



Congratulations to our Inspector General



Richard J Wileman

V. Ill. Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°
Inspector General
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The Patent of the Inspector General for the District of Surrey by the Supreme Council 33° was extended for a further period of 5 years from the 19th of October 2020 at the meeting held at its Grand East on 9 July 2020.

Our Inspector General's Patent was presented by M. Ill. Bro. Simon Thorn, 33° The Grand Prior, at a special meeting of the Kynggestone Chapter Rose Croix No. 236 on 19th of May 2023 at Surbiton Masonic Hall.



The History of the Ancient and Accepted Rite

The Ancient and Accepted Rite derives from the Rite of Perfection, which developed in France mainly in the quarter-century before September 1762. Its constitution, and the rituals for its twenty-five degrees, were formalised by Francken in a manuscript bearing that date, though probably written somewhat later.



It was followed by The Grand Constitutions of 1786, dated May 1786, which describe the Ancient and Accepted Rite, consisting of thirty-three degrees, largely as it exists today. This document was presented as the product of a Council meeting under the titular direction of Frederick the Great. The original has not been found, and the copies seem to date from nearer to 1800.

In May 1801, in Charleston, the first Supreme Council following the Grand Constitutions was opened (now known as The Southern Jurisdiction of the USA). It was followed by France (1804), Spain (1811) and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA (1813). Ireland (1826) was the sixth, England and Wales (1845) -- receiving its

Patent from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction -- was the eleventh and Scotland (1846) the twelfth. There are now independent Supreme Councils in over 60 countries..

Ancient and Accepted Rite

under

The Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas

DISTRICT OF SURREY

A letter from our Inspector General

Dear Brethren,

You will have received a communication from Supreme Council regarding amendments in the requirements for membership, and changes to the ritual. I urge you to consider the letter in conjunction with the FAQ attachment.

Following conversations with other Inspectors General, and a presentation at the national conference last week, I wanted to advise you that I fully support the amendments. Along with my colleagues, I have given this matter much thought and soul searching before pledging my support and writing to you. I believe that sharing the Christian teachings and ethos with Brethren of other faiths in a non-discriminatory manner is the right thing to do.

I have been puzzled that most Supreme Councils have no religious restrictions on membership, including the mother and daughter Supreme Councils of our own. The fact that a Brother may go to Europe or India, be Perfected and visit an English/Welsh Chapter but not join, appears discriminatory in my view. Other Christian Orders, Knights Templar and Red Cross of Constantine etc are globally restricted to Christian membership, so the foreign Perfection/membership anomaly does not exist in those Orders of which I am or hope to become a member.

During my 40+ years as a Mason, Freemasonry has experienced several changes, major examples are the removal of penalties from obligations and changes to the Royal Arch Ritual. Whilst these changes caused quite a stir at the time, I do not believe that they have caused a negative impact on our fraternity. The A&AR ritual has also changed a number of times in the last 156 years.

There will I expect be further guidelines when the ritual changes have been finalised, and these will be forwarded to you upon receipt.

I will be happy to discuss this issue as I attend meetings or drop me an email if you are troubled by the changes.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Richard Wileman

**Richard Wileman 33°
Inspector General, Surrey**





A busy afternoon at Lily of Kasauli Chapter



The third meeting of the year for the Lily of Kasauli Chapter took place on Friday 1st September at Surbiton Masonic Centre. This was supported by 25 members including the Inspector General, V. Ill. Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°, and the District Recorder, Ill. Bro. Wally J Maynard, 32°, plus 4 guests.

The ceremony for the meeting was a Perfection Ceremony for Bro. Richard Matthews, a friend of many of the members and guests.



The Most Wise Sovereign opened the Chapter and a eulogy was given for Ill. Bro. Oliver Tomlin, 30°, by the Prelate Ill. Bro. David Ashbolt, 32° and the Princes stood in silence for departed merit.

The Most Wise Sovereign welcomed all who attended and the minutes were confirmed and passed after being signed by the Most Wise Sovereign E&P. Bro. Chris Eley and then the Inspector General. Our District Recorder, ; Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard 32°, acted as Director of Ceremonies.

A positive vote was taken in favour of W. Bro. Richard Matthews and the Chapter moved to the Crescent Room where the Intermediate degrees were conferred by the Inspector General in a very sincere and friendly manner with Ill. Bro. Derek Williamson, 30° acting as Marshal.

The Candidate was then taken to an anteroom for a short time whilst the Crescent Room was converted for the First Point.

The Candidate was then brought into the Dark Room where the Most Wise Sovereign carried out the Ceremony of the 1st Point in a very professional manner, assisted by the Marshall.

The Candidate was then taken outside to the Chamber of Death, and after a short while was brought into the Red Room by the acting Raphael, E&P. Bro. Chris Eley, where Ill. Bro. Tim Ford, 31° performed the 2nd Point with his usual personable manner, and also presented Richard with his 18° Rose Croix Collar.

This concluded a very professional Perfection Ceremony.





The agenda was followed by the appointment of Officers who were not able to attend the previous Enthronement Ceremony, namely E&P. Bro. Malcolm Stephens as Steward and Ill. Bro. Angus Cameron, 30°, as Outer Guard.

The next Item on the Agenda was to Present a Supreme Council 18° Certificate to E&P. Bro. Mark Carter which was carried out by the District Recorder, Ill. Bro. Wally J Maynard 32°, in his usual informative manner.

An Excellent Almoners report was given by E&P. Bro. Andrew Lynch and the Princes then collected Alms.

The Most Wise Sovereign then conducted the Risings where the new Surrey Rose Newsletter was mentioned, and all were asked to contribute.

