

# Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and Isle of Wight

## Minutes of the Annual Convocation held at the Novotel, Southampton on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### 239<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation

#### **Present:**

E Comp I R Hopgood	M.E Grand Superintendent (Berkshire)
E Comp D Pascoe	M.E Grand Superintendent (Cornwall)
E Comp G R Glazier	M.E Grand Superintendent (Dorset)
E Comp Graham King	M.E Grand Superintendent (Gloucester & Hereford)
E Comp J. Sharpley	M.E Grand Superintendent (Hertfordshire)
E Comp Alistair Mason	M.E Grand Superintendent (Middlesex)
E Comp J R G Hilditch	M.E Grand Superintendent (Oxfordshire)
E Comp Ian Chandler	M.E Grand Superintendent (Surrey)
E Comp J C Reid	M.E Grand Superintendent (Wiltshire)
E Comp Roger Jago	Past Grand Superintendent (Hampshire & Isle of Wight)
E Comp Brian Bellinger	PGSN, Past Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IoW)
E Comp M J Wilks	PGSwdB, Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp Ian Currans	PGSwdB, Asst MetGSupt
E Comp Christopher Head	PGSoj, MetGInsp
E Comp P Cook	PGSoj, MetGInsp
E Comp D Rowsell	PAGSoj Past 3 <sup>rd</sup> Provincial Grand Principal (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp Mark Winchester	PAGSoj, ProVGSE (Province of Surrey)
E Comp A D M Nally	PGStB, Past 3 <sup>rd</sup> Provincial Grand Principal (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp J H Prizeman	PGStB, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. G W Tuck	PGStB, Past 3 <sup>rd</sup> Provincial Grand Principal, Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. J C Whitaker	PGStB, Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp J A Colville	PGStB, Acting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prov Grand Principal, Past Third Prov Grand Principal
E Comp Charles Aspinell	PGStB, Provincial Prior Designate
E Comp Peter Read	PGStB, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ProvGP (Province of Wiltshire)
E Comp. G J Deacon	PAGDC, Provincial Grand Master, Mark Master Masons (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. G R Williams	PAGDC, Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. W G Withers	PAGDC, Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. D F Coombes	PAGDC, Provincial Prior (Knight Templar)
E Comp Alan Hamilton	PAGDC Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland (Hants & IoW)
E Comp. D G Perkis	PAGDC, Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & IOW)
E Comp. R A Dunleavy	PAGDC, District Grand Prefect, Allied Masonic Degrees (Southern Counties)
E Comp. John Bake	Asst to the Principals (Province of East Kent)
E Comp. D G Foot	PPrGSN, Provincial Communications Officer, Craft
E Comp Adrian Jones	PPrGSN, Chief Adept Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia
E Comp. J I Preece	PPrDepGSwdB, Provincial Grand DC, (Hampshire & Isle of Wight)
E Comp. M Mills-Goodlet	PPrAGDC, Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Hampshire & Isle of Wight))
E Comp. I Campbell	SLGCR, Provincial Grand Sumus, Scarlet Cord
E Comp R Batchelor	ProvAGSE (Dorset), Provincial Supreme Ruler, Order of the Secret Monitor
E Comp Frank Milner	Provincial Grand Secretary (Hampshire & Isle of Wight)

The Deputy Grand Superintendents of the Provinces of Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Essex, Gloucester & Hereford, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex and Wiltshire; and the Past Deputy Grand Superintendents of Berkshire and Somerset.

The Second Provincial Grand Principals of the Provinces of Buckinghamshire, Dorset, East Kent, Essex, Guernsey & Alderney, and Wiltshire.

The Third Provincial Grand Principals of the Provinces of Bristol, Cornwall, Dorset, East Kent, Essex, Gloucester & Hereford, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex and Wiltshire, and the Past Third Provincial Grand Principals of Essex, Gloucester & Hereford & Hertfordshire.

The Provincial GSE of Berkshire, Bristol, Surrey and Wiltshire.

The Provincial Grand DCs of Dorset and Somerset.

The Grand Chapter Officers and the Provincial Grand Chapter Officers and Companions of Hampshire and Isle of Wight whose names are all recorded on the attendance sheets. A total of 389 attending.

### **Processions into Provincial Grand Chapter**

Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, Official Guests from the Craft Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Heads of other Orders in the Province entered in procession

Official Guests from neighbouring Provinces below the rank of Most Excellent Grand Superintendent entered in procession.

