



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE HELD AT
THE WINTER GARDENS, BLACKPOOL ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2019**

OPENING

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer by the R W Provincial Grand Master, Bro James Anthony Harrison, assisted by WBro John Karran, Provincial Senior Grand Warden and WBro Barry Dickinson, Provincial Junior Grand Warden at 2.30 p.m.

DEPARTED MERIT

The Provincial Grand Master said, "Brethren, since our Provincial Meeting last May, many of our colleagues both in Grand Rank and in Provincial Grand Rank, have departed this life and have been called to higher service. Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of those we have lost and I invite you to stand with me for a moment in memory, respect and tribute to departed merit."

SALUTATION

The Provincial Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom to which he responded.

WELCOME

Distinguished guests from other Provinces were acknowledged and welcomed.

"From our sister Province of East Lancashire we have : RW Bro Sir David Trippier, Provincial Grand Master, WBro John Griffin, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and WBro Martin Roche, Provincial Grand Secretary.

From the Province of Cheshire we have : RW Bro Stephen Blank, Provincial Grand Master, WBro Simon Palfreyman, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro Simon Richardson, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and WBro Jeffrey Cunningham, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

From the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland we have : RWBro William Bewley, Provincial Grand Master, WBro William Morley, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro Keith Beaumont, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and WBro John Fielding, Provincial Grand Secretary.

From the Province of North Wales we have : RW Bro John Hault, Provincial Grand Master, WBro David Thomas, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and WBro Steven Jones, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

From the Province of the IOM we have: VWBro Roger Southern, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and WBro Wiliam Ashton, *Deputy Grand Superintendent*

From the Masonic Charitable Foundation at FMH we have : WBro Paul Crockett, who as well as being a Fund Raising Officer for the MCF is also an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Province of Surrey.

From the Province of Northumberland we have : WBro Alasdair Watson, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro Stuart Cairns, Provincial Grand Secretary and WBro Fred Dye, *Provincial DC in the Royal Arch*.

From the Province of Yorkshire West Riding we have : The Provincial Grand Wardens - WBro Brian Littlejohn Provincial Senior Grand Warden and WBro Raymond Lodge, Provincial Junior Grand Warden

Additionally, we are also pleased to welcome the Leaders of Other Orders :

We have the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Degree and Royal Ark Mariner Degree - R W Bro Keith Beardmore.

The Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Rite - V Ill Bro Frank Philip Gardner.

The Grand Superintendent of the College of Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom - R E Kt Glyn Davies.

The District Grand Prefect of the District Council of West Lancashire in the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees - R W Bro Paul Snape.

The Prior of Lancashire in the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta - R E Kt David Gallear.

The Divisional Intendant-General and Divisional Grand Commander of St. John of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist for the Division of West Lancashire - R Ill Kt Michael Walker.

And the Intendent General from the Division of North and East Lancashire - R Ill Kt Stephen Bolton.

The District Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland - R W Bro John Aitken.

The Provincial Grand Summus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord - Right Distinguished Comp Geoffrey Gill."

Visiting Provincial Grand Masters and other RW Brethren present were saluted.

APOLOGIES

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced the receipt of apologies from 49 Grand Officers and 254 Provincial Grand Officers and 83 other Brethren.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Winter Gardens, Blackpool on Monday 9th May 2018 which had been previously published, were put to the meeting and approved.

RW PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER REFERS TO THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

"VW Bro Philip Gunning, you have been my Deputy for five years, throughout which time you have always fully applied yourself to the multitude of responsibilities such high office attracts. It is therefore very reassuring to know I have such a committed Deputy Provincial Grand Master by my side and I therefore have no hesitation in re-appointing you." Deputy proclaimed and saluted.

The Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters and visiting Very Worshipful Brethren are saluted.

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

The Provincial Grand Master continued: "Today, one of my APrGMs retires from office. I refer to Bro David Grainger, and I would thank you personally, and on behalf of the Province for your dedication and commitment during your 5 years as one of my Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. I wish both you and your wife Beryl a long, happy and healthy retirement."

