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## Special Consecration Issue



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# The Consecration of a new Court in Guernsey



The Consecration of a new Court in the Province of Sussex, The Court of Lenuri No. 202, was held at the Guernsey Masonic Centre, Rue de la Valee, St Martin, Guernsey, on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2026. Present was our Grand Master, M.W.Bro Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCAG*; our Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Lionel Broadbent Mee, *GCAG*; our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Peter Donovan, *GCAG*; our Deputy

Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard Frank Marchant, *KCAG, PSGD*; and a large team of Provincial Officers. There were also many guests from Provinces all over England.

In the days leading up to the Consecration Brethren from the Province of Sussex, some with their partners, and Brethren from other Provinces flew into Guernsey on Aurigny, Guernsey's airline. Our intrepid Marshal, W.Bro. Mickey Wiles, *KAG*, took all our equipment over by ferry, a 10 hour journey.

We stayed at Les Rocquettes Hotel in St Peter Port, a short taxi ride from the airport. On Friday evening we all met up for dinner, which gave us the opportunity to meet and get to know the Brethren who were to be Instructed into the Order the next day.

After breakfast on Saturday, we were ferried across to the Masonic Hall by the Brethren of Guernsey and their families where rehearsals for the ceremonies were taking place.

In the morning an Especial Meeting of the Provincial Grand Court of Sussex was opened by our Provincial Grand Master for the purpose of Instruction & Special Progression. This was followed by a light lunch then the Consecration of the Court of Lenuri No. 202 took place in the afternoon, followed by dinner.

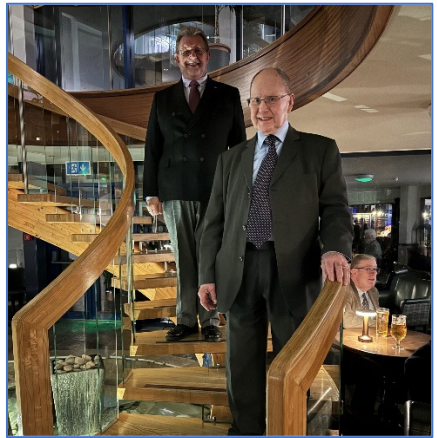


Photos by Chris Eley, Satish Dhir and David King (the drone pictures)



On arrival at the hotel we all made our way to the bar to meet up with brethren from around the Province and our Guernsey hosts for some refreshments before getting ready for dinner hosted by Bro Andrew Henton. Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of the Channel Islands, who made all the dinner arrangements.















The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Mark Peter Donovan, GCAG, opened Provincial Grand Court in shortened form and salutations were given under the direction of the Provincial Marshal, W.Bro. Mickey Wiles, KAG.

The Grand Master, MW Bro. Charles Jonathan Aspinell, GCAG, accompanied by the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Lionel Broadbent Mee, GCAG, entered in procession and salutations were given under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Marshal, W.Bro. John Billett.

A ballot was taken for 14 brethren as candidates for Instruction. This proved in their favour, and W Bro Leslie Grout was invited to conduct the Instruction Ceremony.



The ceremony was conducted by W.Bro. Leslie in his own special way, assisted by W & Em Bro. Chris Eley who delivered a long version of the Emblems of Mortality.

The Representative Candidate was Bro. Philip Andrew Falla, the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Guernsey.

At the conclusion of the Instruction Ceremony, W Bro Leslie Grout vacated the Chair of King Athelstan in favour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, KCAG.



All those recently instructed were invited to leave the Court, with the exception of the six brethren who were to receive Special Progression . The Provincial Grand Secretary read the Dispensation and a duly Constituted Board of Installed Masters was declared open.

The Primus Master Elect, Bro. Russell Alexander Andrew Johnson, was conducted by the Provincial Marshal to the kneeling stool and the remaining Candidates stood to the rear in two columns adopting the sign of Reverence while the Provincial Eminent Grand Prior gave the Installation Prayer.

The Brethren took the Obligation with respect to the secrets of an Installed Master of this Order, following which the Provincial Grand Prior symbolically anointed each Brother to rule as Worshipful Master of a Court. They were then each raised by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master who presented the traditional history of the Order. The Brethren were then hailed, greeted, and recognised with acclamation.



The Provincial Marshal led the Candidates to their seats in the Court, and the Installing Officer declared the Board of Installed Masters closed. The Provincial Grand Master assumed the Chair and closed Provincial Grand Court in shortened form.

The Brethren retired upstairs for a light lunch while some of us took the opportunity to rehearse the Consecration Ceremony to be held in the afternoon.

The Provincial Grand Master, the Consecrating Officer, and his team entered in procession and assumed their seats. The Court was opened in shortened form, and the opening Hymn was sung. Salutations were given under the direction of the Provincial Grand Marshal, and the Consecrating Officer thanked everyone for their fraternal salutation and greeted them well.



The Grand Master, MW Bro. Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCAG*, accompanied by the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Lionel Broadbent Mee, *GCAG*, entered in procession and salutations were given under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Marshal, W.Bro. John Billett.