Grand Superintendents from Neighbouring Provinces entered in procession.

The Deputy Grand Superintendent, E.Comp Colin R Upton, PGSwdB accompanied by Past Deputy Grand Superintendents, Past Second Provincial Grand Principals and Past Third Provincial Grand Principals of the Province entered in procession.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Excellent Companion Philip Alan Berman, entered in procession, accompanied by E.Comp Stephen M Allum PGStB, Second Provincial Grand Principal, E.Comp, James A.K. Colville, Acting Third Provincial Grand Principal, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter.

### **Item 1. To open Provincial Grand Chapter.**

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the three Principals at 3.00 pm.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent welcomed all the honoured guests of the Province.

### **Item 2. In Memoriam.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent made remembrance of those Companions who had passed to the Supreme Grand Chapter above since the last Provincial Convocation, making particular reference to E.Comp. Ernest F.R. Moss, PDepGSwdB, P3rdPrGP and Past Provincial Grand Master. He then called upon the Acting Third Provincial Grand Principal, E.Comp James A.K. Colville, to offer a prayer, while the Companions stood in respect to departed merit.

The names of all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers whose passing had been notified to the Provincial Grand Scribe E are detailed on the Paper of Business and are appended to these minutes.

### **Item 3. The Roll of Provincial Grand Officers.**

The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, E.Comp A. Tykocki, PGStB, reported that the Roll of Provincial Grand Officers had been checked and that all were present except for three, from whom apologies had been received.

### **Item 4. The Roll of Provincial Chapters.**

The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra reported that all Chapters in the Province were well represented.

### **Item 5. To approve the minutes of the Annual Convocation held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra reported that the minutes of the Annual Convocation held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been circulated to all Chapter Scribes and had been posted on the Provincial Grand Chapter Web-site for the information of the Companions. He then submitted those minutes for approval.

EComp E.Comp A Weldycz, PGStB proposed, and E.Comp N.W. Edwards PAGDC seconded that the minutes be approved and adopted as a true record. The proposition was carried.

### **Item 6. To submit the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, E.Comp M.J. Fagelman submitted for approval his report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. He referred the Companions to his written report on the order paper, and expressed his thanks to the Provincial Office staff for their assistance during the year.

E.Comp J C Southwick, PAGDC, proposed, and E.Comp W.A. Jones PAGDC seconded that the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, together with the Treasurer's Report, be adopted and entered into the minutes. The proposition was carried.

The Accounts, Balance Sheet and Treasurer's report are appended to these minutes.

### **Item 7. To elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent stated that as only one nomination had been received, that of E Comp Michael J Fagelman. He therefore declared E.Comp Michael J Fagelman duly elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**Item 8. To elect the Accounts Examiner.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent confirmed that only one nomination had been received, and he therefore declared Comp. Christopher Welton duly elected as Accounts Examiner for the ensuing year.

**Item 9. To receive the Report of the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.**

The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra stated that his report to Provincial Grand Chapter had been distributed in advance to the Provincial Executive and to all Chapters for the attention of the Companions and that a copy appeared within the Paper of Business for this Convocation. The report was then submitted for approval by the Companions. E.Comp David J Gosney, PGStB proposed, and E.Comp. Philip Gooch, PAGDC, seconded that the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra 's report be accepted. The proposition was carried.

**Item 10. To Re-appoint the Deputy Grand Superintendent.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent confirmed the re-appointment of E.Comp Colin Richard Upton, PGStB, as Deputy Grand Superintendent.

**Item 11. To Re-Appoint the Second Provincial Grand Principal.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent confirmed the re-appointment of E.Comp Stephen Michael Allum as Second Provincial Grand Principal

**Item 12. To Appoint and Invest the Third Provincial Grand Principal.**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent then enquired whether E Comp David William Workman, PAGSoj, was without and when this was confirmed, he asked the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, EComp Christopher Davis, PAGDC, to form a Deputation.

The Deputation was formed by:

EComp. Christopher Etheridge	Chapter of Peace	No. 359
EComp Barries Hewitt	Hants & IoW PGStwds Chapter	No. 1971
EComp Richard Cox	Richard Taunton Chapter	No. 7050
EComp Simon Lancaster	Chapter of Concord	No. 394
EComp Paul Philp	Connaught Chapter	No. 394 as Chain Bearer.

EComp D.W. Workman processed into Provincial Grand Chapter with his escort.

