



A Special Day for the Province of Sussex

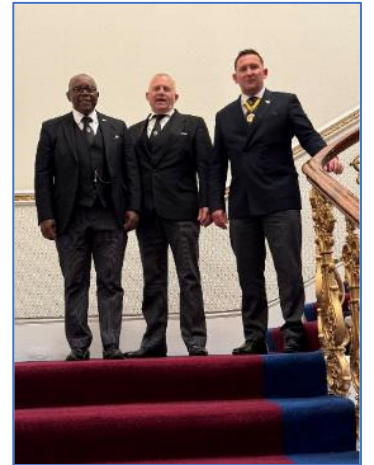


Saturday the 6th of July 2024 was a very special day for the Province of Sussex with the installation of R.W.Bro. Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCAG*, installed as the Deputy Grand Master; RW.Bro. Lionel Mee, *GCAG*, installed as Assistant Grand Master; and VW.Bro. Mark Peter Donovan, *KCAG*, installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Sussex.

The meeting was presided over by the Grand Master, MW.Bro. Paul Weldon Johnston, *GCAG*, the Installing Officer.

Many Sussex Brethren had travelled to Mark Masons Hall that day to support Charles, Lionel and Mark on their special day.







The Most Worshipful Grand Master Paul Weldon Johnston, *GCAG*, the Installing Officer accompanied by his attending officers, assisting officers and distinguished guests entered in procession and appointed his officers.



The Opening Hymn was sung and the Most Worshipful Installing Officer opened Grand Court in shortened form. Salutations were given to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Paul Weldon Johnston, *GCAG*.



The Most Worshipful Installing Officer addressed the Brethren on the object of the meeting and called on the Acting Worshipful and Eminent Grand Prior for Prayer.



The Most Worshipful Installing Officer called on the Grand Marshal to ascertain that the Deputy Grand Master Designate, RW.Bro. Charles Jonathan Aspinell, *GCAG*, was in attendance.

The Grand Marshal and appointed Brethren retired in procession, re-entered Grand Court and introduced the Deputy Grand Master Designate.

The Installing Officer addressed the Deputy Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office. After the Eminent Grand Prior had offered a prayer the Deputy Grand Master Designate took his Obligation and was invested and installed in the Chair by the Grand Master.

RW.Bro. Charles Jonathan Aspinell was then saluted under the direction of the Grand Marshal.



The Most Worshipful Installing Officer called on the Deputy Grand Marshal to ascertain that the Assistant Grand Master Designate, RW.Bro. Lionel Mee, *GCAG*, was in attendance.

The Grand Marshal and appointed Brethren retired in procession, re-entered Grand Court and introduced the Assistant Grand Master Designate.

The Installing Officer addressed the Assistant Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office. After the Eminent Grand Prior had offered a prayer, the Assistant Grand Master Designate took his Obligation and was invested and installed in the Chair by the Grand Master. RW.Bro. Lionel Mee was then saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Marshal.





Then followed the Installation of VW.Bro. Mark Peter Donovan, **KCAG**, as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Sussex. RW.Bro. Mark Peter Donovan was then saluted with seven under the direction of the Deputy Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master was then pleased to present an award to W.Bro. Rufus, seen here with W.Bro. Mark Bajona, in recognition for all the support he gives to others.



The Most Worshipful Installing Officer addressed the Brethren and closed Grand Court in shortened form. The Closing Hymn was be sung, followed by the National Anthem.



The Grand Marshal formed a retiring procession and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and other Right Worshipful Brethren retired from Grand Court greeting everyone on their way out.





We then returned to the Temple for some group photos



Thanks to all the Sussex Brethren who came along to support Charles, Lionel and Mark on their special day.

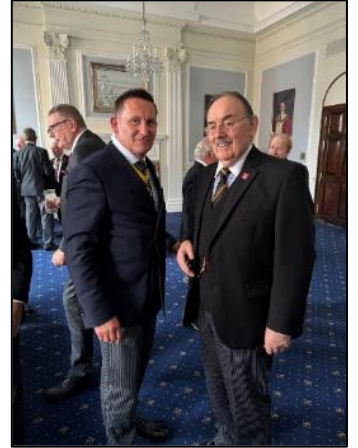


We then retired to the bars for refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends





After refreshments the Brethren sat down to a most enjoyable meal in the dining room at Mark Masons Hall.