RE-APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS

The Provincial Grand Master continued "I am pleased to report that the remainder of my Assistants have all indicated that they wish to continue in their important roles. I thank them individually and collectively for all their help and support and I am delighted to re-appoint them. I will now ask you to stand as I call your names and may I ask you Brethren to show your appreciation with applause when I have completed the list : David Winder, Derek Parkinson, David Grainger, Kevin Poynton, Stewart Seddon and David Walmsley. Unfortunatley, due to illness David Walmsley is unable to be with us this afternoon and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back amongst us very soon. The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters were saluted.

CEREMONY OF OBLIGATION and INVESTITURE OF AN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

"Brethren, following the retirement of David Grainger as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, I intend to appoint W.Bro Keith Stanley Kemp to succeed him.

Brethren, as Bro Kemp was the PrGDC, I think it's only right and proper that his successor starts work immediately, and in order for him to do that, I have great pleasure in appointing Bro Malcolm Bell as the PrGDC."

Bro Director of Ceremonies, was asked if Bro Kemp was in attendance. The Director of Ceremonies, then formed a deputation and escorted him into Provincial Grand Lodge, so that the Provincial Grand Master could proceed to obligate and invest him.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Bro Kemp :

"Bro Keith Kemp, you have held a senior position in the Craft for 15 years, First as a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, and for the last 8 years, you have been the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, which makes you the longest serving Provincial DC on record.

As a consequence, you are very well known throughout the whole Province and are held in great esteem by the brethren. It will come as no surprise to anyone that you hold Grand Rank in both the Craft and Royal Arch.

You are, without exception, a highly experienced Freemason and more than qualified to undertake the duties of an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, but I must ask you in this Provincial Grand Lodge, whether or not you are willing to take on the duties and responsibilities of that Office.

Bro Kemp confirms that he is willing.

Then I will, following your obligation, proceed to invest you

I call upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment.

Provincial Grand Master addresses Bro Kemp : "I would now ask you to kneel on both knees, rest the Volume of the Sacred Law on your left hand, place your right hand upon it, and recite your Obligation."
Seals Obligation on VSL.

"You will now rise and advance to the pedestal so that I may invest you."

“Bro Kemp, it gives me great pleasure to invest you as one of my APrGMs and in your case, with particular responsibility for the Lancaster Group and the Furness and South Lakeland Group.”

Bro Kemp is then proclaimed and saluted.

APPOINTMENTS TO GRAND LODGE

The RW Provincial Grand Master reported the following appointments and promotions in Grand Lodge.

“Brethren, I am pleased to report that appointments and promotions in Grand Rank will be conferred on the following brethren at the forthcoming annual investiture on 24th April 2019.

Appointed to the Rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Mark Andrew Barton
Eric Hart *MBE*
John Patrick Murphy
Neil Cathrell Pedder
John Hartley Smith
Michael Raymond Threlfall

Appointed to the Rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer

Ian Gordon Smith

Promoted to the Rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon

John David Ogden
David Randerson
Francis Anthony Umbers

Promoted to the Rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon

Trevor Rimmer
Samuel Frederick Robinson

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated all the recipients who had been invested in Grand Rank on their appointments and promotions.

GROUP APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

The Provincial Grand Master continued, “Brethren, I now refer to changes in Group Office taking place today.

There are three Group Chairmen retiring, following dedicated and productive periods of office in the service of the Province. They have led their Groups with distinction, and we owe them all a considerable debt of gratitude. They are”

From the South Fylde Group, **Bro Ian Ward**
From the South Eastern Group, **Bro David Durling** and
From the Gladstone Group, **Bro William Culshaw**

Similarly, and with our grateful thanks, to those Vice Chairmen who are retiring :

From the South Fylde Group, **Bro John Robbie Porter**
From the South Eastern Group, **Bro Gareth Jones**
From the Gladstone Group, **Bro John Philip James**
From the Preston Group, **Bro Geoffrey Warburton Saul** and

From the Warrington Group, **Bro Christopher Francis Gleave**

Brethren, please join me in showing our appreciation of the service given by these brethren to the Province.

