



Frank Powell Memorial Luncheon



Ten senior Masons from the Companion Orders in Surrey met for lunch at Restaurant 97 in Surrey for a Memorial Lunch in memory of that well known and respected Mason, Frank Lucas Powell, raconteur par excellence!



All agreed that Frank would have approved of the dining experience and the fine wines, a Rioja Crianza chosen by the Spanish lovers and Valpolicella selected by the more ebullient Italian section. Of course, three bottles of each just met expectations!



Bob Tuthill provided the photographic expertise. A similar experience is being contemplated for next year.

Our District Grand Prefect's visit to Kyngstun Council



Our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John V C French, made his first Council meeting in the new season to Kyngstun Council No 102. They had a full agenda for the afternoon with a Grand Tilers of Solomon Ceremony for three candidates, followed by the installation of a new Master.



The Council was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Eley, Dist.G.S.W., who welcomed everyone, and especially thanked V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes, **P.G.Reg.**, for standing in as Junior Warden at the last minute.

W.Bro. Anton Smith, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, was admitted and announced that the District Grand Prefect was without and demanded admission. The District Grand Prefect entered in procession, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, and invited to take the Chair of the Council. The District Grand Prefect was saluted with seven under the direction of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies.

He said how pleased he was to be visiting Kyngstun Council, of which he is a member, and introduced the ten District Grand Officers present, thanking them for their support. He also said how good it was to see V.W.Bro. Brian Howlett at the meeting. He welcomed the Candidates admitted at the Council's last meeting, Brothers Roger Tutton and Wayne Lucas, inviting them to come along to the District meeting at Croydon on Saturday the 2nd of December 2023 where they will be presented with a small gift and a drinks token.



After mentioning this year's successful Hog Roast, he said that Ray Hussey had again assured everyone of good weather at the next one to be held at Guildford on Sunday the 14th of July 2024. The District Grand Prefect took the minutes and vacated the Chair as the Worshipful Master had some work to do.

The Worshipful Master adjourned the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr and opened a Council of Grand Tilers of Solomon. W.Bro. Chris Eley was King Solomon, W.Bro. Barrie Selway was King Hiram, V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes was Hiram Abif, W.Bro. Graham Beer was the Conductor, and Bro. Tim Ford kindly acted as Captain of the Host.

Brothers Scott Burns and Wayne Lucas were admitted and took their seats in the Lodge. The representative Candidate, Bro. Roger Tutton, entered the Lodge, was challenged by King Solomon, and admitted.

After taking their Obligation Brothers Roger, Wayne and Scott were Admitted into the Degree of Masons Elect of Twenty Seven and Created Grand Tilers of Solomon. The Lecture was given in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Barrie Selway.

After being congratulated by the District Grand Prefect they took their seats in the Lodge of Grand Tilers of Solomon. The Lodge was closed, and a Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was resumed.

The next item was to install W.Bro. Barrie Selway as Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. V.W.Bro. Brian Howlett was invited to act as Senior Warden and V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes to continue to act as Junior Warden. W.Bro. Barrie answered the questions, the Brethren below the rank of Installed master were asked to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters in the Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was duly opened.



W.Bro. Barrie recited his Obligation, was invested with the Collar and Jewel of his Office, and placed in the Chair of the Lodge of St. Lawrence the Martyr by W.Bro. Chris.

After salutations the Board of Installed Masters was closed and the Brethren were admitted. W.Bro. Barrie Selway was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted as the Worshipful Master of the Kyngstun Council number 102 by the Installing Master.



The Officers were appointed and invested by the Worshipful Master, and after the Risings the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed.



After the customary photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments before the Brethren of Kyngstun Council and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Devon and Cornwall District Meeting

A very early start for R.W.Bro. John French and W.Bro. Bob Tuthill to drive down to Plymouth to attend the Annual Meeting of the District of Devon and Cornwall on the 29th of July.



What started as a very drizzly and foggy morning turned into a glorious day both weather wise and for the meeting at the Mount Edgcombe Masonic Centre.

R.W.Bro. Barry Slade, the District Grand Prefect for Devon and Cornwall, presided over a very friendly meeting of his District, despite the setback of his District Grand Secretary W.Bro. Martin being taken into hospital the day before and therefore this meant he had to work without notes.

This, combined with the national rail strike, meant that some members from around the country were unable to attend, which also meant a slightly depleted turn out.



Despite this, Barry was supported by eight District Grand Prefects from around the country who had managed to get to Plymouth to be warmly greeted by one of the friendliest District Grand Prefects, and afterwards witness a most enjoyable District Meeting and Festive board in very good company.

Time seemed to go very quickly, and it wasn't too long before it was time to depart the beautiful countryside of Devon and make the long trip back to Surrey.

We are all looking forward to returning next year.