He was presented to the M E Grand Superintendent by EComp Christopher Davis, ProvGDC. EComp David Workman was obligated by the M E Grand Superintendent, who then clothed him in the robe of Third Provincial Grand Principal and invested him with his chain of office. The M E Grand Superintendent entrusted him with his sceptre and instructed him to take his seat. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, EComp Christopher Davis, PAGDC, declared EComp. David William Workman, PAGSoj, as Third Provincial Grand Principal.

**Item 13. Appointment and Investiture of Provincial Grand Officers for 2017/2018**

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent requested the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra to announce the names of those Active Provincial Grand Officers whom he was to re-appoint.

The following stood to order and were re-appointed, together with the thanks of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent for their continued service:

ProvGSE	Anthony Tykocki	Southbourne Chapter	No. 6281
Re-elected ProvGTreas	Michael Fagelman	Old Portmuthian Chapter	No. 8285
ProvGDC	Christopher T. B. Davis	Chine Chapter	No. 1884
ProvDepGSE	Barry Wild	Brook House Chapter	No. 8606
ProvDepGDC	Mark Orsmond	Duke of Connaught Chapter	No. 1834
ProvDepGDC	David Ryan	Chapter of Peace	No. 359
ProvGAlm	Peter Adams	Boscombe Chapter	No. 2158
ProvGChStwd	Robert C Collins	Brook House Chapter	No. 8606
ProvAGSE	Anthony J. Green	St. Hubert Chapter	No.1373
ProvGOrg	Robert I Douglas	Chapter of Friendship	No.257
ProvGJan	David Taylor	St. Mary Chapter	No.7304

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and Provincial Grand Stewards to order, to assist with the

investiture. The Provincial Deputy Grand Scribe Ezra proceeded to read the names of the other Provincial Grand Officers to be appointed and promoted. They were duly invested by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent as follows:

## **Provincial Honours June 2017**

### **Active Ranks**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank</b>
MEADEN	John William	St Mary Chapter	7304	ProvGSN
TREVETT	Michael Paul	Hengist Chapter	195	ProvGReg
SLADE	Stephen Harry	Connaught Chapter	1971	ProvGSwdB
MADDISON	Colin Victor	Vectensian Chapter	7852	ProvDepGReg
INGRAM	Michael John	Aldershot Camp Chapter	1331	ProvDepGDC
KITCHEN	Richard Edward	Bramston Beach Chapter	2955	ProvDepGSwdB
COLLINS	Robert Crichton	Brook House Chapter	8606	ProvGChStwd
POULTON	David John	Chine Chapter	1884	ProvGSoj
BAXTER	Michael John	Oakley Chapter	694	Prov1stAGSoj
THEOBALD	John	Unity Chapter	132	Prov2ndAGSoj
GREEN	Anthony James	St Hubert Chapter	1373	ProvAGSE
BARRY	Alan	Asher Barfield	35	ProvGStB
STONE	Terrance Desmond	Yarborough Chapter	551	ProvGStB
FIELD	Richard	Gosport Chapter	903	ProvGStB
FITZGERALD	William Michael	Petersfield Chapter	928	ProvGStB
MILLS	Paul Derroll	Domus Dei Chapter	5151	ProvGStB
MITCHELL	Ralph Francis	Vale of Itchen Chapter	7816	ProvGStB
TAYLOR	Duncan James	Chapter of Economy	76	ProvAGDC
MAGUIRE	Duncan Scott	East Medina Chapter	175	ProvAGDC
COOPER	Adrian Robert	Farnborough Chapter	2203	ProvAGDC
KITCH	Philip	New Forest Chapter	319	ProvGStwd
RENSHAW	James Henry	Chapter of Concord	394	ProvGStwd
SEALEY	Simon	Yarborough Chapter	551	ProvGStwd
WREN	Christopher Raymond	Panmure Chapter	723	ProvGStwd
BARRY-WALSH	Niall MICHAEL	St Hubert Chapter	1373	ProvGStwd
KING	Stefan	Hope Chapter	2153	ProvGStwd
WHITE	Roderick Kenneth	Beach Chapter	2475	ProvGStwd
BUCHANAN	Peter	Hayling Island Chapter	6422	ProvGStwd
HILL	Colin Charles	Wolvesey Chapter	6818	ProvGStwd
FREE	Andrew Stuart	St Mary Chapter	7304	ProvGStwd
SANDERMAN	Michael John	Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter	7672	ProvGStwd
WILSON	Clive Kenneth	Wessex Chapter of Fidelity	8681	ProvGStwd
HEWITT	Barrie Conrad John	Hants & IoW PGStwds	9263	ProvGStwd

