



A busy afternoon for Surrey Council

On Tuesday the 2nd of September, Surrey Council number 88 were honoured by a visit from our Deputy District Grand Master, Illustrious Companion Simon McCarthy, and several District Grand Officers of the year.



A Council of Select Masters was opened by the Thrice Illustrious Master, Ill.Comp. Gary Raggett, who welcomed all the visitors.



Our Deputy District Grand Master entered in procession and was received by the Thrice Illustrious Master, who offered him the gravel.

Ill.Comp. Simon said how good it was to be visiting Surrey Council again, introduced the Officers of the year, and took the minutes. He then vacated the chair as the Council had some work to do.



Companion Alfred Bain was Admitted and Anointed a Most Excellent Master in a very sincere manner by Ill.Comp. John Enscoe. The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, and a Council of Super Excellent Masters was opened.

The Thrice Illustrious Master invited Ill.Comp. John Enscoe to act as Right Worshipful Master, who adjourned the Council of Select Masters and opened a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters.



The Council of Super Excellent Masters was closed, and the Council of Select Masters was resumed.

The Most Excellent Gedaliah, Ill.Comp. Gary Raggett, Received and Acknowledged Companions Steve Bignell and Alfred Bain as Super Excellent Masters.



The Deputy District Grand Master was invited to present a Silver Trowel Certificate to Ill.Comp John Enscoe. The Council was closed, and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.





Celebrations in Academia

Saturday the 20th of September 2025 saw Masonic history in the making, when a current Grand Master was for the first time installed as Master of a Lodge within the UGLE University Scheme.



Omnium Lodge No.10005 is the Open University Lodge, where VW Bro Kessick John Jones, the M III Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters, enjoyed the honour and privilege of being installed as Worshipful Master.

Omnium is a Cheshire Lodge, originally intended to be peripatetic, but this grand day in London was the first occasion since its Consecration that it ventured outside of Chester!

The event was a shared occasion with the David Kenneth Williamson Lodge No. 9938, being the vehicle in which twenty years of the University Scheme was also celebrated by many visiting and member dignitaries.

VW Bro Kessick had very kindly invited his RSM District Grand Masters to what he knew was going to be a good day out, with several attending and indeed thoroughly enjoying a splendid occasion.

Pictured: VW Bro Kessick Jones, Master, together with the RSM Deputy Grand Master, Paul Norman, and a posse of RSM District Grand Masters.

Provincial Thanksgiving Service at Guildford Cathedral

The Companion Orders were well represented at the Annual Order of Divine Service held on Sunday the 21st 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.



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.

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.



District Christmas Carvery Lunch at Glenmore House

7th of December 2025



Without a doubt one of Surbiton's best kept secrets is the Glenmore House Sunday Lunch which has built up an enviable reputation with a regular following.

After enjoying a complimentary amuse bouche (pre-starter) followed by a choice of five starters, you can then tuck into a choice of one of 5 delicious main courses, typically including some classic roasted meats such as Roast Sirloin of Scottish or English Beef (with possibly the largest Yorkshire puddings you have ever seen!), Roast Welsh or English Leg of Lamb, as well as other delights!

After enjoying the main courses, if you still have room, the dessert menu boasts a range of mouth-watering desserts, selection of English and Continental Cheese, with a coffee and Glenmore House chocolate to finish.

A warm, friendly and efficient service is their forte, coupled with the

abilities of a passionate brigade of Chefs producing amazing food using fresh, and where possible, locally sourced ingredients combine to make this a carvery unrivalled locally at such a remarkable price.

To start

Pumpkin Soup with Crème Fraîche & Ground Mace
Sautéed Oyster Mushrooms in a White Wine Cream and Tarragon Sauce with a Pastry Creel, Pesto Sauce
Oak Smoked Wester Ross Scottish Salmon with Prawn Marie-Rose
Deep Fried Welsh Goats Cheese with a Strawberry Salad
Galia Melon, Parma Ham & Fresh Fig

Then please visit the Carvery where one of their Chefs will be pleased to serve a selection of:

Roast Rib Eye of Cornish Beef, Yorkshire Pudding
or Roast Leg of English Lamb with Mint Sauce
or Roasted Loin of Wiltshire Pork
or Baked Fillet of Scottish Salmon stuffed with Baby Spinach

All served with a Panache of Fresh Market Vegetables, Cauliflower & Broccoli Gratin, Roasted Chateaux Potatoes

Dessert

Choose from our Dessert/Cheese Selection

Only £35 per person.



Tickets are selling fast so book now to avoid disappointment

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