I am happy to announce the following appointments to Group Office as from today:

To be Group Chairman

of the South Fylde Group, **Bro John Robbie Porter**
of the South Eastern Group, **Bro Gareth Royston Jones**
of the Gladstone Group, **Bro John Philip James**

To be Group Vice-Chairman

of the South Fylde Group, **Bro David Frederick Barr**
of the South Eastern Group, **Bro Nigel Frederick Paton**
of the Gladstone Group, **Bro Ian Timothy Sanderson**
of the Preston Group, **Bro John Robert Rimmer** and
of the Warrington Group, **Bro John Tyrer**

“I thank all these newly-appointed Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for agreeing to assume these primary roles within our Provincial structure and I look forward to working with all of them.”

NOMINEES FOR THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Provincial Grand Master explained by stating: Brethren, as we are in Festival, you will of course have heard of the Masonic Charitable Foundation and for the past 2 years, Bro Derek Parkinson and Bro Mark Matthews have represented this Province as members of the Foundation. Today, Bro Parkinson is to retire as a representative and I wish to record my sincere thanks to you Derek, for the commitment you have shown in this role, whilst holding the high office of APrGM.

Happily, Bro Mark Matthews has agreed to continue representing this Province as a member of the Foundation. He will not be on his own though, as Derek will be succeeded by Bro Colin Rowling, whose extensive knowledge of working within our own WLFC, will prove invaluable when attending the meetings of the MCF at Great Queen Street.

Thankyou to both of you for agreeing to represent this great Province of ours at the MCF.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS 2018

Bro Neil Latham, PrGTreasurer, Provincial Grand Treasurer, presented the consolidated accounts of the Province for the year ending December 2018.

PROPOSITION

W.Bro. Derek Parkinson, PSGD, APrGM proposed that the accounts be received, adopted and entered into the minutes. This was seconded by W.Bro. David Ogden, PSGD, APrGM

VOTE OF THANKS

W.Bro. David Winder PSGD, APrGM proposed a vote of thanks to the Provincial Treasurer, which was carried with acclamation.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Provincial Grand Master declared WBro Neil A. Latham, a Chartered Accountant, duly elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

W.Bro. Stewart Seddon, PSGD, APrGM proposed MD Sale and Company, Chartered Accountants, Southport to be Auditors for the ensuing year. The proposition was seconded by W.Bro. Frank Umbers, PAGDC, APrGM. The proposition was carried.

ANNUAL FEE

W.Bro. Neil Latham, PrGTreasurer announced the Annual Dues for the year commencing 1st January 2019, will not be increased and will remain at 14.00 + VAT for each subscribing member and will be payable in arrears on 1st January 2020.

MCF 2021 FESTIVAL

The Provincial Grand Master continued , “Brethren earlier in the meeting you heard me introduce WBro Paul Crockett, who in addition to being an APrGM in the Province of Surrey, is also a Fundraising Officer for the MCF and he will now appraise us all with the latest news. *“Please welcome Paul Crockett”*

Bro Andrew Ridal PrDepGSec, then presented a cheque for £500 on behalf of the West Lancashire Rugby Football Club

The Provincial Grand Master then announced : “There will now be a collection towards the 2021 Festival. Your support so far has been incredibly generous and it’s vital that we maintain this momentum with only 2 years remaining, as it is the proceeds from these Festivals that supply the support of those brethren and their dependents who are in need.”

INVESTITURE

The Provincial Grand Master continued, “Brethren, we now come to that special part of our proceedings, when I invite those Brethren who have been appointed and promoted in Provincial Rank. Just like last year, the investiture will be divided into two. The first part being the investiture of Acting Ranks and first appointments, then following my address, I will proceed to confer the promotions.

