together, the team of 'models' Dave Harrison, Ken Macintosh, Steve Rush, and Chris Eley; and especially Shelley and her staff at Sutton Masonic Hall for the wonderful support and encouragement they had provided.



Province of Surrey Annual Service of Thanksgiving



The Annual Service of Thanksgiving was held on Sunday the 22nd of September at Guildford Cathedral. For the first time, all the Heads of the Companion Orders in Surrey were invited to attend in their regalia, including our Grand Superintendent. It was an impressive sight to see most of the Surrey Orders represented.



RW.Bro. Nick Burger, Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent followed the processions into the Cathedral, which included the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons, Bro. Carol Cole; the Very Worshipful Bro. Orli-Anne Zucker, the Grand Secretary of the Order of Women's Freemasonry; and Very Worshipful Bro. Pat Gill, Grand Inspector for Surrey and Sussex.

The Officiating Officer was W.Bro. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, a member of Holy Trinity Tabernacle



Surrey Tabernacle



A meeting of Surrey Tabernacle No 27 was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Wednesday the 13th of November.

The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.E.Kt.Pt. Brian Dougherty, who welcomed everyone.



After a short business meeting the Tabernacle was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



Pride of Surrey Tabernacle

A meeting of the Pride of Surrey Tabernacle No 184 was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall on Friday the 12th of December. The Tabernacle was honoured by the presence of our Grand Superintendent, R.Em.Kt.Pt. Jack Love, K.C.P.O. and his escorting Officer Stephen Surridge.



The Tabernacle was opened by the High Priest, V.Em.Kt.Pt. Dave Harrison, who welcomed everyone, especially our Grand Superintendent.

After taking the minutes, Em.Kt.Pt. Simon Triptree was declared elected as High Priest for the ensuing year, and Em.Kt.Pt. Jim Cranefield as Treasurer.



The Grand Superintendent conducted the Grand Point and then the Tabernacle was closed. After photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a very convivial meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



The Royal Order of Scotland



The Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge meetings of the South-Eastern Counties of England were held at the Masonic Hall, Chichester, on Friday the 6th of December 2024.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Jack Love, our Grand Superintendent, as unfortunately the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Charles Stoddart was unwell.



At the meeting two Candidates were admitted into the Order by Bro. Jack and his Officers in an excellent manner. Bro. Chris Eley, of Holy Trinity Tabernacle was the Provincial Marischal.



Dinner at The County Club in Guildford



Another successful County Club Dinner at Guildford was arranged by our Grand Superintendent, Jack, on Saturday the 23rd of November. A most enjoyable time was had by all.

Guests started to arrive at 6.15 for a few drinks in the bar before sitting down to a most convivial dinner at 7.30 pm. A raffle was held in aid of the Pillar Fund. At the end of the evening our Grand Superintendent thanks everyone for attending and ensuring another successful County Club Dinner.

