



The Unveiling of the Seventh Tapestry



The seventh and final Embroidered Tapestry was Dedicated and Unveiled at All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, by the Dean of Westminster Abbey on Sunday the 11th of October.



Present at the unveiling were our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master; along with several other Surrey Brethren.



The Dedication and Unveiling was carried out after the Choral Evensong Service. The seventh tapestry, that of King Ethelred, was curtained until being unveiled by the Dean of Westminster Abbey.



During the service thanks were given for the generosity of so many which has allowed them to achieve this magnificent adornment to All Saints Church and to bring to life for the people of Kingston their little-known heritage.





We all enjoyed a celebration drink afterwards.



When Athelstan, the first king of a unified England and the first to wear a crown, ascended the throne in 925, he chose to be “consecrated” in Kingston upon Thames. Indeed, seven Anglo-Saxon kings – among them Eadweard the Elder, Ethelred the Unready and Eadweard the Martyr – are believed to have been crowned here on the King’s Stone, a sarsen geologically similar to those at Stonehenge. It survives to this day, though the original chapel outside which it stood is long gone, replaced by All Saints Church.



The Sword of Constantine Court

We had a busy day in October at The Sword of Constantine Court. We received W Bro Bernard Marchant, KCAG, PSGD, DepProvGM; balloted for a joining member, W.Bro. John Norton-Doyle; instructed Bro Terence Berry into the Order; and finally installed Bro. Ese Edjekughele as Worshipful Master. We needed some refreshments after all that.



The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Norman Jones, who welcomed all the visitors.

After a report on the door the Provincial Deputy Marshal, W.Bro. John Billett, entered and advised the Worshipful Master that the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bernard F Marchant, KCAG, **PGSD**, was in the ante room and demanded admission to the Court.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, attended by several Officers of the year entered, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, accepted the gavel, and took the Chair.

He said how good it was to be back at the Sword of Constantine Court. He introduced the team, took the minutes and vacated the Chair as the Court had much work to do.

A ballot was taken for a joining member, W.Bro. John Norton-Doyle, **PDepGCaptG**, PPrJGW. This proved in his favour and W.Bro. John was welcomed into the Sword of Constantine Court by the Worshipful Master who then invited him to take the Chair for the Instruction Ceremony that followed.

A ballot was taken for Bro Terence Berry. Bro. Terry was welcomed as a new member into the Order, and he was duly Instructed by W.Bro. John, assisted by the Officers of the Court. W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, **KAG**, Provincial Grand Eminent Prior, explained the Emblems of Mortality.



The next item was to install Bro. Ese Edjekughele as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. This was conducted by the Installing Master, W.Bro. Leslie Grout, and the Officers of the Lodge. W.Bro. Ese was congratulated by our Provincial Grand Master who wished him a successful and enjoyable year as Master of the Sword of Constantine Court.



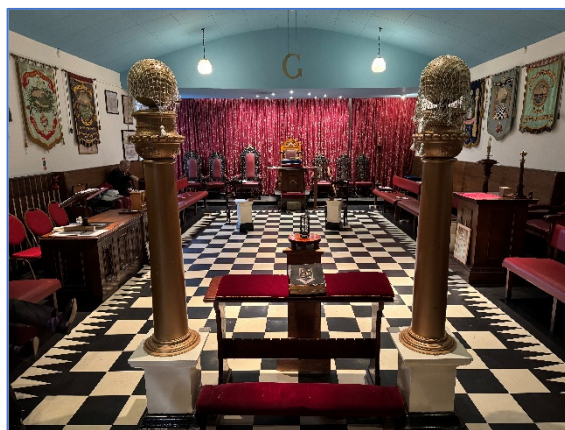
After the regular business of the Court had been concluded the Court was closed and after refreshments, the members of The Sword of Constantine and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable curry supper at the Croydon Masonic Hall.



The Brethren and guests of the Sword of Constantine Court



An Official Visit to the Court of Aelle



Saturday the 10th of October was a busy day for the Court of Aelle, meeting at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre.

They were honoured by a visit from R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, our Provincial Grand Master. Also present was W.Bro. Bernard Marchant, our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a member of the Court, and R.W.Bro. Brian Prevett, Past Provincial Grand Master.



The meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Steve Davis, who warmly welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Officers of the year, and other visitors. W.Bro. Mickey Wiles, Provincial Marshal was the Escorting Officer.

The Provincial Grand Master took the Chair for a short while and thanked the Master and members of the Court for their warm welcome. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Marshal, R.W.Bro. Mark responded appropriately saying how much he was looking forward to the meeting.

He introduced the members of the Provincial Team, and visitors from other Courts in the Province and thanked them all for their continued support



After the Court was closed, the brethren of The Court of Aelle and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre.

The main item on the agenda was to Instruct Bro. Harold Malapitan. The Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers conducted the Ceremony of Instruction in a very sincere manner.



Thanks to Tony Padley for the pictures

A Candidate for the Court of Sion Abbey



A meeting of the Court of Sion Abbey No. 126 was held on Wednesday the 14th of October 2026 at the Twickenham Masonic Centre.

The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Kevin Saunders, who welcomed all the visitors, especially our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, KCAG.

The main item on the agenda was to Instruct Bro. George Milton, a member of South Middlesex Lodge and Chapter. The Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, conducted the Ceremony of Instruction in a very sincere manner.

Bro. Martin Beard was elected as Worshipful Master and W.Bro. Feliz Matthew-Brown as Treasurer.

After the Court was closed, the brethren of The Court of Sion Abbey and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Twickenham Masonic Centre.

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