The Provincial Grand Master thanked to the outgoing Provincial Senior Grand Warden, John Karran and Barry Dickinson, the outgoing Provincial Junior Grand Warden for the work undertaken and the devotion to their duties during the year. “I have certainly enjoyed the company of the Provincial Team and I thank them, along with all the other Acting Officers of the Province, for so readily attending upon me. I hope that you have enjoyed your year in office as much as I and the Brethren of the Province have enjoyed yours.”

“Provincial Grand Secretary will you please read the names of the recipients.”

“Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will you please present them before me for investiture.”

ACTING OFFICERS

Provincial Senior Grand Warden

David Jonathan Edwards

Provincial Junior Grand Warden

Paul Andrew Storrar

Provincial Grand Chaplain

Godfrey Ian Hirst

Provincial Grand Treasurer

Neil Andrew Latham

Provincial Grand Registrar

John Robert Rimmer

Provincial Grand Secretary

Peter Michael Taylor

Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

Malcolm Irving Bell

Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

James William Gregson

Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works

Christopher Maloney

Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain

John Michael Hall

Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary

Andrew Simon Ridal

Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies

Ian Jeffrey Halsall

Jason Peter Dell

Gary William Smith

Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearer

Brian Boothroyd

Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works

James Fishwick Hustler

Provincial Grand Almoner

Eric Hart

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Philip James Preston

Provincial Grand Mentor

Stewart James Cranage

Provincial Senior Grand Deacon

Alan Charles Browne

Paul Lee Mason

Arthur Peter Roberts

Francis Joseph Simpson

Provincial Junior Grand Deacon

Alan Barnes

David John Ireland

Wesley Norman Lay

David Parker

Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Anthony David Fennell

Richard James Gillett

Alan Hilton

Graham David Lewtas

Patrick James Martindale

Lewis Henry James Redhead

Alan Joseph Whittle

Provincial Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

Sean Christopher Keyes

Provincial Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works

John Greenough

Provincial Grand Organist

Stephen Philip Derringer

Provincial Grand Standard Bearer

Stuart Neil Alcock-Williams

John Conroy

Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer

Steven John Lowe

John Francis McGrady

Terence Ridal

Provincial Deputy Grand Organist

Robert Eric James

Provincial Grand Pursuivant

Gavin Paul Egan

Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant

Andrew William Curwen

John Francis Vaughan

Arthur Williams

Provincial Grand Steward

Kevin Ashcroft

Philip Robert Barr

Peter David Barton

Leslie Christopher Cullen

Ian Stuart Dennis Green

Gary George Harper

David Leslie Ingham

Robert James Markland

Terence Peter Murtagh

Andrew Pedder

Christopher James Sandham

John Shaw

Derek Sherliker

Allan Martin Shields

Christopher Ian Taylor

Grahame David Whattam

Benjamin Charles Yates

Provincial Grand Tyler

James Finnegan

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works

Brian Boyle

Clifford Boynton

Alan Duffin

George Flinn

Brian Kendrick

Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon

Jason James Bond

Bryan William H Cambridge

Donald Chetwynd

Anthony Wilfred Collier

John William Craig

Terence Joseph Cunningham

Christopher Driscoll

Keith Goudie

Fred Grundy

Anthony Hankinson

Bryan Thomas Hoarty

David Robert Irving

Paul Richard Leaper

Howard David LLOYD

John Trevor Lowther

Jon Measures

Graham Paul Roberts

Douglas Smith

Neil Winrow

Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon

Emmanuel Adeoye

Mark David Arrowsmith

David George Brooks

Keith Charman

William Frederick C Collier

Carl David Gittins

Alfred Hayes

Christian Hindle

Norman Holliday

Daniel George King

Howard John Lythgoe

Alexander Gordon McConnell

Anthony Mills

David Victor Pickett

Thomas Brian Rafferty

John Reed

Roger William Sherlock

John Francis Thompson

Malcolm Timms

David Francis Wright

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Evan Beswick

Russell Bloxsom

John Calder

Leslie Scott Deakin

Andrew Neil Gardner

Michael Keegan

Nicholas John McCarthy

Richard Edmund Nelson