### **Promotions**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank</b>
De GROEN	Anthony Richard George	Albert Edward Chapter	1780	PPrGSN
GOULDING	John Alfred	Duke of Connaught Chapter	1834	PPrGSN
GILHAM	Peter Charles	Duke of Connaught Chapter	1834	PPrGSN

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Forename</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank</b>
WARD	Alexander Edward	Bramston Beach Chapter	2955	PPrGSN
HARROLD	Anthony Henry	Southbourne Chapter	6281	PPrGSN
SMALL	Derek	Richard Taunton Chapter	7050	PPrGSN
OLLIVER	Richard John	Vyne Chapter	7612	PPrGSN
GODDARD	Arthur Ralph	Vale of Itchen Chapter	7816	PPrGSN
MAKIN	John Dillon	Faith and Confidence Chapter	8222	PPrGSN
WRIGHT	Malcolm J	Kings Court Chapter	8441	PPrGSN
MITCHELL	Julian	Unity Chapter	132	PPrGReg
GRAHAM	Bruce William Alfred	Chapter of Friendship	257	PPrGReg
BLACKMAN	Robert	Royal Sussex Chapter	342	PPrGReg
WEEKS	Dennis James	Chapter of Peace	359	PPrGReg
MUSSELL	Colin Victor Charles	Chapter of Concord	394	PPrGReg
MARTIN	Anthony William	Panmure Chapter	723	PPrGReg
WHATLEY	Barry	United Service Chapter	1428	PPrGReg
ROLFE	David Thomas	Duke of Connaught Chapter	1834	PPrGReg
BROWN	Malcolm Anthony	Duke of Connaught Chapter	1834	PPrGReg
WEBSTER	William John	St George's Chapter	1958	PPrGReg
BLAKE	Douglas Arthur	Hants Chapter of Emulation	1990	PPrGReg
TOWNER	Arthur Charles	Beach Chapter	2475	PPrGReg
PENNINGTON	William Ernest	Woolmer Forest Chapter	3872	PPrGReg
FRASER	James Brown	Portsmouth Chapter	4356	PPrGReg
JAMES	Bryan David Esmonde	Domus Dei Chapter	5151	PPrGReg
MALES	Peter Hitchings	Southbourne Chapter	6281	PPrGReg
GRANT	David Alan	Southbourne Chapter	6281	PPrGReg
RUSCOE	Richard Thomas	St Mary Chapter	7304	PPrGReg
REED	John George	Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter	7672	PPrGReg
HARBER	John Ernest	Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter	7672	PPrGReg
BOUGHTWOOD	David Charles	Faith and Confidence Chapter	8222	PPrGReg
MINSHULL, MBE	Melvyn Barry	Brook House Chapter	8606	PPrGReg
BENTLEY	Ronald Ernest Sydney	Prytaneion Chapter	9340	PPrGReg
COLERIDGE	William Cyril	Chapter of Maturity	9390	PPrGReg
DUGAN	John	Chapter of Harmony	309	PPrGDC
COOK	Brian Frederick	Bramston Beach Chapter	2955	PPrGDC
KESSELL	Graham Arnold	Victory Chapter	3509	PPrGDC
MAWER	Peter Rutherford	Portsmouth Chapter	4356	PPrGDC
SARGENT	Michael John	Mercury Chapter	4581	PPrGDC
BURNS	David Graham	Hengist Chapter	195	PPrGSwdB
GANLY	Edmund	Chapter of Harmony	309	PPrGSwdB
HUTCHINS	Christopher Alexander	New Forest Chapter	319	PPrGSwdB
GANNAWAY	Mark Eric	New Forest Chapter	319	PPrGSwdB
PHILLIPS	Brian Denzil	Chapter of Concord	394	PPrGSwdB
FLAIN	John	Aldershot Camp Chapter	1331	PPrGSwdB
BUNKER	Harold John	St Hubert Chapter	1373	PPrGSwdB
MUNDAY	James	Ancasta Chapter	1461	PPrGSwdB
SIMMONS	John	Hants Chapter of Emulation	1990	PPrGSwdB
GRIFFITHS	Arthur Robert	Bramston Beach Chapter	2955	PPrGSwdB
PHILLIPS	Tony Michael	Victory Chapter	3509	PPrGSwdB
CROFTS	Peter Charles	Domus Dei Chapter	5151	PPrGSwdB

