



In memory of R.W.Bro. Bryan Frank Page

The Funeral Service for Bryan Frank Page was held at Randalls Park Crematorium in Leatherhead on Friday the 14th of April. Present were representatives from the many Masonic Orders Bryan was a member of, all there to pay their respects to a dear Brother and Companion.

Bryan Frank Page was born in Basingstoke in 1932 and died on the 27th of February 2023 aged 91. It is a truism that one often finds more information on a person's life at their funeral – such was the case with Bryan who, in his quiet and unassuming way left most of his life unsaid.

A Librarian by profession he served in a considerable number of Local libraries around the Greater London area. It was 1982 having retired, he was appointed Deputy Grand Librarian to the Library of United Grand Lodge – a post which gave him considerable pleasure and one which he held for many years.

A distinguished Freemason who was initiated on the 9th May 1964 and was awarded high rank in the Craft (PJGD) in 2006, in the Royal Arch, PAGSoj in 2003. He was a member of 9 Craft Lodges and 7 Royal Arch Chapters.

Bryan also achieved high office in many of the Companion Orders and was Grand Superintendent of District 15 (Surrey) of KTP at the same time as R.E. Provincial Prior of Surrey Knights Templar.

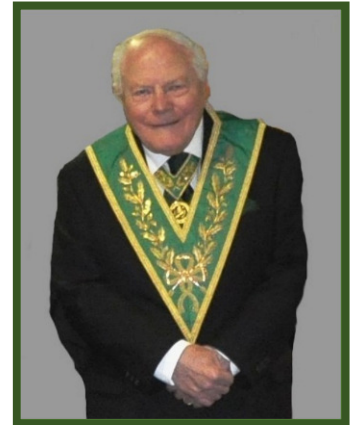
Bryan once said that he first became aware of the Allied Masonic Degree by over hearing brethren speaking about it and reading books about Masonry. Eventually the opportunity arose to seek membership, which he accepted and was duly admitted into the Londinium Council No 47 on the 15th of December 1977. His proposer was Francis J Stokes and seconder was Howard A Stokes, both were notable Masons in London and Surrey at the time. Bryan advanced to the Chair followed by a good many years as Director of Ceremonies. While he was on the staff at Freemasons Hall, he became a founder of The Brigadier Galloway Council No 126, served as Worshipful Master and latterly was an Honorary Member.

Bryan joined Surrey as a founder of Kyngstun Council No 102 and was later a founder of Southern Cross Council No XIII. He said that he very much enjoyed his time in the Surrey Allied, as well as the opportunities that he had during his time as a Surrey Allied Mason. Bryan was appointed District Grand Junior Warden in the year 2000, and Past Grand Junior Warden 2006.

Together with his dear wife Joan, they supported not only Freemasonry in its many levels, but also his Civic Duties in the City of London, as well in serving as a Wandsman at St. Pauls Cathedral.

This tribute, although brief, does not detract from the high regard in which Bryan was held; a quiet friend and gentleman who will be sadly missed.

By V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes



The 2023 Hog Roast

A reminder that the annual District Hog Roast will be held on Sunday 9th of July 2023 (Midday for 1pm) - It is open to all members of our District, partners, family and friends (including children and non-masons).

This high-class event includes complimentary drinks on arrival, and an extensive range of food laid out buffet style. It is our usual custom to hold a raffle (if you can, bring a prize please). Delight in the pleasant surroundings of the Guildford Masonic Centre in Weybourne House, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4DR.

Please complete the booking form available from the web site [The 2023 Hog Roast \(alliedmasonicdegrees.co.uk\)](http://www.alliedmasonicdegrees.co.uk) returning it to Kevin Brennan ASAP to his home address: 26 The Street, Tongham, Farnham, Surrey GU10 1DH (including a cheque). Alternatively, you can pay by direct bank transfer - details are on the booking form.



Tickets cost just £25.00 per person.

Another Busy Morning for Southern Cross Council



..... as well as the District Grand Prefect of the District of the Southern Counties, R.W.Bro. Mike Wheelan....

In April the Brethren of Southern Cross Council No XIII had another busy morning with ten Candidates for the Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon. Present at the meeting was the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, and the Past District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey.....



.....Heads of other Orders in Surrey....



..... and other Provinces and Districts.

The Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Denis Leigh.

After taking the minutes, we balloted to make V.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, **P.G.Reg.** (*Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons*), an Honorary Member. Our District Grand Prefect said this was to keep a

promise he made to the Pro Grand Master at the luncheon after he was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey where he presented John with a Surrey AMD napkin.

