

A special day for Hill of Zion

Thursday, the 17th of September was a very interesting day for Hill of Zion Conclave and Consistory. In the Conclave meeting that followed the Consistory meeting Wy.Bro. Patrick Dixon Installed Bro. Mark Sharp as Supreme Ruler. Our Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth was making an Official Visit to the Conclave. Also attending was our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian T D Smith.



The Conclave was opened by Wy.Bro. Patrick Dixon, who welcomed everyone. Our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.

After a report at the door Wy.Bro. Stephen Rowlands, Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, entered and advised the Supreme Ruler that Worthy Brother Ian Bloodworth, Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, was outside the door and he demanded admission to the Conclave.

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

He said how pleased he was to be visiting Hill of Zion Conclave and how much was looking forward to seeing Bro. Mark installed as Supreme Ruler. 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. Mark Sharp as Supreme Ruler. This was undertaken by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Patrick Dixon, in an excellent manner.

After being Commissioned by the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler the Supreme Ruler appointed and invested his officers.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was then invited to present Grand Conclave Certificates to three brethren, Brothers Mark

Hammons, Gus Addow, and Edwin Essel, as well as a Supreme Ruler Certificate to Wy.Bro. Patrick Dixon, all of which he did in a very informative manner.

The Conclave was closed and the brethren of Hill of Zion Consistory and Conclave, and their guests, retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Croydon Masonic Hall.





Prior to the Conclave meeting there was a meeting of hill of Zion Consistory..



After the regular business of the Consistory had been concluded, Comp. Eddie Ertan was declared President, and Dist.Comp. Mark Sharp Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Consistory was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Hill of Zion Conclave meeting that followed.

The Consistory was opened by Dist.Comp. Patrick Dixon, Prov.G.St.B. who welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the Provincial Grand Summus, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, and Assistant Provincial Grand Summus. Also present were our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler. The Provincial Grand Summus was acting as Primus of Lectores for the afternoon.





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



Provincial Thanksgiving Service at Guildford Cathedral



The Companion Orders were well represented at the Annual Order of Divine Service held on Sunday the 27th of September 2026. The service was led by The Reverend Patrick Coleman, and the Officiating Officers were W.Bro. Ian Whitley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and W.Bro. Ivan Dias-Cooke, Deputy Provincial Grand Chaplain. As well as the Companion Orders, there were representatives from the Order of Women's Freemasonry. The Preacher was The Reverend Canon Mike Branscombe.



At 1.45 pm the processions made their way down the aisle during the Processional Hymn led by a Verger, followed by The Reverend Patrick Coleman and The Reverend Canon Mike Branscombe. These were followed by members of the Middlesex Provincial Executive, Heads of Companion Orders in Surrey, and representatives from the Order of Women's Freemasonry.

The Reverend Patrick Coleman welcomed the Brethren, their families and friends to the Cathedral, and W.Bro. Ian Whitley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, offered the Bidding Prayer.

The Reverend Canon Mike Branscombe gave an Address where he complimented Freemasonry and all

the good work they do. W.Bro. Ian Whitley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer before RW.Bro. Nick Burger gave his closing address, and The Rev. Can.on Mike Branscombe offered the final Prayer and Blessing

After the National Anthem the Clergy retired, followed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and his Officers, along with our honoured guests, to the sound of the Recessional Organ Voluntary.

Many thanks to the members of the Surrey Provincial Choir led by W.Bro. Carl Jackson *MVO*, *PJGD*, Provincial Grand Organist, and the Organist, Bro. James Furniss-Roe.

We all enjoyed the refreshments in the Cathedral after the Service, which rounded up a most enjoyable afternoon. Well done to all those involved in the organisation of the day.

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, as a Silver Alms Dish was presented to the Cathedral in 1961 by the Mark Province of Surrey for the Cathedral's Lady Chapel.

A busy afternoon at Nutfield

Warlingham Consistory No. 134 and Warlingham Conclave No 291 met at Nutfield on Tuesday the 29th of September.



Warlingham Conclave was opened by the Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Robert Short.

After a report on the door our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Ian T D Smith, attended by several Provincial Officers of the year, entered under an Arch of Steel, was received by the Supreme Ruler and accepted the gavel.



He said how pleased he was to be visiting Warlingham Conclave, introduced the Provincial team, took the minutes and muster roll, and vacated the Chair as the Conclave had work to do.

A ballot was taken for Bro. David Thompson, Prov.G.Stwd., to become a joining member of the Conclave. This proved in his favour and Bro. David was welcomed into the Conclave and immediately assumed the role of Councillor

The next item on the agenda was to Proclaim Wy.Bro. Robert Short, Prov.A.G.D.C., as Supreme Ruler for a second year. The ceremony was conducted by Wy.Bro. Chris Eley.

P.G.St.B., Prov.G.Rec.



After the Officers had been appointed and invested Wy.Bro. Chris gave an interesting talk entitled The Hand of Friendship, which was well received.

Prior to the Conclave meeting we held a meeting of Warlingham Consistory.

Present at the Consistory were R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, the Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, and Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, the Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, all members of the Consistory.

The Consistory was opened by Companion President, Dist.Comp. David Thompson, who welcomed everyone.

Dist.Comp. Alan Hall, **P.G.St.B.**, Dep.Prov.G.D.C., was declared President for the ensuing year, and Dist.Comp. David Blackburn, Prov.G.Reg. as Treasurer.

The main item on the agenda was to Promote to the Third Grade of the Order three Companions from Hill of Zion Consistory, Companions Simon Hammond, Edwin Essell, and Gus Addow. Companion President invited Dist.Comp. Chris Eley to conduct the Ceremony.



After a most enjoyable ceremony the three Companions were congratulated by Companion President and the Provincial Grand Summus.



The Consistory was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Conclave meeting that followed. After the regular business of the Conclave had been completed the Conclave was closed and we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal at the Redhill and Reigate Masonic Centre



The Consistory was opened in the Third Grade of the Order and the Candidates were admitted. Comp. Simon Hammond was the representative Candidate.