Surname	Forename	Chapter	No.	Rank
FRANKLIN	Roy Leslie	St Vincent Chapter	5295	PPrGSwdB
YOUNG	Peter Campbell	Twynham Chapter	5889	PPrGSwdB
OSBORNE	Ian Charles William	Test Valley Chapter	6181	PPrGSwdB
KING	James Firmstone	Chilworth Chapter	7810	PPrGSwdB
KERLEY	Michael Valentine	Chilworth Chapter	7810	PPrGSwdB
BELL	Martin Andrew Ford	Vale of Itchen Chapter	7816	PPrGSwdB
MUNDELL	John Stephen	Vectensian Chapter	7852	PPrGSwdB
CHANDLER	Michael John	Vectensian Chapter	7852	PPrGSwdB
FAGG	Derek John	Brook House Chapter	8606	PPrGSwdB
HINES	John Alan	Prytaneion Chapter	9340	PPrGSwdB
WHITTAKER	John Reginald	St John's Chapter	9395	PPrGSwdB
LAWSON	Norman Henry	Unity Chapter	132	PPrDepGReg
WOOD	Keith John	Albany Chapter	151	PPrDepGReg
REID	David Albert	East Medina Chapter	175	PPrDepGReg
WEST	David Ronald	Panmure Chapter	723	PPrDepGReg
SHELDRAKE	Peter John	St Georges Chapter	1958	PPrDepGReg
MADDY	Robin Neil	Connaught Chapter	1971	PPrDepGReg
SHERRIN-JONES	Peter Andrew	Wolvesey	6818	PPrDepGReg
PREEDY	Michael Anthony	Vyne Chapter	7612	PPrDepGReg
HURRELL	Stephen Thomas	Charles Dickens Chapter	8597	PPrDepGReg
GEDDES	Michael	Chapter of Peace	359	PPrDepGDC
SKELTON	Paul Byron	Chapter of Concord	394	PPrDepGDC
CLAYTON	Nigel	The Portsmouth Chapter	487	PPrDepGDC
BARNES	Francis Edward	United Service Chapter	1428	PPrDepGDC
BROWN	Andrew Edward	Boscombe Chapter	2158	PPrDepGDC
DEAR	Leslie Roy	Bramston Beach Chapter	2955	PPrDepGDC
LONG	Marc	Chapter of Economy	76	PPrDepGSwdB
SELL	Dennis Anthony	St George's Chapter	1958	PPrDepGSwdB
BRIER	Christopher Anthony Clive	Victory Chapter	3509	PPrDepGSwdB
McARTHUR	Brian James	Woolmer Forest Chapter	3872	PPrDepGSwdB
POPHAM	Trevor Victor	Portsmouth Chapter	4356	PPrDepGSwdB
ROBERTS	Graham James	Lee Britten Chapter	5782	PPrDepGSwdB
OLIVER	Geoffrey Charles	Test Valley Chapter	6181	PPrDepGSwdB
ELLIOTT	Lee Edward Austin	Brockenhurst Chapter	7040	PPrDepGSwdB
GRIFFITHS	Ronald John	Chilworth Chapter	7810	PPrDepGSwdB
ELLIS	Bernard John	Vale of Itchen Chapter	7816	PPrDepGSwdB
CARRUTHERS	Leslie	Norman Gate Chapter	8116	PPrDepGSwdB
DEACON	Graham Clive	Pudbrook Chapter	8366	PPrDepGSwdB
WISELY	Graham Alexander	Brook House Chapter	8606	PPrDepGSwdB
COCKINGS	Barry Richard	Drayton Chapter	8832	PPrDepGSwdB

### First Appointments

Surname	Forename	Chapter	No.	Rank
CRABBE	Geoffrey	St Hubert Chapter	1373	PPrDepGReg
HANSON	Robert De Goldthorp	Wayfarers Chapter	5740	PPrDepGReg
DENYER	Brian John	Chapter of Maturity	9390	PPrDepGReg
CARD	Julian Ian	Beach Chapter	2475	PPrDepGSE
TAYLOR	Stephen Harry	Beach Chapter	2475	PPrDepGDC