A Lodge of St Lawrence was then adjourned, and a Council of Red Cross of Babylon was opened by the Reverend Prelate, W.Bro. Bob Hancock, **G.Std.B.**





Ten Brethren were Constituted and Created as Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon. The representative candidate was Bro. Andrew Banks, a member of Farnham Council.

After Bro. Andrew tried to cross the bridge, he was made a slave....



... and taken before the Thrice Illustrious Sovereign, V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes...



... by the Master of Inventory, W.Bro. George Deacon, **P.G.St.B.** (Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight).

It was a most impressive ceremony conducted by the members of Southern Cross Council, and one that the ten candidates will long remember.

After the ceremony was completed, Bro. Andrew was congratulated by our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, and our Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill.

The candidates then lined up for a group photo with our District Grand Prefect, and our Deputy District Grand Prefect.

The Council of the Red Cross of Babylon was closed, the Worshipful Master took his chair and resumed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr.





It was good to see the newly installed Intendent-General of the Red Cross of Constantine, Simon McCarthy, seen here with the Past Intendent-General, Bob Hancock, and the Deputy Intendent-General, Andrew Sales.

As well as two Active Grand Officers, W.Bro. Bob Hancock and W.Bro. Ian Clark (*past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey*)

Along with W.Bro. David Blackburn, the District Grand Master of the District of Surrey in the Order of Royal and Select Masters.



After the regular business of the Council had been completed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and we all gathered for a group photo.

To round off a most enjoyable morning the Brethren of Southern Cross Council and their guests sat down to lunch at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



A Large Double for Surrey Hills Council

It was a jam-packed order of business at the Surrey Hills Council Meeting on the 19th April. The meeting was presided over by the Worshipful Master, Anthony Taylor, with virtually all the officers in attendance.



A Council of Knights of Constantinople was opened and the candidate was none other than the District Grand Organist, Bob Soper, who was admitted and enjoyed a fine ceremony with W.Bro. Alastair Richardson performing his party piece as the Conductor, really looking the part in top hat and tails, a gold tipped cane and a monocle to complete the look... an excellent piece of ritual Alastair...congratulations!

Immediately after the first ceremony came The Grand Tilers of Solomon. Bob Soper was again the Candidate, who unwittingly entered the vault.

Luckily, he avoided execution and was admitted as a member with the Worshipful Master and the two Wardens playing their parts with great aplomb.

Another fine meeting, witnessed by the Deputy District Grand Prefect W.Bro Bob Tuthill who was in attendance.



Afterwards the Council dined in perfect harmony at Nutfield and enjoyed a fine festive board of chilli con carne followed by Eton Mess.

Article and photos by Bob Tuthill

More Candidates for Pride of Surrey Council



On Tuesday the 4th of April Pride of Surrey Council No 128 met at Sutton Masonic Hall. Not only did they have a candidate for the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, but our District Grand Prefect came along to support the Council.

The meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Barry Northmore, who welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our District Grand Prefect.

A ballot was held for two Brethren to be admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, Bro. Bert Pullen and Bro. John Engall. This proved in their favour and Brother Bert Pullen was admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Barry Northmore, ably assisted by his Officers. Unfortunately, Bro. John Engall was unable to attend so his ceremony will be conducted at a later date.

Bro. Bert was congratulated and welcomed into the Order by our District Grand Prefect, who gave him the usual bag of goodies, an AMD napkin, pen, a *Variety is the Great Attraction of the Allied Masonic Degrees* booklet, and most importantly, a Membership Form to encourage others to join our wonderful Order.



The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was then adjourned, and a Council of Knights of Constantinople was opened by the Illustrious Potentate. Bro. Bert was admitted a Knight of Constantinople in a very enjoyable ceremony by the Illustrious Potentate. The Conductor, Bro. Ian Neve, preformed his duties with great aplomb.

The Council of Knights of Constantinople was closed, and the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was resumed. W.Bro. Chris Hatton was declared as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.



After the regular business of the Council had been concluded the Lodge of St Lawrence was closed and, after the customary photographs, we retired to the bar for refreshments.

To round off a most enjoyable afternoon the Brethren of Pride of Surrey Council and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

A Busy Day for Kyngstun Council



Tuesday the 9th of May was a busy day for Kyngstun Council No 102. Not only did they have two candidates for the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, but they followed that with the Degree of Knights of Constantinople for four Candidates.