Jason David Rhodes

David Alan Seddon

Stuart Grant Simpson

Stuart Rodney Tighe

Joseph Victor Waine

Barry William Woolley

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

Derek James Burrell

Stephen Caldwell

Allan John Curtis

Roy Anthony Thomas Hayes

Daniel Healey

Malcolm John Keeling

Alan Lapworth

Roger Arnold O'Loughlin

Christian Rhys Parkhouse

Robert Robinson

Raymond Unsworth

David Whelan

David Charles Wright

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works

Ronald William Belshaw

Peter John Hainsworth

Thomas Blackburn Mackie

Stephen James McArdle

Alan Peter Meadows

John Taylforth

Stephen John Thorpe

Robert Tyson

Donald Alfred Vinten

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer

David John Sampson

ADDRESS BY THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

“Brethren, may I offer you all a warm welcome once again to the Winter Gardens and to this our Annual Provincial Meeting and I thank you for visiting my Lodge today. I am pleased to say that our Province continues to prosper and the indications are that we have finally reversed the trend of the having more join us than leave. Whilst the difference is not, at the moment substantial, nevertheless, this reversal of fortune is welcome news to all of us, for whom this organisation means so much. Long may it continue.

We have just heard from Paul Crockett regarding the MCF and I do hope that you all thoroughly appreciate the work it does to improve the quality of life for so many.

You are all aware that our short four year Festival is now half way through and on behalf of us all I would like to thank Phil Preston and his Team for all the hard work they have put in to encourage your support. Your patronage is invaluable, not just today, but for your continued support of our Festival. There are still some 6000 of our brethren who have not, as yet, taken out a personal patronage of the Festival and I would urge those who haven't, to do so, but only, brethren, according to your individual means.

I would also ask that, whenever possible, you use the white envelope Gift Aid Scheme, as it attracts 25% back to the Charity, if you are a tax payer. It should also be remembered that it contributes towards an individual brother's total and many brethren have found this a way to accrue towards the various levels of personal patronage. I would ask you all to continue your support of the Festival by whatever means, so that when the times comes West Lancashire can be seen, once again, to be at the forefront of masonic giving.

Our Major fund-raising event is the `Night with the Stars` here at the Winter Gardens this coming Saturday evening, I do hope that you will be able to be with us for what I am sure will be a most spectacular evening. We need your support and it is still not too late to book your seats.

We are also going to enjoy `Riding the Lights` for our 2021 Festival at 7pm on Tuesday August 27th. More information on this will be circulated to your Lodges very soon.

Brethren I am sure that you have all heard of the Wisdom of Solomon, well that wisdom and knowledge has been recreated as an online resource facility aimed at developing our further understanding of Freemasonry in both the Craft and the Royal Arch.

In addition to the many resources, it puts together a series of short 'nuggets', papers, and discussions, which have already been used by many Lodges and Chapters as a means of work on Lodge or Chapter Nights and I really do recommend it to you all.

This is a timely moment for me to thank our Provincial Grand Mentor, WBro Stewart Cranage for all the work he has done, in fact, I have a sneaky feeling that quite a lot of what appears on Solomon has had the hand of Stewart on it. The presentations and the amount of work Stewart has done, has been quite extraordinary, so if you do get the chance to attend one of his presentations. I would urge you to do so. You could very well find yourself making a year's worth of daily advancements in one go.

Turning now to the Holy Royal Arch. For those who have yet to take that additional step, I would urge you to do so. It is ENJOYABLE, VIBRANT and STIMULATING. It is not, as some would say, another Order, but simply the means of completing your Freemasonry. The work of the Royal Arch executive led by my Deputy Grand Superintendent has made significant progress and I am delighted to report that membership in this Province has increased, to a point where 44% of our brethren are also members of the Royal Arch.