Surname	Forename	Chapter	No.	Rank
HIGGINS	Anthony John	Southbourne Chapter	6281	PPrDepGDC
COOKE	Peter George	Chapter of Harmony	309	PPrDepGSwdB
PARSONAGE	Ernest James	Aldershot Camp Chapter	1331	PPrDepGSwdB
FROUD	Edward	Octa Chapter	4397	PPrDepGSwdB
PARSONS	Alwyn Robinson	Neptune Chapter	5150	PPrDepGSwdB
DOSWELL	Kevin Ronald	St Vincent Chapter	5295	PPrDepGSwdB
DENTON	Mark Ian	Hayling Island Chapter	6422	PPrDepGSwdB
SPEAK	Michael Rowstone	Semper Fidelis Chapter	6664	PPrDepGSwdB
GARVEY	Peter	Richard Taunton Chapter	7050	PPrDepGSwdB
WILMOT	Stuart Martin	Brook House Chapter	8606	PPrDepGSwdB
MOWLAM	Alan Edward	Albany Chapter	151	PPrGSoj
JENKINS	Ian Leslie	Royal Sussex Chapter	342	PPrGSoj
HUTTON	William	Hants Chapter of Emulation	1990	PPrGSoj
BROWN	Michael Franklin	Lee Britten Chapter	5782	PPrGSoj
SCOTT	Desmond Leslie	Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter	7672	PPrGSoj
GILROY	Denis George	Ancasta Chapter	1461	PPrAGSoj
HOARE	David William George	Landport Chapter	1776	PPrAGSoj
EASON	Dennis	St Lawrence Chapter	2016	PPrAGSoj
SHORT, MBE	Robert Stephen	Boscombe Chapter	2158	PPrAGSoj
HAGUE	Nathan Alexander	Portsmouth Chapter	4356	PPrAGSoj
MEDCALF	Neil James	Panmure Chapter	723	PPrGStB
SMITH	Roger Michael	United Seives Chapter	1428	PPrGStB
SLOPER	Alan Michael	Osborne Chapter	2169	PPrGStB
Le MAGE	Timothy John	Victory Chapter	3509	PPrGStB
KURN	Karl Andrew	Chilworth Chapter	7810	PPrGStB
ADAMS	Marcus Walter	Richard Taunton Chapter	7050	PPrGAlm
WOOD	Symon Hannant	New Forest Chapter	319	PPrAGDC
SCOTT	Ian William	St Vincent Chapter	5295	PPrAGDC
WINTLE	Ralph George Herbert	St Vincent Chapter	5295	PPrAGDC
HARVEY	Richard William	Southbourne Chapter	6281	PPrAGDC
SMITH	Brian	Kings Court Chapter	8441	PPrAGDC

#### **Item 14. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent's Address to the Companions**

Companions it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today. This is the first occasion that the Royal Arch Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight has held its annual convocation here at the Novotel in Southampton and I thank you all for turning out in such goodly numbers to support it. The hotel's location is central with easy access from all parts of the Province. I hope that you have all enjoyed the lunch and have found the venue to be favourable.

I have already extended the warmest of Hampshire and Isle of Wight welcomes to our distinguished guests from our neighbouring Provinces. The welcome and hospitality that is always extended by these Provinces to myself, my co-principals and Deputy, together with other members of the Provincial Executive is second to none and it is our great pleasure to reciprocate today. I would particularly like to thank the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent Alan Vaughan, and the Companions of the Royal Arch Province of Bristol for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to a number of Companions of this Province just a few weeks ago. We were privileged to witness the ceremony of the Passing of the Veils followed by an inimitable Exaltation Bristol style. All who attended certainly made their daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge on that occasion.

Today is a most important and significant day in the lives of those Companions whom I have had the pleasure of appointing and promoting in Provincial Grand Chapter this afternoon. Their hard work, dedication, and service to the Royal Arch in general and to this Province in particular is very much

appreciated and has been recognised by their appointments and promotions. I know that I can rely on them all to continue to support and promote the Royal Arch in the future as they have done in the past, both within the Province and beyond.

Every Royal Arch year in this Province is full and busy but this has been the most full and busiest year since my appointment six years ago. We have had the pleasure of participating in several anniversary celebrations and numerous dedication and rededication ceremonies. The support from the members of the Provincial team on those occasions has been exceptional. I have no doubt that they have enjoyed their year on the circuit and I thank them all for their support, friendship and companionship.

My Co-Principals, Deputy, the Provincial Scribes E. and myself have visited numerous Chapters throughout the Province over the last twelve months, We have always received the warmest of welcomes, and in the main the standard of ritual has been very high indeed. Long may that continue.