After the risings, the 3rd Point was conducted by the Inspector General V. Ill. Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33° in an excellent manner and the Most Wise Sovereign then closed the chapter.

After the customary photographs, which included one of the Brethren who were members of the Services,

The Brethren of Lily of Kasauli Chapter and their guests retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an excellent meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Article by Wally Maynard



The Enthronement Meeting of Table Fellowship Chapter

An Enthronement meeting was held at Surbiton on Friday 8th September at 17:00 of the Table Fellowship Chapter Rose Croix no 1081, there were 13 members and 4 guests present.

Due to the unavoidable absence of the Most Wise Sovereign, E&P. Bro. Nigel Cross, Ill. Bro. Steven Draper 30°, volunteered to take his place. The acting Most Wise Sovereign opened the Chapter and welcomed all the members and guests. The minutes of the 53rd regular meeting which had been sent out were agreed and passed.



The next item on the agenda was the Annual Accounts and E&P. Bro. Bruce Perry presented these to the members, and after Ill. Bro. Mark Winchester, 30°, and E&P. Bro. Simon Crust gave their comments as auditors, the accounts were put to the vote and passed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Perry for the fine way in which the accounts were laid out.

The main item on the agenda was to Enthroner Ill. Bro. Barrie Selway into the chair, which was carried out by E&P. Bro. Steven Draper, 30° in a very personable manner. The new Most Wise Sovereign then invested the new Officers and the ceremony was completed by Ill. Bro. Richard Collinson, 30°, the Recorder, giving the final address to the Princes.

The Almoner's report was given by Ill. Bro. Keith Waller, 32° which was followed by the Alms collection. A proposition was put to the members to donate a charity donation to the Royal Marsden Hospital and Prostrate Cancer UK, this was unanimously passed by all the members. The Most Wise Sovereign then asked for any other business which was taken and Ill. Bro. Barrie conducted the risings.

The Princes vacated the Chapter room whilst it was prepared for the Third Point. The Princes then re-entered and Ill. Bro. Barrie Selway, 30° assisted by Ill. Bro. David Ebdon, 30° conducted the third point in an excellent manner.

With all the work completed for the afternoon and evening the Chapter was closed in prayer.



An interesting talk at the Rose of Surrey Chapter

At the September meeting of the Rose of Surrey the Most Wise Sovereign Ill. Bro Wally Maynard 32° our District Recorder, gave a very interesting talk entitled, 'First Fleeters'.



The Chapter was opened by the Most Wise Sovereign who welcomed everyone, especially our Inspector General, V. Bro. Richard John Wileman, 33.

A eulogy was given by Bro. Mike Yalden in memory of Ill. Bro. Gerry Yockney 32°, an Honorary Member of the Chapter, who passed away on the 15th of August 2023.

After the minutes had been confirmed a ballot was taken for several joining members.

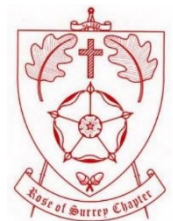
Ill. Bro. Jon Laws 30° was declared as Sovereign Elect and Ill. Bro. Edward Guyver 30°, was declared the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The main item on the agenda was for the Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro. Wally Maynard 32°, to present a paper. Ill. Bro. Wally said that he has always been interested in his Ancestry and he thought it would

make a change to do a paper on one of his possible Ancestors who was shipped off to Australia in 1788.

The **First Fleet** is the name given to the first group of eleven ships that carried convicts from England to Australia in 1788. Beginning in 1787 the ships departed with about 759 convicts, provisions, and agricultural implements. In total 40 convicts died before or during the 8-month trip.

Wally's paper traced his ancestors from a certain Anne Forbes who was his 2nd great-grandmother of his 4th cousin 2 x removed of husband of paternal 1st cousin. Ann was born on 1 September 1771 in Spitalfields, London. Times were very tough in those days, food was scarce and money to buy food even scarcer, so the only way for some people to live was by pilfering items and selling them on. Ann and her friend Lydia Munro decided to rob a shop and got caught. They were sent for trial, found guilty and having no chattels, were sentenced to be hanged and were sent to Newgate prison. Luckily, at that time, prisoners were being sought for a voyage to make a new colony in New South Wales and there were concerns about the lacking number of females taking the voyage. Anne was 16 at the time!



The Enthronement Meeting of Antioch Chapter

A special meeting of the Antioch Chapter # 791 was held at Sutton on Thursday 2nd November 2023, as the Provincial Grand Secretary/ Provincial Grand Scribe E, E&P. Bro. Stephen Richard Jones, was being Enthroned as Most Wise Sovereign (M.W.S.) by the current M. W. S. E&P, Bro. Wayne Lucas.



There were 15 members and 4 guests including the Inspector General V. Ill. Bro. Richard J Wileman, 33°, and the District Recorder Ill. Bro. Wally J Maynard, 32° in attendance.



The Most Wise Sovereign welcomed everyone and hoped that they would have an enjoyable meeting and festive board.

A ballot was taken for E&P. Bro. James Agnew as a joining member, which was unanimous. Jim was welcomed by the M.W.S.

The next item was to vote that the Inspector General for Surrey V.III. Bro. Richard J Wileman, be made an Honorary member of the Chapter, this was passed with enthusiasm by all the members and the Inspector General thanked everyone for this honour and privilege and said that he would make as many meetings as possible in the future, time permitting.

Then followed the Enthronement of E&P Bro. Stephen Jones as Most Wise Sovereign, which was carried out by E&P. Bro. Wayne Lucas in an excellent manner. The new Most Wise Sovereign settled in after the Inspector General has given the address to the Princes in his usual friendly manner and the Most Wise Sovereign then appointed and invested those officers that were in attendance.

Article by Wally Maynard