We are very lucky in West Lancashire that we have many excellent Centres of Freemasonry and I have no doubt some of you here today will be part of running your respective Masonic Halls. They are very important to the future of our Freemasonry and I would invite you to consider availing yourselves of the offices of Tony Hough and the Masonic Hall's committee, who are there to offer advice. Once again we are holding a seminar for those Brethren responsible for the management of Masonic Centres to be held at Preston on Monday October 28th. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

To get the best from our Masonic centres and our Freemasonry, it is vital that we try to attract new gentlemen to our Order. As I said earlier, our numbers are increasing, however we cannot rest on our laurels, we must be proactive in attracting new members, but with the caveat, that they must be of the right calibre. We have been guilty in the past of initiating unsuitable men at any cost, subsequently to find that they left after a short time. The Membership Pathway has gone a long way to address those issues, and assist us in avoiding making those mistakes again. I certainly recommend it to you.

I am sure that, like me, you have a great sense of belonging to an organisation that is caring not only for its own members, but for the various communities in which we live and work. The work and assistance we provide in our Communities is vital in increasing our profile as an organisation and that that work does not go unnoticed. If you are doing work in your communities, it is important that we know about it.

For example,

- Brethren in the Furness and South Lakeland Group are volunteers for the Inshore Lifeboat,
- Brethren in Liverpool who carry out volunteer work in various Charities
- The brother from the South Eastern Group, who helps the homeless of Manchester, by supplying hot food to late in the night.

These are but three examples and there are many, many more. Please keep us informed.

Looking inwards, there are many Brethren, all around the Province, who work tirelessly for Freemasonry. The Group officers, Almoners, Care Officers, Communications, Publicity and Website Teams, Membership and Mentoring Officers, Charity Stewards, together with those Grand Officers who represent me at Lodge Installation Meetings. I very much appreciate all the invaluable work that you undertake, we honestly couldn't function without you. Thank you all.

Today we have been in the very capable hands, of the South Fylde Group of Lodges and my thanks go to their Past Group Chairman, Ian Ward and their New Group Chairman John Robbie Porter and the Captain of Stewards, WBro John Topping, together with the Brethren of the Group for the stewardship they have provided to ensure the security smooth running of today's meeting.

I would like to express my appreciation to both the outgoing Provincial GDC's Keith Kemp and his successor Malcolm Bell, together with the Deputies, for the management of the ceremonial which, once again has been first class and a credit to West Lancashire. I also thank our Provincial Organist, Stephen Derringer, for his musical arrangements during this meeting.

A very special thank you to the Provincial Grand Secretary Peter and his team, Andrew, Diana and Violet together with the many volunteers, for the enormous amount of work involved in the administration and arrangements for this meeting, and for the work carried out during the year. Peter, you and all your staff are to be congratulated on all that you do, and we hope all goes well with the Provincial Office move tomorrow.

It has been a great honour and a privilege for me to have been able to congratulate individually those brethren who have today received an appointment to, or a promotion in, Provincial Grand Lodge. My heartiest congratulations and I ask you to continue supporting the Province, your Group and your Lodges. We all look forward to seeing you enjoying your new rank for many years to come.

It means a great deal to me to see so many of you here enjoying yourselves because, after all, that is what our Freemasonry is about. I thank you for supporting your own Lodges & Chapters as much as you do and for supporting my Lodge today. I look forward to an opportunity to come to yours when I possibly can.

Please continue to enjoy your Freemasonry.

God bless you all.”

“I will now proceed to confer the promotions”