The meeting was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Eley, District Grand Senior Warden, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Worshipful Master gave a eulogy to R.W.Bro. Bryan Page, an Honorary Member and Founder of the Council; and V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes gave Eulogy to V.W.Bro. Frank Powell, a member of the Council for 21 years. The Brethren stood in memory of these two respected Masons.



A ballot was taken for two joining members, Bros. Tim Ford and Jim Cranfield. This proved in their favour.

Another ballot was held for two Brethren to be admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, Brothers Roger Tutton and Wayne Lucas, both from Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Chris and Tim's Mark Lodge.

This proved in their favour and Brothers Roger and Wayne were admitted to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr in a very personal manner by W.Bro. Chris Eley, ably assisted by his Officers. The Lecture was given by W.Bro. Barrie Selway in an excellent manner.

The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was then adjourned and the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Graham Beer to act as Chief of the Builders and W.Bro.

Barrie Selway to act as the Illustrious Potentate. This was so W.Bro. Chris could act as Conductor to take one of his Candidates, Bro. Wayne Lucas, round the Council as the Representative Candidate.



The Council of Knights of Constantinople was opened by the Illustrious Potentate and the three other Candidates were admitted into the Council. Bro. Wayne was then admitted a Knight of Constantinople in a very enjoyable ceremony by the Illustrious Potentate. The Lecture in this Degree was also given by W.Bro. Barrie Selway in an excellent manner. The Council of Knights of Constantinople was closed, and the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was resumed.



W.Bro. Barrie Selway was declared as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. W.Bro. Chris said how much he was looking forward to installing W.Bro. Barrie in the Chair at the next meeting as it was Barrie who had installed Chris in the Chair at the previous meeting.

After the regular business of the Council had been concluded the Lodge of St Lawrence was closed and, after the customary photographs, we retired to the bar for refreshments.

To round off a most enjoyable afternoon the Brethren of Kyngstun Council and their guests sat down to a very convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

From our Northern Correspondent

On 22nd of April 2023, W.Bro. Louis Keats, P.G.J.D., P.Dist.G.S.W., represented Surrey at the AMD District Grand Council of West Lancashire at the Preston Masonic Hall.

W Bro Louis, pictured here with R.W.Bro. Paul Snape their District Grand Prefect, gave apologies for our District Grand Prefect R.W.Bro. John French, and enjoyed an excellent meeting with a first-class Festive Board.

Our Northern representative had a 105 mile each way trip from his home in Darlington, crossing the Pennines on the spectacularly scenic A66 route.



Article and photo by Louis Keats



A Double Ceremony for Andy Croci



In May, Runnymede Council in the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and Chertsey Abbey Council of Royal & Select Masters, met on the same afternoon at Surbiton.



The afternoon started off with a meeting of the Runnymede AMD Council No. 191. A Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Emmanuel Ogunseye-Babajide, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed, the Worshipful Master adjourned the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr, and the Temple was re-arranged for the ceremony of the Grand Tilers of Solomon.

A Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon was opened by King Solomon, V.W.Bro. Eric Trodd. Eric was assisted by W.Bro. Mike Ellis as King Hiram; and W.Bro. Derek Williamson as Hiram Abif. Bro. Andy Croci and five other Brethren were admitted into the Degree of Masons Elect of Twenty-Seven and created Grand Tilers of Solomon.

The Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon was closed, and a Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was resumed. Bro. Bernie Greenwood was declared Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

The Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and after a group photo.....



.....the Temple was re-arranged for the Council of Royal and Select Masters meeting.

Chertsey Abbey Council of Royal & Select Masters No. 254 was opened by the Thrice Illustrious Master, Ill.Comp. Martin Dunham, who welcomed everyone, especially Ill.Comp. Simon McCarthy, District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, on his Official Visit with several District Grand Officers of the year.



The Thrice Illustrious Master invited V.Ill.Comp. Michael Flint, to take the Chair to honour as a Royal Master, Brother Andy Croci. He was assisted by Ill.Comp. Leslie Grout who acted as the Principal Conductor of the Work for the ceremony.

To round off a most enjoyable afternoon, Comp. Mike Ellis was installed as Thrice Illustrious Master. He was congratulated by Ill.Comp. Simon McCarthy.

After the Council was closed, the Brethren of Runnymede Council and the Companions of Chertsey Abbey Council and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable festive board at Surbiton Masonic Hall.

