

## A special day for Hill of Zion

Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of September was a very interesting day for Hill of Zion Consistory and Conclave. In the Conclave meeting that followed the Consistory meeting Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore Installed Bro. Patrick Dixon as Supreme Ruler. Earlier Comp. Patrick Dixon, as the Primus of Lectores, promoted to the Second Grade of the Order Comp. Barry Northmore, a member of Surrey Consistory 4 TI. Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian T D Smith, was also making an Official Visit to the Conclave.



The Conclave was opened by Wy.Bro. Robert Anderson who welcomed everyone.

After a report at the door Wy.Bro. Chris Eley entered and advised the Supreme Ruler that Right Worthy Brother Ian Smith, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, was outside the door and he demanded admission to the Conclave.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler entered in procession, was welcomed by the Supreme Ruler and accepted the gavel.

Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with seven under the direction of the Escorting Officer and responded accordingly.

He said how pleased he was to be visiting Hill of Zion Conclave for the first time since his Installation as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and how much was looking forward to the afternoon.

After taking the minutes, the Scroll Bearer



called the Muster Roll, and the reports of the Visiting Deacons were received.

The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Patrick Dixon as Supreme Ruler. Wy.Bro. Barry Northmore was invited to conduct the ceremony, which he did in an excellent manner. The Address to the Supreme Ruler and the Explanation of the Weapons was given by our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Rule, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth. After being Commissioned by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler the Supreme Ruler appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present a Grand Conclave Certificate to Bro. John Waggott, which he did in a very personal manner.

A ballot was taken for honorary membership for R.Wy.Bro. Colin Beerling, Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. This proved in his favour, and he will be welcomed into membership at a subsequent meeting.



The Consistory was opened by Dist.Comp. James Smith who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, was saluted with five and responded accordingly.



The main item on the agenda was to promote to the Second Grade of the Order Comp. Barry Northmore.

The Primus of Lectores, Comp. Patrick Dixon, conducted the ceremony in an excellent manner and was thanked by Companion Barrie for a most enjoyable ceremony.



# Provincial Thanksgiving Service at Guildford Cathedral

The Companion Orders were well represented at the Annual Order of Divine Service held on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2025. The service was led by the Dean, The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the Officiating Officers were W.Bro. Chris Eley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and W.Bro. Ivan Dias-Cooke, Deputy Provincial Grand Chaplain.



After the processions into the Cathedral, The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, welcomed the Brethren, their families and friends. We sang some well-known hymns led by the Provincial Choir and listened to readings from the Provincial Craft and Royal Arch Executive. W.Bro. Chris Eley offered the Bidding Prayer, and the Intercessional Prayers were led by W.Bro. Chris Eley and W.Bro. Ivan Dias-Cooke.

At the end of the Service R.W.Bro. Nick Burger, Provincial Grand Master / ME Grand Superintendent, gave the Closing Address where he thanked the Dean and everyone who helped to make the day such a success.



Very Rev. Bob Cooper offered the final Prayer and Blessings, before the Clergy, the RW Provincial Grand Master, and honoured guests retired to the Recessional Organ Voluntary played by the Organist, Bro. James Furness-Roe.

We were then invited across to the Seasons Café for refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends.

We have always had a special relationship with Guildford Cathedral. The middle window bearing the Masonic Province of Surrey crest was donated by Surrey Freemasons at the construction of the Cathedral.



# Provincial Grand Conclave of London & Middlesex



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of London & Middlesex took place on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September at Mark Masons' Hall.

From 2.30 pm the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving. It was good to see so many Brethren from other Provinces, and other Orders, who came along to support the Province of London & Middlesex.



By 3.45 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 3.50 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worthy Brethren.

The Brethren were called to Order to receive the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Clifford Mark Sturt, who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Officers of the Year.



Provincial Grand Conclave was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Brethren.

A proposal was made to donate the sum of £1,600 to the Magical Taxi Tour charity. The charity gives sick children a break from therapy and treatment by giving them a three-day trip to Disneyland, Paris.

The children are transported in a convoy of London Taxis and support staff. The families would not be able to undertake this trip alone, only in convoy with medical support can they do so. This was approved.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Conclave had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was pleased to re-appoint the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Jonathan Peter Wallis, P.G.G., thanking him for all his support over the past year. He then invested his Officers for the year.

After receiving his Arch of Steel, he addressed Provincial Grand Conclave. He thanked all the guests for supporting Provincial Grand Conclave, and all the Provincial Grand Officers who had accompanied him on his visits to the Conclaves over the year. He congratulated those he had appointed and invested today saying he was looking forward to his visits to Conclaves this year. He thanked the Provincial Grand Recorder and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all they had done to make the meeting such a success, and finally all the Brethren of the Province of London & Middlesex for their support.

Provincial Grand Conclave was closed in due form and the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler retired in procession, greeting their honoured guests on their way out.







We then enjoyed some refreshments before going into the dining room at Mark Masons' Hall for a delicious carvery meal.

After the meal the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanking him for all he has done for the Province over the past year.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Brethren for their best wishes. After a most enjoyable day we all made our way home to our various Provinces.



Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey web site:  
<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-order-secret-monitor>