INVESTITURE OF PROMOTIONS

Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden

Harold Thomas Bibby

Clive Barry Dickinson

Ian Winston Elsby

Robert Brian Pierpoint

Peter Gordon Smith

Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden

Peter Ainsworth

Paul Harold Baines

Stuart Sutherland Boyd

Ian Clark

Stewart James Cranage

Stephen Philip Derringer

Barry Fitzgerald

Douglas John Forster

David William Johnson

John James Mason

Michael Jeremy Pinckard

Alan Thomas Riley

Paul Robinson

John Waring

Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

John Bellhouse

John Richard Breakwell

Alan Thomas Burgess

Malcolm S H Cambridge

Alan Donne

Allan James Everett

Derek Leslie Forrest

Francis William Gent

Graham Hamilton-Taylor

Rodney Harold Holt

Michael Douglas Hughes

Jeffrey Ronald Iveson

Ross Garnett Kinder

Paul Raymond Lamb

John Laughton

John Stuart Mills

Robert Kenneth Norris

John Keith Nuttall

William John Pettitt

Stanley Samuel Povall

John Edward Stackhouse

Alan David Thompson

Thomas John Webster

Clifford Alan Wright

James Anthony Wright

Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works

David John Antonia

Gordon Archer

David Robert Berrington

Rodney Kenneth Bowmer

Patrick Bracewell

Michael John Brayshaw

Allan Gregory Brown

Gordon Montgomerie Brown

Robert Brown

Arthur Cain

John Calvert

Donald Carton

Thomas Clegg

Robert James Cremor

Mark Darrah

Howard John Dinsdale

Geoffrey Charles Eastmond

Keith Fairclough

David Finlay

Stephen Firth

Craig David Foster

George Charles Fox
Christopher Francis Gleave
Stanley Hill
Leonard Jones
Dennis Laird
Kenneth Loughran
Malcolm John Lunt
Ian William Mann
Colin Mills
Robert Michael Phillips
Raymond Thomas Stones
Ian Thomas
Robert George Whitney

Charles Lewis Gallimore
Roy Haslehurst
Stephen John Jelly
Thomas Leslie Jones
James Tony Leviston
David Paul Lucas
Stephen Keith Lyon
Peter Maxwell
Edward Nugent
Patrick Sharples
George Strickland
William Walker
Peter Edwin Wood

John David Gibbon
Robert Heyes
Alan Henry Jenkins
David Allen Kemp
Reginald Lewis
John Graham Lucas
Andrew James Makin
Paul Louis McLachlan
Mervyn John Parry
David Alexander Stewart
James Burrows Stubbings
John Frederick Whitley
Alfred Terence Worthington

Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works

Vaughan Ashton
Philip John Ernest Berry
Michael Anthony Burwin
Scott Hugh Devine
Karl Greenall
Paul Anthony Liptrot
Nicholas Bernard Medway
Stephen Anthony Nicolson
Colin Thomas Robinson
John Steven Smith
Michael Thomas Williams

Phillip Andrew Baines
Colin Robert Brereton
William Anthony Danson
Jeremy Peter Dootson
Geoffrey William Hardman
Denis Martindale
George Ralph Miller
Mervyn Ian Barrington Reeves
James Francis Rogers
William Roy Tague
David James Wood

Graham Benson
David John Brighthouse
David Michael Darbyshire
William Evans
Francis Edward Highton
Malcolm Keith McIntosh
Peter Nevill
Stephen James Riley
Brian Smith
David John White

Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon

Paul Bernard Astley
Stephen Cornwell
Keith Fear
Jeremy Adrian Lawes
Shahid Rashid
Nigel Robert Walker

Andrew Philip Beddeson
John Francis Deal
Gregory George Grove
Peter Joseph McCarthy
James Richard Stainer

Michael Patrick Clarke
David James Eaves
Thomas Hunter
Farrell Joseph McHugh
Andrew William Thompson

Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon

John Gavaghan
George William Sargeant

Harold James Kinney

Tony George Martin

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

John Howard Morgan

SALUTATIONS

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies conducted salutations to the Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters of West Lancashire, [other visiting Deputy Provincial Grand Masters below the rank of Very Worshipful Brother] and APrGMs of other Provinces.

Salutations were given to Grand Officers.

Salutations were given to Provincial Grand Officers.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported the attendance of 123 Grand Officers, 78 Masters, 696 Provincial Grand Officers and 260 other Brethren, a total of 1157.

INVITATION

The Provincial Grand Master enquired of the Provincial Grand Secretary, whether there was an invitation to hold Provincial Grand Lodge next year. The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that an invitation had been received from the Leyland and District Group of Lodges, to host the Meeting on Wednesday, 1st April 2020, at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CLOSING

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer, after which both verses of the National Anthem were sung.

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