

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Held at Fairfield Halls, Croydon, Surrey, on Monday 23rd March 2009

There were present

RW Bro R S H Hussey, Provincial Grand Master
V W Bro M F Barnes, PGJO, Deputy Provincial Grand Master
W Bro A Long, PGJD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W Bro R W Leavers, PGJD Assistant Provincial Grand Master

with 236 members and guests (including 33 Provincial Grand Officers of the Year and 78 brethren to be invested) and 73 guests of the Province. A total of 309 of whom 258 dined.

At 3.40pm, a procession of distinguished visitors from other Provinces together with distinguished members of other Masonic Orders in the Province of Surrey entered the Temple.

The Provincial Grand Master then entered in procession with the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 3.45pm. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted and welcomed all present.

Welcome to Distinguished Guests of the Province

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master welcomed the distinguished guests of the Province in the following order.

From other MARK PROVINCES

EAST ANGLIA

Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary

RW Bro Peter H Rollin
W Bro David Hickinbottom PGJD

MIDDLESEX

Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary
Provincial Director of Ceremonies
Past Grand Charity Steward

RW Bro Peter G Halls-Dickerson
W Bro Brian R Kemp PGSD
W Bro Keith R D Waters PGJD
W Bro Brian Berry PGStB
W Bro Leonard M Mitchell (Mitch) PGStwd
V W Bro Graham Hooper PGJO

WILTSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary
Secretary of Wiltshire Installed Masters

RW Bro Michael Meade
W Bro Frank J Fletcher, PAGDC
W Bro Wally Simmons PGSD

BELGIUM

District Grand Master

RW Bro Peter Smith

SOUTH and EAST CARIBBEAN

District Grand Master
also District Grand Master for the Royal & Select
District Grand Council of the South and East Carribean

RW Bro Derek Hugh

CORNWALL

Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary

RW Bro Geoffrey F W Isaac
W Bro Raymond J Lewry PGSD

North and East YORKSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Eric R. Gore-Browne

GLOUCESTERSHIRE and HEREFORDSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master
Deputy Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro John E Eley
W Bro F John Gillo PGSD
W Bro Roger Blake PAGDC
RW Bro Alan J Hawkes-Reed PGJW

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Provincial Grand Master
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Paul E A Carré
VW Bro Jim E Martin PGJO

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE and HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro George E Bonham

SPAIN

District Grand Master

RW Bro Robert Munday

BEDFORDSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master
Deputy Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary

RW Bro Christopher M Smith
VW Bro David J Picton PGJO
W Bro John E Luttrell PAGDC

LONDON

Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master
and in the ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND
Provincial Grand Master South Eastern Counties

RW Bro Raymond J Smith (non Dining)
W Bro William A Divall PGJD
VW Bro John Knox PGJO

SUSSEX

Provincial Grand Master
Deputy Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Provincial Grand Secretary
Provincial Grand Dir of Ceremonies

RW Bro Brian C Wareham
V W Bro C Martin Wilson PGJO
VW Bro Nigel Potter PGJO
W Bro Dries Van der Burgh PAGDC
W Bro Roger F Richardson PGJD

ESSEX

Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Michael G Spencer
W Bro John C Jacobson PGJD
W Bro Paul B Humphrey PAGDC

BERKSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Peter J Sands
VW Bro Nick Murzell PGJO

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Richard Olliver AGDC

HAMPSHIRE and ISLE OF WIGHT

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro John Prizeman

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

VW Bro George J Deacon PGJO

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro C E (Robbie) Robins OBE, PGSD

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Peter James PAGDC

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

W Bro Charles Bailey PAGDC

Past Provincial Grand Secretary

RW Bro Peter Jones, PGJW

KENT

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Roger H H Croucher

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro David Green PGSD

Provincial Grand Junior Warden

W Bro Geoff Whale PGSwdB

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Bill Balderston PGJD

Past Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Roland J Wade

Past Provincial Grand Dir of Ceremonies **W Bro Kessick Jones PDepGDC**

SOUTH WALES

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Paul R Clement

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

VW Bro Anthony F Moore, MBE, PGJO

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro Eiran R T E Jones, PGJD

Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master,

Past Grand Secretary,

Grand Supreme Ruler,

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR **RW Bro Peter G Williams PGSW**

HERTFORDSHIRE

Provincial Grand Master

R W Bro Christopher D Radmore

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

R W Bro John Oakley-Smith JP PGJW

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro Colin Hellyer PGJD

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Richard Walker ProvGSec

DORSET

Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro F Jeremy Shaw

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Gerald Hambridge GStwd

Provincial Grand Dir of Ceremonies

W Bro James Evans PGJD

BRISTOL

Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge **V W Bro John D A Platts PGJO**

