



The Dedication of our Provincial Bible

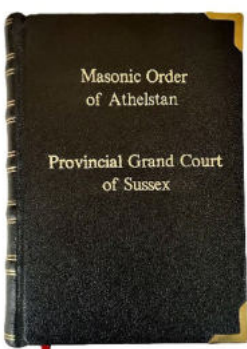
The Provincial team drove down to The Court of Ælle No.25 at Eastbourne on Saturday the 11th of January to Dedicate the new Provincial Bible. We received a very warm welcome from the Brethren of the Court, as well as the staff of the Eastbourne Masonic Centre.

It was good to catch up with everyone over coffee before the meeting.





The meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Tan Rusby, who warmly welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan; his Deputy, W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, the Provincial Officers of the year, and other visitors.



After the regular business of the Court had been completed the Worshipful Master invited the Provincial Grand Master to take the gavel and open a meeting of Provincial Grand Court for the purpose of Dedicating the Provincial Bible.

Provincial Grand Court was opened in shortened form and the Provincial Grand Master explained that we were here to Dedicate our Bible for use within this Provincial Grand Court of Sussex. He instructed the Provincial Marshal to form an Escort to Introduce the Bible into the Provincial Grand Court of Sussex.

The procession was formed and retired from the Court. Outside the Court the procession was reformed and re-entered the Court. The Provincial Marshal called the Brethren to Order to receive the Bible of the Province of Sussex.

The Escort entered and proceeded down the centre of the Court stopping in front of the Pedestal. The Provincial Grand Master called upon Provincial Eminent Prior for prayer.



The Provincial Eminent Prior gave an Oration on the history and meaning of The Bible. The Bible was displayed, paraded around the Court and deposited in its rightful place.

The Brethren were called to Order and the Bible Bearer Handed the Bible to the Provincial Eminent Prior, who placed it on the Pedestal. The Provincial Eminent Prior gave the Dedicatory prayer after which the Provincial Grand Master made his closing remarks and closed Provincial Grand Court in shortened form.



A Grand Court Certificate was presented to Bro. Chris Davis in a most interesting and informative manner by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who congratulated Bro. Chris on receiving his Certificate and wished him many happy years in the Order.

Bro. Tony Padley was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Court was then closed and the Brethren of The Court of Ælle and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal together at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre.



The Court of the South Saxons



On Monday the 3rd of February in Ferring at The Court of the South Saxons No 60 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan the Brethren had a busy and very enjoyable evening where Bros. Phillip Morley, Jim Grant and David King were Instructed as Court Master Masons.

The Ceremony was performed by the Brethren of the Court who were kept in line by their Marshal. W.Bro. Micky Wiles.



The meeting was followed by a sumptuous Fish & Chip Supper.

Thanks to Bro. Tony Padley, Court of Aelle.

The Installation Meeting of The Court of Sion Abbey



Wednesday the 26th of February 2025 was the Seventh Anniversary and Installation Meeting of the Court of Sion Abbey No. 126 at the Twickenham Masonic Centre, with a special visit by Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, GCAG, who was accompanied by several

Provincial Officers of the year.



The Court was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Gary Raggett, who welcomed all the visitors.



After a report at the door the Provincial Grand Master entered, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, accepted the gavel, and took the Chair. He introduced the Provincial Team and took the minutes. He then invited the Worshipful Master to resume the Chair.



A ballot was taken for Bro. Simon Triptree to become a Joining Member. The ballot proved in his favour and Bro. Simon was welcomed into the Court by the Worshipful Master and congratulated by the Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. Felix Matthew-Brown, was proclaimed as Master for the ensuing year and the Officers were appointed and those present invested.

We then received a Lecture on *'The handshake, why do we do it, or is it a lost cause?'* written by W.Bro. Gordon Smith.

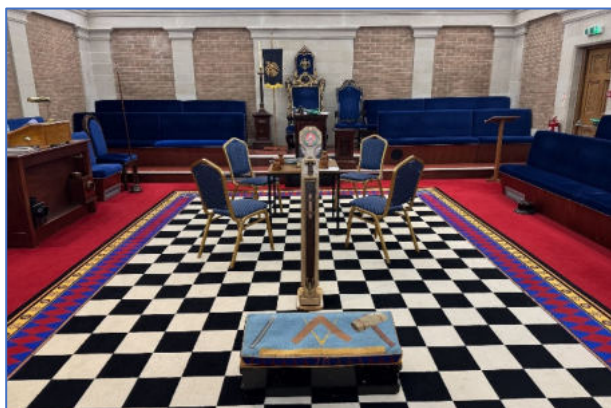


The Court was closed and after refreshments the Brethren of The Court of Sion Abbey and their guests sat down to dine at the Twickenham District Masonic Centre.



The Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great

The second Annual Meeting of the Regional Council of the Southern Shires in the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great was held on Saturday the 22nd of February 2025 at the Winchester Masonic Centre, Alresford Road, Winchester, with the Grand Chancellor of the Southern Shires Sir Kt Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCh, GCAG,* presiding





The Grand Chancellor entered in procession and, after the singing of the Opening Hymn, he opened the meeting of the Southern Shires Council. The Grand Chancellor was saluted under the direction of Sir Knight Marshal of Ceremonial. The meeting then remembered departed Knights:



The next item was to admit 17 Knights to the Grade of Knight of the Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great (KAG); including from the Province of Sussex, W.Bros. Jeremy Griffin, John Phillips, Malcolm Brown, Micky Wiles, Andy Fox, David Stock, George Rodger and Michael Lloyd. W.Bros. Varinder and Satish Dhir were the Heathen Army.....

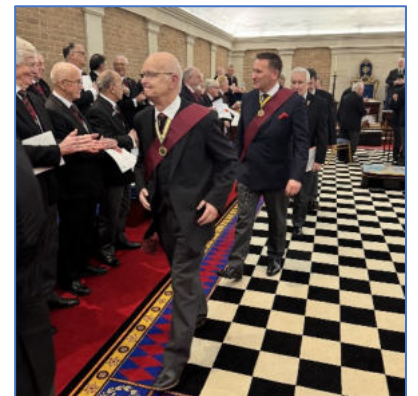


Knight Collector of the Geld for the Southern Shires, Sir Knight Anthony S.R. Pinnell, *KAG*, being the only nomination, the Grand Chancellor declared him elected. The Grand Chancellor then appointed and invested the Officers of the Southern Shires:

The meeting received the Knight Collector of the Geld's financial report and Accounts Examiners for the Southern Shires Accounts for the ensuing Year were elected.

The Grand Chancellor then addressed the Assembly. He said how good it was to see so many at the second meeting of the Regional Council of the Southern Shires, and thanked everyone for their support.

The Grand Chancellor closed the meeting of the Southern Shires, and the Grand Chancellor and Distinguished Guests retired in procession.



After refreshment in the bar, we retired to the dining room for a lovely meal together.



The Ancient Masonic Order of Alfred the Great is an invitational Sovereign Masonic Order which is closely associated with the Masonic Order of Athelstan.

Invitation to membership recognises meritorious service by members of the Masonic Order of Athelstan and candidates are drawn exclusively from that Order.

The ritual of the Order commemorates the role of Alfred the Great in paving the way for the succession of Athelstan. Members hold one of three progressive grades:

- *Knight (KAG) or Knight Emeritus (KEAG)*
- *Knight Commander (KCAG)*
- *Knight Grand Cross (GCAG)*

The Sword of Constantine Court



On Monday the 3rd of March of October our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, *GCAG*, and our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, *KAG*, *PGBurgh*, made a visit to the Sword of Constantine Court No. 120 to see Bro. Jim Agnew instructed.

The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Richard Morgan, who welcomed all the visitors, especially our Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Deputy Marshal, W.Bro. Micky Wiles who, on this occasion, also saluted the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with five. Both responded appropriately saying how much they were looking forward to the meeting.

The main item on the agenda was to Instruct Bro. Jim Agnew who had been successfully balloted at a previous meeting. The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Leslie Grout to conduct the Ceremony of Instruction. Bro Jim was welcomed as a new member into the Order, and he was duly Instructed by W.Bro. Leslie, assisted by the Worshipful Master and the Officers of the Court.

W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, *KAG.*, Eminent Prior, explained the Emblems of Mortality.

Bro. Jim later said how much he had enjoyed the ceremony and thanked the brethren for the warm welcome he had received. He was congratulated by the Worshipful Master, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master.





After the regular business of the Court had been concluded the Court was closed and after refreshments, the members of the Sword of Constantine Court and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable curry supper at the Croydon Masonic Hall.



The Installation Meeting of The Rood at Sudtone Sari Court

The Installation meeting of The Rood at Sudtone Sari Court was held at the Sutton Masonic Hall on Wednesday the 13th of March.

The Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Varinder Dhir, opened the Court and welcomed everyone, especially the visitors. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, *GCAG*.



After the regular business of the Court had been completed a ballot was taken for two candidates for Instruction, Bros. Stephen Bignall and Stuart de Fraine Ford. This proved in their favour and Brothers Stephen and Stuart were duly Instructed by W.Bro.

Varinder, assisted by W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, *KAG*, Eminent Prior, who acted as Junior Warden and explained the Emblems of Mortality, W.Bro. Satish Dhir who explained the Rosetta Stone, and W.Bro. Martin Smith who assisted the Deacons with the Visual Aids.





Bros. Stephen and Stuart were congratulated by the Worshipful Master and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.



Bro. Jeff Sykes was then installed as Worshipful Master in a fine manner by W Bro Varinder.

The Address was given by R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, and the Wapentake by V.W.Bro. Simon Polkinghorne.

The Officers were appointed and those present invested.

The Senior Warden Designate was Bro. Dave Harrison and the Junior Warden Designate was Bro.

Ken McIntosh.

The Court was closed, and after a few photographs the Brethren of The Rood at Sudtone Sari Court retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