It was a sad day for the Province when on 29th November last year Vale of Avon Chapter tyled for the last time after twenty-five years in existence. The Masonic Temple in Ringwood was packed to capacity, and a vast number of Companions witnessed a moving closing down ceremony. During that ceremony the Consecrating Elements were returned to the Province and the Charter of the Chapter was delivered into the hands of the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra who returned it to Supreme Grand Chapter in London. Although it was indeed a sad occasion, I was delighted that many of the former members of Vale of Avon Chapter were keen to continue supporting the Royal Arch. They have become joining members of other Chapters, which will no doubt benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Perhaps the highlight of this Masonic year has been the Consecration of Taverners Chapter No.7442 which took place on 22nd March at the Masonic Hall in Purbrook. I was privileged to be the Consecrating Officer and it was a most momentous occasion. This was the first new Chapter to be consecrated in the Province since 2004, It was an absolute delight to see both the Temple and dining room so full, with the Heads of numerous other Masonic Orders in the Province in attendance. Much of the furniture and equipment in use on the day had been generously donated by the Companions of the former Vale of Avon Chapter and I was particularly pleased that members of that Chapter were present to witness the Consecration and see their furniture and equipment being put to such good use. It was a day to remember in every respect and will long remain in the memory of all those who were privileged to attend. The new Chapter has already carried out an Exaltation ceremony, and with numerous candidates in the pipeline all bodes well for the future.

With much assistance and guidance from E. Comp. David Wood who devised the initiative the Province has continued to hold "Dine a Master Mason" evenings. Unstinting support has always been given to those evenings by the Companions of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter who come from across the Province to deliver their "Why the Royal Arch?" presentation. I thank them for both the time that they devote and their undoubted dedication. These evenings have been extremely well attended and have resulted in many master masons taking their fourth regular step and being exalted into the Royal Arch. I intend to continue hold these evenings, on each occasion in a different part of the Province, and the next evening will take place at The Knole in Bournemouth on a date to be announced shortly. Needless to say, all Master Masons will be very welcome, and you don't need to live in the Bournemouth area to attend. I know that I can rely upon you Companions to support these evenings, which I regard as a valuable recruiting exercise, as well in the future as you have done in the past

Companions, I cannot stress too strongly the importance and significance of the Royal Arch Representative in our Craft Lodges. His prime function is to identify, encourage and assist those Master Masons in the Lodge who wish to complete their journey through Pure Antient Masonry and be exalted into the Royal Arch. The name of the Royal Arch Representative already appears on every Craft Lodge summons and with the kind consent and approval of the Provincial Grand Master I have arranged for every Royal Arch Representative to receive a lapel pin identifying him as such. He will be appointed or reappointed by the Worshipful Master of his Lodge at the Lodge Installation meeting in each year and hopefully, through the efforts of our Royal Arch Representatives our numbers will increase.

E. Comp. Peter Adams, our Provincial Grand Almoner and his team of very able Area Almoners are working hard to try and stem the flow of resignations, which, sadly, continue to occur. Hopefully their



efforts will not be in vain and I am confident that our statistics for the coming year will evidence a slowdown and reduction in the number of resignations across the Province.

As I am sure most of the Companions in the Province will know my chosen charity this year has been the Countess Mountbatten Hospice in Southampton. The Companions have fully embraced the appeal and the response has been nothing short of magnificent. No pressure has been brought to bear and the funds have just flowed in. The Charity Evening at Test Valley Chapter No. 6181 in Totton was extremely successful with a record number of the members of the current team of Provincial Offers taking part in the ceremony. In addition, my wife and I accompanied a good number of Companions and their families on the Charity Walk which took place on 14th May. It was aptly entitled "The Totton Trot" and I am most grateful to the Companions of Test Valley Chapter for all the time and trouble spent by them in organising it, and to the ladies for the delicious refreshments that they provided for the trusty walkers afterwards. It was a very pleasant and happy occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. A considerable sum was raised by way of sponsorship. My grateful thanks must also go to the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Bob Collins; Although he has not enjoyed the best of good health over recent months he is now well on the mend. He has always risen to the occasion and has been instrumental and pivotal in the fund raising. Through his and your efforts and generosity Companions, the magnificent sum of £40,000.00. has been raised. I thank you all. Bob and I, accompanied by our wives, the Deputy Colin Upton and the Provincial Grand Treasurer Mike Fagelman will attend a formal cheque presentation at the Hospice on 11th July.

