



HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

We were deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

For over seventy years she has dedicated her life to service for her country and the Commonwealth and been a figurehead of national unity and stability at a time of enormous change.

She has always led with a quiet determination and selfless devotion and has been all that is the very best in us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family.

A message of condolence on behalf of all members of our Orders, was sent by the Grand Secretary to Buckingham Palace.

The Summons for the first meeting of any Unit following the announcement should have a black border applied, and black ties should be worn.

A period of silent reflection should be observed immediately after the meeting has been opened.



A Special Day for Kyngstun Council

Wednesday the 7th of September was a special day for Kyngstun Council No 102. They received a visit from our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John V C French, admitted a candidate to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, installed a new Worshipful Master, and on top of that were paid a visit from a Past Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD in the United States of America.



The meeting was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Barrie Selway. Our District Grand Prefect entered the Council, was greeted by the Worshipful Master, and took the Chair for a few minutes. After he was saluted with seven by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Anton Smith, he introduced the District Grand Officers, thanking them for their support.

He also welcomed the Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, USA, D. Allen Surratt, who was the Sovereign Grand Master from 2007 to 2008.

R.W.Bro. John then spoke about dates for our diaries, the Annual Meeting on Saturday the 3rd of December, and the next Hog Roast on Sunday the 9th of July where R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey has once again guaranteed good weather.

After taking the minutes, he vacated the Chair as the Council had a lot of work to do.

A ballot was held for two Brethren to be admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, Brother Bob Soper and Brother David Lawrence.

This proved in their favour and Brothers Bob and David were admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Barrie Selway, ably assisted by his Officers.



After W.Bro. Barrie Selway had given the lecture on the Degree, the two new members of the Council were congratulated by our District Grand Prefect, and the Past Sovereign Grand Master of the AMD in the USA, and welcomed into the Order.

The next item on the agenda was to install W.Bro. Chris Eley, our District Grand Photographer, as Master of Kyngstun Council.

As W.Bro. Chris is presently the Master of the Southern Cross Council No XIII a Dispensation was read.

W.Bro. Chris was then installed as the new Worshipful Master of

Kyngstun Council in a very sincere manner by W.Bro. Barrie Selway



On investing his Officers, W.Bro. Chris invested W.Bro. Barrie as Senior Warden saying that in a year's time he will be installing into the Chair of Kyngstun Council the Brother who had just installed him, hoping that ceremony would be a good as the one Chris received that day.



The Brethren of Kyngstun Council and their guests then sat down to a very convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was then closed and after the customary photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments.



We Meet Again

The following day Chris and Allen met up at Mark Masons' Hall at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Priory of the Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City who had gathered in the Grand Temple.

They met, not only to enjoy the Installation of the new Most Eminent Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, JP, but also to say a fond farewell to the outgoing Grand Master, Michael Edward Herbert, Presiding Officer, who was retiring after 11 years at the helm of this small and select Christian Order of Freemasonry.



Here we have Reverend Knights Allen and Chris after the meeting.



Congratulations to two of our Brethren



Congratulations to our District Grand Prefect who was promoted to Past Junior Grand Overseer by the new Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, at the investiture meeting of Mark Grand Lodge on the 13th of September.



Also receiving promotion that day was W.Bro. Mike Neville of Surrey Council No. 64 who received the rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon. Well done to both of you.

Sitting on the High Chair



The rather strange picture of our District Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro Richard Baker, shows that some Councils have returned to their historic roots by holding their meetings in the local inn. All very appropriate for the Allied Degree as brethren, particularly Installed Masters, will understand. The Francis J Walton Council hold their meetings at The John Seldon Public House some 15 minutes from where W.Bro. Richard lives.

Having joined that Council 12 months ago W.Bro. Richard was appointed Senior Warden by his good friend Joe Rochford (*known to many brethren in Surrey Mark*). The meetings are held in the function room of the pub and the room is prepared using the available furniture. So, our Senior Warden is pictured sitting rather precariously on a bar stool with an empty barrel as his pedestal. The bar in the background looks rather inviting but sadly it is not open during meetings.

The meeting on Tuesday the 6th of September consisted of the Introduction of a new brother to our Order and the proclamation of W.Bro. Joe Rochford to continue as Worshipful Master for further year. Therefore, W.Bro. Richard will continue to sit in his high chair in the west.

Thanks to Richard Baker for the article and photo

Where is your tie?

W.Bro. Mike Neville of Surrey Council was recently spotted on television not sporting his AMD tie!

Our District Grand Prefect will be having a few words with him.



Evening All.....

