



Nonsuch Palace Assemblage



My second meeting of the Nonsuch Palace Assemblage was held at Sutton on Tuesday the 6th of October. I was due to be made free of my Bonds having been Indentured as an Entered Apprentice on Thursday 18th, June 2026.

The Deputy Master Mason, Deputy J and Deputy B entered the Lodge. The Deputy Master Mason read the Patent he received from the GMM's and the Deputy Master Mason read the Preamble.

The Deputy Master Mason opened an Assemblage of Lodges IV^o to I^o. following which he Obligated and Invested his Officers. The Clerk Proclaimed the Officers according to ancient custom; the Deputy Master Mason addressed the Officers and then the brethren and Fellows.



The Deputy Master Mason declared the Assemblage ready for work, including the Ceremony of the Keys, and the Super Intendant of Work declared the 2nd, and 3rd, Grand Master Masons for the Year. just beginning.



The next item was to make Christopher W. Eley. Free of his bonds. The Oration was given by Bro. Dave Harrison.



The Assemblage was closed and we retired for drinks in the Miller Bar followed by a convivial meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

Chris Eley



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Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviours, Plaisterers and Bricklayers,
commonly known as "The Operatives"**

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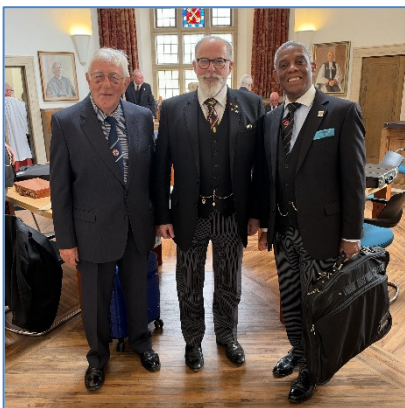




Provincial Thanksgiving Service at Guildford Cathedral



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.