

A busy afternoon at 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 11th of March 2026.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Jeff Sykes, opened the Court and welcomed everyone, especially the visitors. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, *G.C.A.G.*



After the regular business of the Court had been completed a ballot was taken for a joining member, W.Bro. Gordon Smith, a member of the Court of Sion Abbey, and a candidate for Instruction, Bro. Ernest Penuala. This proved in their favour and W.Bro. Gordon was welcomed into the Court.

The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Varinder Dhir to occupy the Chair.

Brother Ernest was duly Instructed by W.Bro. Varinder, assisted by W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, *K.A.G.*, Eminent Prior, who explained the Emblems of Mortality.

W.Bro. Satish Dhir explained the Rosetta Stone, and R.W.Bro. Simon Polkinghorne assisted the Deacons with the Visual Aids.

Bro. Ernest was congratulated by the Worshipful Master and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. Varinder Dhir invited W.Bro. Jeff Sykes to resume the Chair.

Bro. Dave Harrison was then installed as Worshipful Master by W Bro Jeff Sykes assisted by his Officers. The Address was given by R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, and the Wapentake by R.W.Bro. Simon Polkinghorne. The Officers were appointed and those present invested.

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.





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The first meeting of of The Court of Lenuri

The island of Guernsey provided a fitting and picturesque backdrop for a significant milestone in the development of the Court of Lenuri No.202 in the Masonic Order of Athelstan. The occasion marked the Court's first full meeting following its recent consecration, an important step in establishing its rhythm, traditions, and sense of identity within the Order.

Traveling from the United Kingdom to support the fledgling court were two dedicated Court Founder members, Jim Grant and Dave King, whose experience and enthusiasm were warmly received. Accompanying them was the Provincial Grand Marshal, Mickey Wiles, whose presence added to the importance of the occasion and the commitment of the province of Sussex to support its newer courts.

The meeting run by the Worshipful Master Russell Johnson, under the direction of the Court Marshal, with a steady hand and clear guidance, ensured that proceedings ran smoothly, balancing formality with encouragement. For many of the Court of Lenuri members, this was their first experience of a full meeting in practice, making the support and mentorship offered by the visiting brethren invaluable.



Attention was given to the Court of Instruction, an essential component in helping members understand ritual, floor work, and the finer details that bring Masonic ceremonies to life. Jim Grant and Dave King worked closely with the court members, offering practical advice and sharing insights gained from their own experiences. Their approachable manner helped put everyone at ease, fostering an environment where questions were welcomed and confidence steadily grew.

Mickey Wiles, in his role as Provincial Grand Marshal, provided both oversight and encouragement. His observations and constructive feedback reinforced the importance of precision and decorum, while also acknowledging the evident commitment and potential within the Court of Lenuri. His presence served as both a reassurance and an inspiration to the members as they continue to develop.

Beyond the Lodge room, the visit to Guernsey also included a meaningful engagement with the local community. The visiting party, along with members of the Court, were warmly welcomed to the Guernsey Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals (GSPCA). The tour was led by Brother Steve Byrne, the Centre Manager, whose passion for animal welfare was evident throughout.



The visit to the GSPCA held special significance as the Provincial Grand Court of Sussex had recently agreed to donate £250 to the charity, which our Provincial Grand Master will present when he returns to Guernsey in the summer.

Seeing first-hand the vital work carried out by the charity brought a deeper appreciation of how such contributions make a tangible difference. From rescue operations to rehabilitation and rehoming, the dedication of the GSPCA team left a lasting impression on all who attended.

Brother Steve Byrne's insights into the daily challenges and successes of the centre highlighted the importance of continued charitable support, aligning closely with the Masonic principles of compassion and service to the wider community.

As the visit concluded, there was a shared sense of accomplishment and optimism. The Court of Lenuri had successfully conducted its first full meeting and taken confident steps forward in its journey. The guidance provided by the visiting brethren, combined with the leadership of Roger Wood, ensured a strong foundation upon which the court will continue to build.

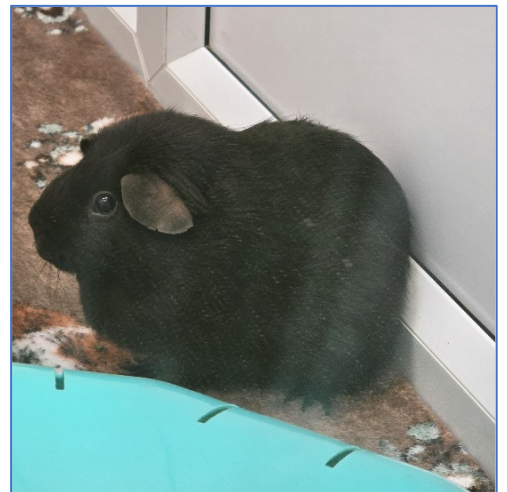
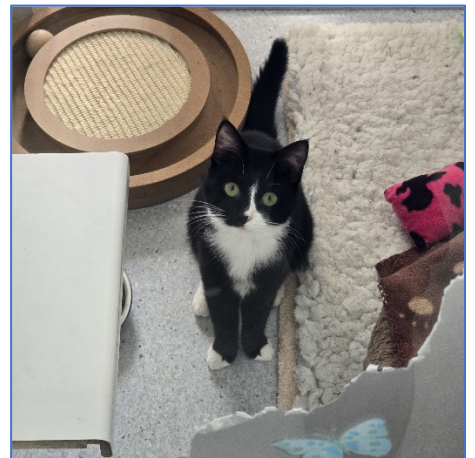
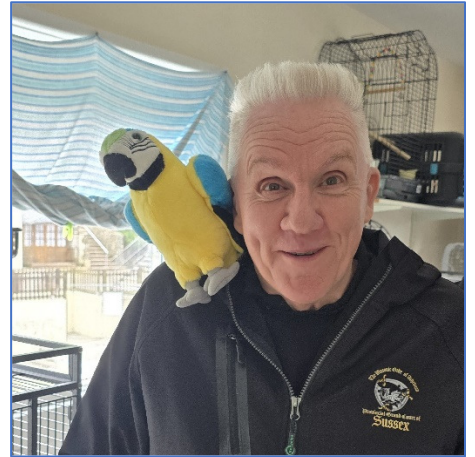
Equally, the opportunity to connect with the GSPCA reinforced the enduring link between Freemasonry and charitable action, reminding all present that their work extends far beyond ceremonial gatherings.



In both fellowship and service, the visit to Guernsey proved to be a memorable and meaningful occasion, setting a positive tone for the future of the Court of Lenuri.

Thanks to Dave King





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