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro David A Powell PAGDC

SOMERSET

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

VW Bro Ray Guthrie PGSO

Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro John Morgan PAGDC

PAST PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE OF THE MARK PROVINCE

P Deputy Provincial Grand Master

RW Bro Lt Col Harry W Malthouse PGSW

P Asst Provincial Grand Master

VW Bro the Rev'd David L Allonby OBE PGSO

P Asst Provincial Grand Master also

VW Bro Murdoch M Skelly ISO PGJO

Inspector-General District of Surrey

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE

P Asst Provincial Grand Master

P Asst Provincial Grand Master

VW Bro David W Rea PGJO

VW Bro Ted G E Melber PGJO

SURREY

(SWITZERLAND MW Grand Master)

R W Bro Peter Ribbi, PGSW

OTHER MASONIC ORDERS WITHIN SURREY

CRAFT

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W Bro Michael E Yalden PAGSwdB

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro Anthony G Machin PGStwd

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W Bro Derek W Barr, PProvGMO

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Bro Christopher L Rashbrook

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Craft), **W Bro A G Sales ProvGSwdB**

Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Craft), **W Bro Stanley E N Nye PAGDC**

ROYAL ARCH

Provincial Grand Scribe E –

Also Sec of Mark Stewards Lodge

W Bro David Wills, PProvGMO

Past Third Provincial Grand Principal

also Provincial Vice-Chancellor Knights

Templar, Province of Surrey

W Bro Christopher D Cradock PAGDC

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Province of Surrey Provincial Prior

W Bro Michael J Banbury PAGDC

Provincial Sub-Prior

Bro Pat Crossan

Provincial Marshal

Bro Ian T D Smith

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

Division of Surrey

Deputy Intendant-General

W Bro Lionel B Mee ProvGJW

also Provincial Grand Recorder, ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR, Province of Surrey.

Divisional Recorder

W Bro Laurence J Young PAGSwdB

also District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in the ORDER OF ROYAL AND

SELECT MASTERS and Provincial Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler, ORDER OF THE

SECRET MONITOR, Province of Surrey

ORDER OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

Deputy District Grand Master

W Bro Eric Trod, PProvGJW (Non Dining)

District Grand Recorder

W Bro Trevor D Currans PGJD

ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

District of East Anglia

District Grand Prefect

W Bro Paul A Norman PGIG

District Grand Secretary

W Bro Stephen Briney PAGStB

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master hoped that all our guests would enjoy the hospitality of the Province. The members then showed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause.

Minutes 2008

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon VW Bro M F Barnes Deputy Provincial Grand Master who proposed that the Minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 31st March 2008, having been printed and distributed, be taken as read, confirmed and adopted. This was seconded by W Bro A Long Assistant Provincial Grand Master and confirmed by the members.

In Memoriam

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to read the names of the brethren of the Province who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above since our last Provincial meeting.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, W Bro J Fleetwood, read the following names:

| Brother | Died | Age | Lodge |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Derek Scofield | 14 th April 2008 | 66 | 914 |
| Terence George Shuff | 1 st May 2008 | 80 | 806 |
| Kenneth Charles Jones | 16 th June 2008 | 78 | 1050 |
| Reginald Victor Murray | 9 th July 2008 | 77 | 198 |
| Reginald Claude Cracknell | 7 th August 2008 | 76 | 1314 |
| Michael Guy Geneste Lewin | 10 th August 2008 | 88 | 1050 |
| Victor Pomarnacki | 24 th September 2008 | 56 | 1857 |
| Gordon Frederick Miles Hawkins | 16 th November 2008 | 86 | 114 |
| Geoffrey Alan Bevis | 22 nd November 2008 | 84 | 505 |
| William Francis Patrick Conroy | 21 st December 2008 | 54 | 333 |
| Ronald Charles Adams | 6 th January 2009 | 80 | 1237 |
| Brian Sydney Brown | 14 th January 2009 | 81 | 808 |
| Raymond Alwyn Lionel Gilkes | 2 nd February 2009 | 83 | 808 |

The Brethren then sang the hymn "The day Thou gavest Lord is ended"

Roll of Acting Provincial Grand Officers

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to call the roll of the acting Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that, with the exception of three Brethren, who had tendered their apologies, all the acting Provincial Grand Officers were in attendance.

Roll of Lodges

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to call the roll of Lodges in the Province. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all the Lodges in the Province were today well represented.

