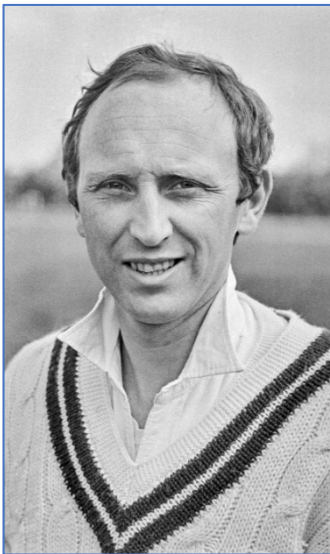




A Farewell to Arnold Long



On Monday the 2nd of February a great number of Masons from many Orders attended the funeral service for our Past District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Arnold Long, IX, held at Randalls Park Crematorium. Many Heads of Orders in Surrey were there, including our District Grand Master and Past District Grand Master, as well as the Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham, VI, of the Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, where R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long V was the Provincial Grand Summus. Everyone was there to pay tribute to a well loved and respected brother and companion.

The service was conducted by Reverend Nicholas Pneumaticatos, the Worshipful Master of Royal Air Force Lodge No 7335.

Arnold's daughter, Natalie, gave a very moving tribute to her dad, followed by a short poem by Katie, Arnold's granddaughter. As an old friend of Arnold, I felt very privileged to be asked to deliver the Masonic tribute.

After family and Masonic tributes, six Heads of Orders in Surrey gathered round to give a moving Masonic farewell, followed by The Closing Ode sung by all the Masons present, which raised the roof.

The Chapel was full to capacity with the service being televised to another room. A fitting farewell from all who had gathered to pay tribute to a lovely man and Mason.

Afterwards we were all invited to the Woodlands Park Hotel for afternoon tea and the opportunity to share our memories of Arnold. It was so good to see Cath Keats at the get together afterwards.



Ill.Comp. Chris Eley



A busy afternoon for Pride of Surrey Council



Wednesday the 14th of January 2026 was a busy afternoon for the Companions of Pride of Surrey Council meeting at Sutton. Four Candidates for the Most Excellent Master Ceremony, followed by a Super Excellent Master Ceremony.



A Council of Select Masters was opened in due form by Ill. Comp. Stuart de Fraine Ford, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Ill. Comp. Chris Eley gave a tribute to R.Ill. Comp. Arnold Long, Past District Grand Master, an Honorary Member of the Council, who passed away on the 1st of January.



The next item on the agenda was to Receive and Acknowledge as Most Excellent Masters, Comps. David Coombes, Wayne Lucas, Bob Oddy and Jim Brown.

A Council of Select Master was adjourned and the T.I.M. invited Ill. Comp. Chris Eley to act as the Right Worshipful Master.



A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and the candidates were Received and Acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters. Ill. Comp. Chris Eley gave the Lecture of the Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, and the Candidates for the Degree of Super Excellent Masters were invited to retire.



Have you booked in yet to our Annual Meeting?

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A Council of Super Excellent Masters was opened, and the candidates were Received and Acknowledged as Super Excellent Masters. Ill.Comp. Chris Eley gave the Lecture of the Degree.

The Council of Super Excellent Masters was closed, and a Council of Select Masters was resumed. Ill.Comp. Chris Eley invited Ill.Comp. Stuart De Fraine Ford to resume the Chair

Comp. Garth Blanchard was declared Thrice Illustrious Master and Ill.Comp. Tim Ford was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Comp. Recorder announced that at the District Meeting at Croydon on the 28th of March, Ill.Comp. Alan Boniface will be re-appointed Assistant District Grand

Director of Ceremonies; Ill.Comp. Len Hillier will be re-appointed District Grand Sword Bearer; Ill.Comp. Chris Eley will be re-appointed Assistant District Grand Recorder; and Ill.Comp. Richard Wileman will be appointed District Grand Steward. They were all congratulated by the Companions.

The Council was closed and we retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments before going in to dine.





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M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones
Grand Master



District Grand Council of Surrey
Annual Meeting

R.III.Comp. William Agnew Caughie
District Grand Master

You are requested to attend the Annual Meeting of the Surrey
District to be held at the Masonic Halls Croydon CR0 2UX on
Saturday 28th March 2026 commencing at 11:00am

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally
Terry Carpenter
District Grand Recorder

District Grand Council Business

The District Grand Master will open District Grand Council

Honour the memory of the Companions of the District who have been called
to Higher Service, since the last Annual Meeting.

Confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 22nd March 2025

Receive the District Accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025.

The District Grand Treasurer will propose an increase in the membership
subscription.

Elect the District Grand Treasurer.

Elect two Account Examiners.

Elect two Companions to serve on the District Executive Committee.

The District Grand Master will re-appoint Ill.Comp Simon McCarthy as Deputy
District Grand Master.

The District Grand Master will re-appoint Ill.Comp Christopher Cradock as
District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

The District Grand Master will appoint the District Grand Officers for the
ensuing year and those Promoted and appointed to Past District Grand Rank..

The District Grand Master will address District Grand Council.

The District Grand Master will declare District Grand Council Closed

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