



The Court of King Alfred the Great



On Friday the 21st of August at the Winchester Masonic Hall the Court of King Alfred held their Installation Meeting. Present was our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, *KCAG*, P.G.S.D., and a large team of Provincial Officers of the year.



It was good to see two of my good Masonic friends at the meeting, W.Bro. George Deacon, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Hampshire and IOW, who had recently received the secrets of the Chair....



....and Bro. Peter Dack, who on the following Saturday will be installed as District Grand Master of the District of Hampshire and Isle of White in the Order of Royal and Select Masters by the Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick J Jones.

The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ian Glister, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial team entered into procession

He took the chair and was saluted with five under the direction of the acting Provincial Marshall, W.Bro. John Billett.



He introduced the Provincial team thanking them for their support, updated the meeting on future events in the Province, took the minutes, and vacated the chair as the Lodge had some work to do.



The main item on the agenda to install Bro. Anton Smith as Worshipful Master. This was done in sincere manner by W.Bro. Ian Glistner, assisted by W.Bro. Peter Jack, who explained the signs.



Our Deputy Provincial Grand Master called upon the brethren to acknowledge and greet their new Worshipful Master with the traditional waepentake.



After the officers of the Court had been appointed and invested, our Deputy Provincial Grand Master was invited to present Grand Court Certificates to four recently instructed brethren



After the regular business of the Court had been concluded the Provincial team left in procession and the Court was closed.

Following some photographs, and a few refreshments in the bar, we sat down so most enjoyable meal of sausage and mash before heading home.



Photos by Chris Eley and Satish Dhir



Alfred the Great (Old English: *Ælfrēd*; c. 849 – 26 October 899) was King of the West Saxons from 871 to 886, and King of the Anglo-Saxons from 886 until his death in 899.

He was the youngest son of King Æthelwulf and his first wife Osburh, who both died when Alfred was young. Three of Alfred's brothers, Æthelbald, Æthelberht and Æthelred, reigned in turn before him. Under Alfred's rule, considerable administrative and military reforms were introduced, prompting lasting change in England.

Æthelstan, who ruled from 924 to 939, was the grandson of **Alfred the Great** and built upon his grandfather's accomplishments.



The Consecration of a new Court in Magonsætan



The Consecration of a new Court in the Province of Magonsætan, The Court of Five Kings No. 199, was held at the Cardiff Masonic Hall on Saturday the 1st of August.

Present was our Grand Master, M.W.Bro Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCAG*; the Provincial Grand Master of Magonsætan, R.W.Bro. John Glyn Evans, *GCAG*; our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Peter Donovan, *GCAG*; and many guests from Provinces all over England, including 13 from Sussex

In the morning an Especial Meeting of the Provincial Grand Court of Magonsætan was opened by the Provincial Grand Master for the purpose of Instruction & Special Progression.

This was followed by a light lunch then the Consecration of the Court of Five Kings No 199 took place in the afternoon, followed by dinner.



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The Consecration of a new Court in Hampshire



On Saturday the 17th of October a new Court in the Province of Sussex will be Consecrated in Botley by our Provincial Grand Master and his team.

Ytene Court No 209



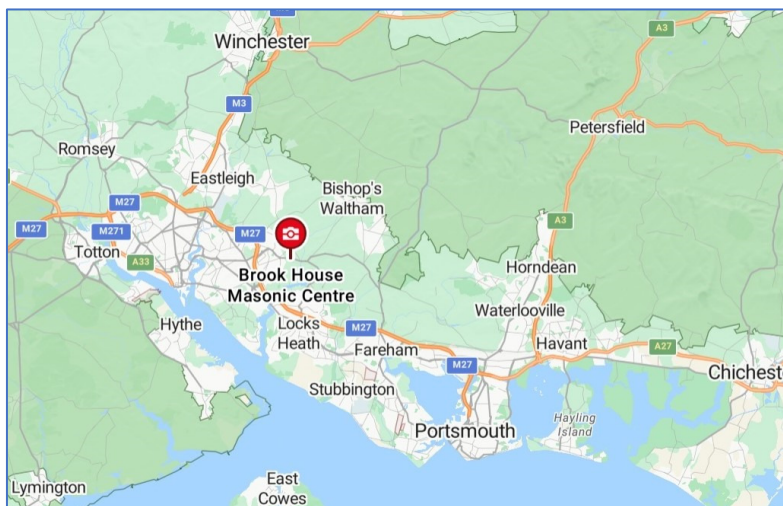
Ytene (pronounced *ee-ten* or *eye-ten*) is an ancient Anglo-Saxon name for the area now known as the New Forest in southern England.

In Old English, the word derives from *Ytena*, which translates to land of the Jutes. The Jutes were an early Germanic tribe who settled in the region. Before the Norman Conquest of 1066, the area retained a distinct cultural and ethnic Jutish identity under the name Ytene.

Around 1079, William the Conqueror claimed the wild woodland as a royal hunting ground, officially renaming it the "New Forest."

The stag is of particular importance to Ytene, and the white stag is considered a magical emblem. The white stag, also known as the white hart, has long been a symbol of the otherworld, and the sight of it is said to signify that someone important is about to enter into the realm of spirit.

The Consecration Ceremony of an Athelstan Court is in two stages. The first on Saturday morning deals with the Instruction Ceremony and Special Progression of the Senior Officers followed by a light lunch; and then in the afternoon the Consecration of the Court; and finally, the Installation of the Worshipful Master and investiture of the Officers. All of this is topped off later in the afternoon with a Consecration Festive Board.



Everyone is welcome to attend this all day event

Put the 17th of October in your diary

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