Our newly installed Provincial Grand Master visits the Sword of Constantine Court

Two days after his installation at Mark Masons Hall our new Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mark Donovan, *KCAG*, made an unofficial visit to the Sword of Constantine Court No. where they instructed Bro. Kenny Kin Fat Ng. In March Bro Kenny was invited to the Court to hear a talk by W.Bro. Gordon Smith entitled 'If it looks right, it is right'. The talk looked at architecture and the role of the Medieval Mason by looking at Churches, Abbeys and Cathedrals and how they were designed and built at the time of King Athelstan. Afterwards Bro. Kenny joined us at the festive board.

The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Philipp Reutner who welcome all the visitors, especially R.W.Bro. Mark who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Marshal, W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, Provincial Eminent Grand Prior.



The Provincial Grand Master responded accordingly saying that he was delighted that the Sword of Constantine Court was the first Court in the Province he had the pleasure of visiting.

The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Leslie Grout to conduct the Ceremony of Instruction.



Bro Kenny was welcomed as a new member into the Order, and he was duly Instructed by W.Bro. Leslie assisted by the Officers of the Court.

W & Em. Bro. Chris Eley, **KAG**, Eminent Prior, explained the Emblems of Mortality. Bro. Kenny later said how much he had enjoyed the ceremony and thanked the brethren for the warm welcome he had received.

Bro. Richard Morgan was declared Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and W.Bro. Chris Cradock, **KCAG, PSGD, PProvJGW**, was declared Treasurer.

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



The Installation of W.Bro. Bernard Marchant as Deputy Provincial Grand Master

The Installation of our new Deputy Provincial Grand Master will be held on Friday the 16th of August at The Court of King Alfred Court at the Masonic Hall in Winchester.

The meeting of the Court will commence at 5.00 p.m. and an especial assembly of Provincial Grand Court will be opened at 6.30 p.m.

Details from the Secretary, W.Bro. David Stock on c79-courtsec@moa-sussex.org.uk or 07954 147768



The Rood at Sudtone Sari Court



On Thursday the 23rd of May The Rood at Sudtone Sari Court received out Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Lionel Mee, *GCAG.*, on his last official visit as our Provincial Grand Master prior to his appointment and investiture as Assistant Grand Master in July. Also present was our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW.Bro. Mark Donovan, *KCAG*, *PGSwdB.*, Provincial Grand Master Designate, and a good team of Provincial Officers of the year.



The Court was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Jim Cranefield, who welcomed everyone, especially the guests some of whom had travelled a long way to attend the meeting.



After a report on the door the Provincial Marshal, W.Bro. Duncan Maguire, *KAG*, entered and advised that the Provincial Grand Master was without and demanded admission to the Court.

The Provincial Grand Master entered the Court to rapturous applause was offered the gavel and took the Chair.

He said how good it was to be in Sutton for his last official visit as Provincial Grand Master. He introduced the Provincial Grand Officers thanking them for turning out in force to support him and the Court.

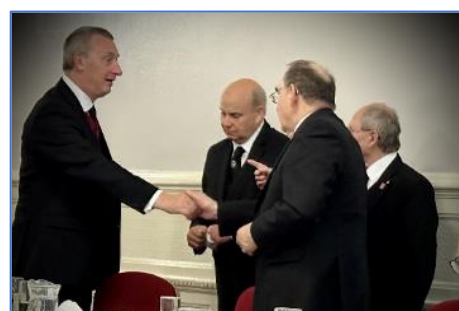
He especially thanked those Brethren who had travelled all the way from the South Island to be there that day.

He said how much he was looking forward to the 6th of July at Mark Masons Hall where, at a special meeting of Grand Court, the Grand Master would be investing him as Assistant Grand Master, and V.W.Bro. Mark Donovan as the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Sussex.

The Provincial Grand Master then took the minutes and vacated the Chair. After the regular business of the Court was completed, the Court was closed, and we gathered for photos of a special day.



We then retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments before going into the dining room at the Sutton Masonic Hall to enjoy a most convivial meal together.



Around the Orders



Many Heads of Surrey Orders were seen at the Annual Meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey held in June.

On Thursday the 19th of July the Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, installed Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson as the Provincial Grand Summus of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey in a splendid ceremony held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



R.Dist.Comp. Nigel then appointed and installed Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, our Eminent Prior, as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; and Dist.Comp, Simon McCarthy, as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

Present were our Deputy Grand Master, R.Dist. Comp. Charles Aspinell, Grand Episcopus; our Assistant Grand Master.

V.Dist.Comp. Lionel Mee, Past Assistant Grand Summus; and our Provincial Grand Master, Dist.Comp. Mark Donovan, who was re-appointed Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