Twelve newly Advanced Brethren were presented and welcomed to the Province by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report and Accounts

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his report. The Provincial Grand Treasurer reported that he had pleasure in submitting his Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2008, which were printed in the Order Paper. Their being no questions to the Treasurer, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Senior Warden for a proposition.

The Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W Bro P E Rubie-Todd, DepGDC proposed that the Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2008, as printed in the Order Paper, be taken as read, adopted and entered in the minutes. The proposition was seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W Bro L B Mee, and carried.

Donations to Charity

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said:- The Annual Festival on behalf of our Mark Fund of Benevolence is being undertaken in July this year by the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. Following the donation from the fund of £3 million to the National Osteoporosis Society the Fund of Benevolence has now donated £1.6 million to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the purchase a new Life Boat which is called 'The Mark Mason' and will be officially launched on the 5th of June this year by the Grand Master in Wales where it will be based covering the Irish Sea. Although we will never use it in this Province I am sure that all of us appreciate the service provided by the Lifeboat Crews and I am therefore once again pleased to support the Annual Festival with a donation from our Provincial Benevolent Fund of £2000 which has been forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland.

W Bro Mike Yalden (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province) made a presentation.

Provincial Grand Registrar's Report

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Registrar for his Report. The Provincial Grand Registrar had pleasure in submitting his Report, which was printed in the Order Paper and to which he had nothing to add.

Provincial Grand Secretary's Report

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary for his Report. The Provincial Grand Secretary had pleasure in submitting the Report, which was printed in the Order Paper and to which he had nothing to add.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Report

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Charity Steward for a report on Provincial Charity. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward referred to his report, printed in the Order Paper and to which he had nothing to add.

Charity Award

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master announced that he had pleasure in presenting his Annual Charity Award to the Lodge adjudged to have best supported the Provincial Benevolent Fund during the past financial year. The award that of a Scrip Purse embroidered with the Provincial Crest was this year awarded to Collingwood Lodge No 1669. The ProvGDC escorted W Bro David Skilleter, the Lodge Charity Steward, to the ProvGM's pedestal to receive the award on behalf of his Lodge.

Election of Provincial Grand Treasurer

The Provincial Grand Master announced that only one nomination for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer had been received, that being W Bro R M S Seeley, FCA, and accordingly he declared W Bro Seeley duly elected.

Election of the Audit Committee

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Senior Warden for a proposition in respect of the Audit Committee. The Provincial Grand Senior Warden proposed that Bros J D Lambert, C B Peak and G Nickson be elected to the Provincial Audit Committee for the ensuing year: The proposition was seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden and carried.

Appointment of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The R W Provincial Grand Master then re-appointed V W Bro M F Barnes as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was saluted.

Appointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The R W Provincial Grand Master then reappointed W Bro R W Leavers as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master was saluted.

Installation of Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Masters and Past Masters of Surrey Lodges forming the escorts and acting as cushion bearers:

W Bro Brian Cotton
WM Manor of Bensham Lodge No 1167
(Cushion Bearer)

W Bro Roger Chapman
WM Loyalty Lodge No 914

W Bro. Colin Lynch
WM Croydon Lodge No 198
(Cushion Bearer)

W Bro Pat Gosden
WM Knightsbridge Lodge No1878

The R.W Provincial Grand Master then appointed, obligated and invested W Bro. D J Blackburn PAGDC as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The new Assistant Provincial Grand Master was proclaimed and saluted.

Appointment and Investiture of brethren receiving Provincial Grand Rank

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the names of those Brethren appointed to and promoted in Mark Provincial Grand Rank and those receiving Provincial Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the names of

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| 35 brethren appointed to active rank | 34 invested |
| 16 brethren promoted in past rank | 14 invested |
| 13 brethren appointed to past rank | 12 invested |
| 19 brethren appointed to ProvRAMGR | 19 invested |

A total of 83 appointments

79 invested.

At the conclusion, the Brethren of the Province of Surrey below the rank of Provincial Grand Officer saluted the newly appointed Provincial Grand Officers with three, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Provincial Grand Master's Address

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then addressed Provincial Grand Lodge (The address is printed later in this Order Paper)

Charity Collection

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master announced that the Charity Collection would be donated to the Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund.

During the collection, the Hymn "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" was sung.

The collection raised £1,155.72 (note: This is a gross figure including £196.48 of tax claw back)

Any Other Business

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had received apologies for absence, and best wishes for a happy meeting, from RW Bro the Right Honourable the Earl of Shannon and RW Bro the Reverend N B Cryer, Past Provincial Grand Masters, and from many other distinguished Brethren from this and other Provinces.

Closing

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master retired in procession with his Executive, followed by the distinguished guests, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, while the Provincial Grand Organist played "Land of Hope and Glory".