



the Surrey knight



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The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta



The Provincial Priory of Malta meeting was held on Friday the 18th of September at the Surbiton Masonic Hall under the Banner of the Emmaus Preceptory No. 446.

The afternoon started with a meeting of Emmaus Preceptory. The Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Peter Vossler, opened the Preceptory and welcomed the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, and the Provincial team.

E.Kt. Jack Love having been recommended by the Preceptory Committee and Article 68.2 of the Liber Ordonis Temple Statutes complied with, the Eminent Preceptor declared E.Kt. Jack as Eminent Preceptor for the coming year, to be installed at the April 2027 meeting. Elected Treasurer was E.Kt. Peter Rolfe.





After all business had been concluded, the Preceptory was closed, and the Temple prepared for the meeting of the Provincial Priory of Malta.



The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey, and Provincial Officers entered the Temple and took their places at the Pentagonal and Octagonal Tables.

The Provincial Prior invited the Provincial Sub-Prior to open a Chapter of Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Knights of Malta in full form.



The Degree of Knight of St Paul was conducted by E.Kt. Peter Vossler assisted by the Chaplain, V.E.Kt. Chris Craddock. Knights Adrian Mori and Dale Vaughn were then admitted as members of the Order by the Sub Prior and his Officers. The Challenge was performed by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley. The Candidates were congratulated and welcomed into the Order by the Provincial Prior. The History of the Order was given in an excellent way by our Provincial Sub Prior, E.Kt. Dr Miguel Godfrey.

While the Degree of Knight of St Paul was being conferred on the two candidates, the Provincial Malta Officers of the year 2026 – 2027 were appointed and invested by the Provincial Prior.



The Provincial Priory of Surrey in the Order of Malta was closed.

The R.E. Provincial Prior and the Officers of the Year retired in procession under the direction of the Provincial Mareschal, E.Kt. Graham McGlashan.



Afterwards the Brother Knights and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



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

Great Priory of Malta 2026



Monday the 9th of November
at Freemasons Hall

Meeting: 12:30 - 14:30

Dining:- 15:30 - 17:00

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group



Since its move to East Jerusalem 50 years ago, The St John Ophthalmic Hospital has evolved into a series of centres of ophthalmic excellence right across the occupied Palestinian territory.

Though a mere fifty years is nothing when compared to the 128 years that the Hospital has been in the Holy Land – and pales into insignificance alongside the original Order of St John Hospital, established in Jerusalem in 1099 – the last half a century has seen some momentous changes in the nature of what has become the modern Hospital Group.



Knights Templar Swift Pins



Provinces can order in bulk, or individuals can purchase single pins, by contacting the charities team at charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk

Provincial Priory of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-knights-templar>





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and Masonic Orders of the Temple
and of St John of Jerusalem,
Palestine, Rhodes and Malta



Provincial Priory of Surrey

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior, Patrick Peter Crossan, K.C.T.
invites you, your family and friends to the

Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving

To held at

St Mary's Church

Church Approach, Coldharbour Lane, THORPE, Surrey, TW20 8TQ

✦ **Sunday 18th October 2026** ✦
at 3.00 pm

By kind permission of Fr. Stephen Girling

Refreshments will be served after the Service at a cost of £12.50 per person

Car Parking is available in the car park adjacent to the Church

Please use the link or QR code below to book your tickets for the service
and refreshments



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