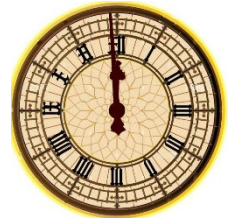




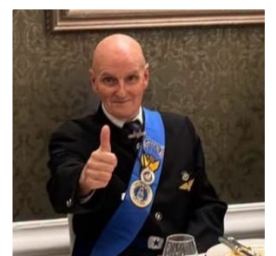
The Twelve O'Clock High Club



On the 28th of August 2026, the annual 'Twelve O'Clock High' Banquet was held at the Royal Air Force Club, hosted by Air Commodore Paul D. Fitzgerald to raise funds for the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund. More than 100 distinguished guests attended, including representatives from the RAF, USAF, USSF, Freemasonry and allied organisations, with Rafal Steinemetz-Leffa as Guest of Honour.



The evening featured formal toasts, benedictions, a raffle and auction, raising a total of £1,800, which was presented to Bob Morrow, President of the Grand Sovereign's Council. The event also honoured those who have served and fallen, concluding with 'The Lament', 'Auld Lang Syne' and the CO's 'Last Salute'.



Special recognition was given to members of the Top Gun Club who supported the event, with AAC/TGC 'Merit' awards presented for their outstanding assistance.

Thanks to Paul Fitzgerald and Wayne Krause

Family Church Service 2026

For the past fourteen years, a bi-annual joint Church Service has been held in St Gabriel's Church, North Acton, London W3, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, by four neighbouring Divisions of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. Those Divisions are Metropolitan (covering London), Thames (covering Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Berkshire), Middlesex, and Surrey.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, commonly known just as Holy Cross Day, is a Christian festival on the 14th of September celebrating the discovery of the true cross of Jesus in Jerusalem by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great.

This festival forms one of the Grand Points of the Red Cross of Constantine and is therefore an important date for all members of the Order.



The Parish Priest at St Gabriel's Church is the Reverend Timothy L'Estrange, who also happens to be Grand Eusebius of the Order.

He presided and preached at this year's service, as part of a team of five Clergy, all of whom are members of the Red Cross of Constantine.

They were backed up by musicians, sacristans, and a team of five altar servers, for the colourful service of Evensong and Benediction.

The service began and ended with processions of the four Intendants-General, the four Divisional Standards, and the Clergy. The sermon made extensive reference to both snakes and masonic dining, although naturally the Cross was its key theme.

The Church is a huge basilica, of enormous proportions, with an unusually high roof, so the whole building lends itself to great processions and ceremonial, and reverberates beautifully to the sounds of music and singing.

After the service, members, their guests, and some local parishioners, all moved through to the church halls, where the usual sumptuous afternoon tea was provided - sandwiches, hot canapés, wraps, dips, fruit, cakes, profiteroles, and freshly home-baked scones with jam and clotted cream. It was a feast, enjoyed by all.

Every two years, one of the four Divisions takes the lead in organising the event - this year it was Surrey - and everyone always goes home talking about the next event in two years' time. For Holy Cross 2028 new visitors will be very welcome to join the crowd.

Thanks to Christopher Golds



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.



The Sepulchre Guard Tokens







Red Cross of Constantine web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-red-cross>



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SATURDAY 14th November 2026
Nutfield Masonic Centre, Nutfield Road, Redhill, RH1 4ED
Dress Code: Posh Frocks, DJ or Lounge Suit Carriages: 12 o'clock

A Special Entertainer **Keith Hayman** of 10cc
(Cliff Richards musical director)
"Hits through the Ages"



MENU

Starter
Prawn and avocado fian
and sauce vierge

Main Course
Chicken wrapped in Parma Ham,
with crushed new potatoes
seasonal vegetables
and white wine sauce

Dessert
Wild Bernie Pavlova
with chantilly cream and
berry compote

Tea and Coffee

Vegetarian Option Available

Payment to L.Hillier
Event Treasurer
Account: L. Hillier
Sort Code: 07-08-06
Account No: 07670947

Please give full names of
all those attending

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Alan and Wendy Brockwell

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In conjunction with Surrey Royal and Select Masters, the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine are holding a Black Tie Social Event.

On **Saturday the 14th of November 2026** at Nutfield Masonic Centre Keith Hayman, a member of 10CC, Musical Director to Cliff Richard, Music Arranger, and Guitar player for over 30 years.

A 3-course dinner with music and dancing afterwards is not to be missed.

Full details from: Alan Boniface Asst DistGDC: bonniepets1@yahoo.co.uk

Have you received a Divisional Appointment? Grand Rank? Or have been Enthroned as Sovereign? Do you have any surplus RCC sashes or jewels?

If so, your Divisional Warden of Regalia would be pleased to take them off your hands, so that they can be reallocated.

All proceeds will go to the Intendant General's designated charity.