The Consecrating Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those from other Provinces who had travelled far to support the Province of Sussex.



He addressed the Brethren on the object of the Meeting and called upon the Provincial Eminent Grand Prior for prayer.

The Petitioners stood in the body of the Court, while the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Warrant.

The Consecrating Officer enquired of the Petitioners if they approve of the brethren nominated in the Petition to preside over them as Master and Wardens.

They signified their approval with the sign of Fidelity.





The Consecrating Officer then constituted and formed his trusty and loyal Brethren, as a regular Court under the Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and Provinces Overseas, under the style and title of Court of Lenuri No.202 and proceeded to Dedicate and Consecrate the newly constituted Court in accordance with ancient usage.

The Petitioners resumed their places and the Consecrating Officer called upon the Provincial Eminent Grand Prior to deliver an Oration on the nature and purpose of our Institution. The Provincial Eminent Grand Prior concluded the Oration with the Dedicatory Prayer.

The Consecrating Officer, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Secretary perambulated four times around the Court scattering corn, the emblem of abundance and plenty; pouring wine, the emblem of joy and gladness; sprinkling oil, the emblem of peace and harmony; and salt, the emblem of fidelity, hospitality and everlasting friendship.

The Provincial Eminent Grand Prior then perambulated the Court three times. On the first perambulation he censured the Central Dais. On the second perambulation he censured the Consecration Officers. On the third perambulation he censured the Master designate, the Eminent Prior designate, the Senior Warden designate, the Junior Warden designate, and the Brethren.

The Provincial Eminent Grand Prior then returned to his seat and gave the second part of the Dedication Prayer following which the Petitioners stood round the Central Dais while the Consecrating Officer by virtue of the power and authority vested in him Consecrated the Court of Lenuri No.202 to the service of the Supreme Being and Creator of all things, and Proclaimed that the Court of Lenuri No.202 on the Register of the Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas, was that day regularly Constituted, Dedicated and Consecrated.



The Provincial Eminent Grand Prior gave the Patriarchal Benediction.

The Consecrating Officer declared Provincial Grand Court duly closed in shortened form and vacated the chair of King Athelstan in favour of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles Jonathan Aspinell, who Installed the Master Designate, Worshipful Brother Russell Johnson, into the Chair in a very sincere manner.

The Installing Officer called upon the Brethren to acknowledge and greet the newly Installed Master and pledge our allegiance with the traditional Waepentake. W.Bro. Andrew Michael Henton, the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Guernsey, was invested as Immediate Past Master, and the Founders stood for the presentation of the Warrant.





The Court Officers were then appointed and invested. Very Worshipful Brother Philip Andrew Falla was appointed as the Prior of the Court. Worshipful and Eminent Brother Chris Eley, Consecrating Prior, was called upon to perform the rite of Consecration and Dedication.

The Worshipful Master addressed the Most Worshipful Grand Master thanking him for making this such a special day for the Court of Lenuri. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then asked the Marshal to present Worshipful and Eminent Brother Philip Andrew Falla to him. He thanked the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Guernsey for all his assistance in making today happen and gave him a Field Promotion to Past Grand Sword Bearer, making him a Very Worshipful Brother. V.W.Bro. Philip was taken aback and very moved by the kind gesture. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then retired from the Court with Officers of Grand Court.



The Brother Priors of the Vigil were assembled in the north and south and V.W. Bro. Philip Andrew Falla and W.Bro. Andrew Michael Henton were Consecrate Priors in the Masonic Order of Athelstan in England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas.



Very Worshipful Brother Philip Falla was dedicated as Eminent Prior of the Court of Lenuri No.202, received the staff of his Office, assumed his station at the left of the Worshipful Master, and was greeted as the new Eminent Prior with three under the direction of the Marshal. The Brother Priors of the Vigil resumed their stations, and the remaining Officers were appointed and invested.

Worshipful Brother Andrew Fox delivered the Installation address in sign language to assist our hard of hearing friends!



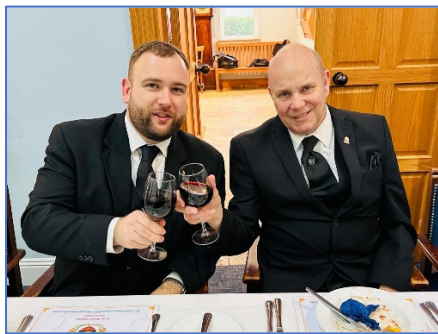
The Right Worshipful Consecrating Officer and the Consecrating Team then retired from this Court in procession.

After the Court was closed we all returned for photographs before going up to the bar for well-earned refreshment.



We then sat down to a most enjoyable meal together before going back to our hotel for more refreshments and good natured conversation.





After the meal had ended the Worshipful Master thanked the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master for making this such a special day for the Brethren of the Court of Lenuri and presented them with a gift as a token of his appreciation.



