



A busy afternoon at Nutfield

Warlingham Consistory No. 134 and Warlingham Conclave No 291 met at Nutfield on Tuesday the 29th of September. Present at the Consistory were R.Dist.Comp. Nigel Thomson, our Provincial Grand Summus, Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, our Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, and Dist.Comp. Ian Clark, our 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.



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



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



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





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.



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



Dates for your Diaries

Date		Consistory	Venue	Ceremony	Executive Visit By
22 October 2026	Thursday	Guildford 53TI	Guildford	Installation and Preparation Ceremony	Ian Clark
27 January 2027	Wednesday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon		
24 February 2027	Wednesday - am	Surrey 4TI	Surbiton	Third Grade Ceremony	Nigel Thomson
30 March 2027	Tuesday	Warlingham 134	Nutfield	Installation	Ian Clark
16 April 2027	Friday	Hill of Zion 52TI	Croydon	Installation	Chris Eley
06 May 2027	Thursday	Grand Senatus	Mark Masons Hall	Annual Meeting	
15 July 2027	Thursday - am	Provincial Grand Senatus	Surbiton	Annual Meeting	



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 Dean, The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the Officiating Officers were W.Bro. Iain 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 and the Officiating Officer was W Bro Ian Whitley, Provincial Grand Chaplain.



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 Canon 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 complemented 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. Canon Mike Branscombe offered the final Prayer and Blessing

After the National Anthem the Clergy retired, followed by the RW 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.