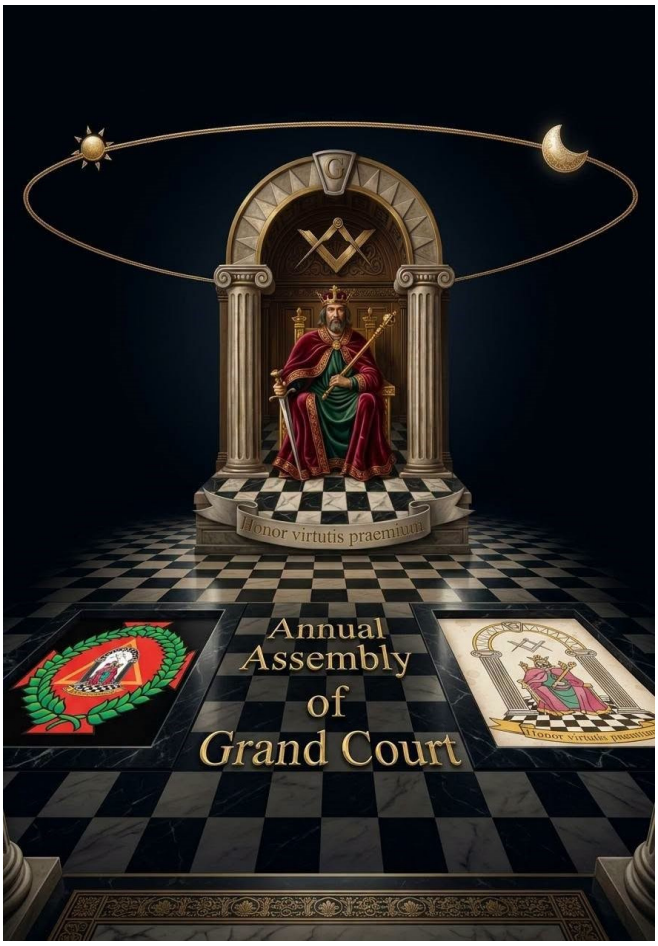
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Grand Court

The Masonic Order of Athelstan Annual Assembly 2026 was held on Saturday the 24th of October 2026 at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester., at 11.00 a.m., and included a Grand Court Banquet at 2:00 p.m.





It was a splendid meeting of Grand Court and congratulations to our brethren from Sussex for their appointments and promotions.





Photos by Satish Dhir

With several Grand Masters in attendance from our sister Grand Courts as well as Provincial Grand Masters Provinces oversees. Brethren gathered as one family under the banner of The Masonic Order of Athelstan. They travelled far, yet every mile was worth it — for what awaited them was not distance, but Union, Harmony, and Brotherhood.









Sussex brethren at the Premier Inn Leicester City Centre before the meeting

The Armed Forces Covenant





The signing for the formal execution of the Armed Forces Covenant commitment by the Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Masters of the British Province was held on the 24th of October at Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Masonic Order of Athelstan is committed to the support of our Regulars, Reservists, veterans and their families.

The Court of the South Saxons





On Monday the 2nd of November the Court of the South Saxons were pleased to receive our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Bernard F Marchant, *K.C.A.G.*, PGSwdB., to their Installation meeting. This meeting was held at the Charmandean Centre in Worthing instead of their usual meeting place, the Village Hall in Ferring.











The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Simon Aston, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. W & Em Bro. Chris Eley, *KAG*, **PGBannerB**, Provincial Grand Prior, acted as Prior for the meeting.







After a report on the door the Provincial Marshal, W.Bro. Mickey Wiles, *KAG*, **PGBurgh**, the Marshal of the Court, retired and re-entered to advise the Worshipful Master that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master demanded admission to the Court.





The Very Worshipful 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 see so many filling the newly refurbished Temple at the Charmandean Centre. He introduced the team, spoke about the new Court to be Consecrated in Surbiton next year, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Court had work to do.

The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Frank Hobbs as Master of the Court. This was done in an excellent manner by the Installing Master, W.Bro. Simon Aston, assisted by the Officers of the Court. The Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested



Afterwards the newly Installed Master was congratulated by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master who wished him an enjoyable year as Master of the Court of the South Saxons. Our Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then invited to present a Grand Court Certificate to Bro. Robert Kendall. This he did in a very informative way.

The Court was closed and, after photographs, we made our was down to the bar for refreshments.





Brethren of the Court of the South Saxons























After refreshments the members of the Court and their guests dined together at the local Toby Carvery.

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