My chosen charity for the coming year is the Earl Mountbatten Hospice on the Isle of Wight. This Province receives immense support from the Companions on the Isle of Wight, and I know that I can rely on all of the Companions in the Province to fully embrace and support this appeal as you have done on so many occasions in the past.

Today, E. Comp. Jonathan Stainton-Ellis stands down from office having completed more than two years as Third Provincial Grand Principal. His contribution to the Province over that time, and his dedication and support for the Royal Arch has been exceptional and immense. He has proved to be a valuable asset to the Province, and has been extremely well received throughout the Province. His wit and dry sense of humour will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of being in his company on the Provincial Team. Although, unfortunately, he is unable to be with us this afternoon, I nevertheless thank him sincerely for his loyalty devotion and wise counsel. I am sure that you all join with me in wishing him well as he continues on his Masonic journey.

As is always the case, much hard work and dedication is required to ensure the smooth running of a Provincial Convocation. Behind the scenes and for many months my Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra ably assisted by his deputy and assistant, E. Comp. Barry Wild and E. Comp. Tony Green have been preparing and collating all the essential paperwork, invitations and reports for today's investiture. I know that I can always rely upon them and I thank each them for their loyalty, commitment and support. E. Comp Colin Brown has again assumed responsibility for the dining arrangements and has been working closely with the banqueting staff here at the Novotel .I thank both him and the staff of the Novotel for their invaluable contribution.

Equally my Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his able team of deputies and assistants have been working tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of this Convocation and in particular the Investiture. They always rise to the occasion and "no" is a word which is completely alien to them. I cannot thank them enough for all that they have done in the past, and I know will continue to do in the future.

The Companions of the Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter have again shown their commitments and loyalty to the Province. Many of them have been here since the early hours of this morning, meeting and greeting our honoured guests, assisting with the parking arrangements, preparing this room for the Annual Convocation of the Province, and escorting those Companions that I have had the pleasure of appointing and investing this afternoon. I take nothing for granted and thank each and every one of them.

Year on year our Provincial Grand Janitor E. Comp. David Taylor undertakes the task of transporting, setting up and dismantling the furniture and equipment for the Annual Convocation. His partners in crime are his brother E. Comp Paul Taylor and his brother-in-law. E. Comp. John Meaden, whom I have just had the pleasure of investing as Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah. They were here before

most of us arrived, and almost certainly will be here long after most of us have left. I thank them most sincerely for all that they do for the Province.

Lastly my grateful thanks to E. Comp. James Colville, a Past Third Provincial Grand Principal of the Province for very kindly standing in for E. Comp. Jonathan Stainton-Ellis this afternoon and acting as Third Provincial Grand Principal.

As one Royal Arch year in the Province ends, a new year will shortly commence. I hope that you will all be able to enjoy a very pleasant and restful summer break and recharge your batteries. I very much look forward to the pleasure of your company once again in the autumn.

I hope that you have a safe and uneventful journey home and may the True and Living God Most High keep you safe and be with you all.

**Item 15. To conduct any further General Business**

(a) The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent announced that he had re-appointed the following as Group Area Representatives:

Aldershot	EComp Nigel Edwards	PAGDC
Bournemouth	EComp Andrew Weldycz	PGStB
Cosham	EComp Philip Gooch	PAGDC
Gosport	EComp Malcolm Stevens	PPrDepGReg
Isle of Wight	EComp Wayne Jones	PAGDC
Portsmouth	EComp David Gosney	PGStB
Southampton	EComp Alex Honeyman	PAGDC
Winchester	EComp Jeffery Southwick	PAGDC

(b) The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra reported that apologies had been received from the Most Excellent Grand Superintendents of other Provinces, together with a number of Official Guests, members of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, whose names had been recorded, All had expressed their best wishes to the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and to the Province for an enjoyable and successful day.

(c) The Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra stated that the Annual Convocation next year will be held on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at The Novotel, Southampton.**

**Item 16. To collect Alms**

Alms were collected, while the closing Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" was sung.

**Item 17. To close Provincial Grand Chapter**

The three Principals closed Provincial Grand Chapter in due form, and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent then retired in procession, accompanied by the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals, the Deputy Grand Superintendent, other Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter and the Official Guests.

**Signed:**

**Most Excellent Grand Superintendent**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

A. Tykocki, PGStB  
Provincial Grand Scribe E