

## **Report of the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra**

This year Masonry is slowly getting back to normal. There are still some Companions who have to be understandably cautious about attending events in crowded spaces.

I must acknowledge the help and support I have received from my Deputy, E Comp Graham Wisely, and my Assistant, E Comp Andrew Free, also the Group Representatives whose hard work has been essential to the smooth running of the Province. Not forgetting the Scribes E of all the Chapters, without whose help and support the necessary administration of Chapters and of the Province would not have gone as well as it has done. I must also thank the Group Representatives and Visiting Grand Chapter Officers who greatly aid communication, in addition to supporting their respective Chapters. Finally my thanks to all the staff in the Provincial Office whose help is invaluable.

### **Supreme Grand Chapter First Appointments and Promotions**

Supreme Grand Chapter has been pleased to make the following Appointments and Promotions:-

#### **FIRST APPOINTMENTS**

E Comp Michael Paul TREVETT	<b>AGDC</b>
E Comp Michael GEDDES	<b>PGStB</b>
E Comp Graham Alexander WISELY	<b>PGStB</b>
E Comp Adrian Colin FRETTER	<b>PAGDC</b>
E Comp Ian Peter VINCENT	<b>PAGDC</b>

#### **PROMOTIONS**

E Comp Julian MITCHELL	PGStB to <b>PGSwdB</b> (through the Province of Dorset)
Jonathan Charles WHITAKER	PAGSoj to <b>PDepGSwdB</b>
John Herbert PRIZEMAN	PGStB to <b>PAGSoj</b>
Geoffrey William TUCK	PGStB to <b>PAGSoj</b>

### **Visits and Special Meetings**

The Provincial Visits restarted in September 2021 and they have been well received. Delayed Centenary Celebrations have taken place and there are more Centenaries to look forward to. Other anniversaries, notably 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries have been celebrated, often with a Rededication Ceremony. At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Grand Superintendent's Charity Evening when a Chapter, this year St. Mary Chapter No 7304, invite the Grand Superintendent and his team of Provincial Officers to perform an Exaltation Ceremony. The evening will be an opportunity to raise money for the Charity

Chapters usually receive a Provincial Visit every other year. Which means that over 40 Provincial Visits to Chapters take place each year.

The Principals are invited to the Annual Convocations of twenty one Provinces, and the Executive of these twenty one Provinces are invited to visit us.

## **Dine a Master Mason Evenings**

Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter No 7672 hosted a Master Mason Evening at the Totton Masonic Centre in March of this year. The Master Masons who attended saw the 'Why the Royal Arch' presentation given by members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 9263. Afterwards they can talk to the members of the Executive who are present and have their questions answered.

## **Chapter Centenaries in the coming Year**

St Hubert Chapter No 1373 Consecrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1922

Bramston Beach Chapter No 2955 Consecrated on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1923

Duke of Connaught Chapter No 1834 Consecrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1923

Chapters can celebrate their Centenary on the one hundredth anniversary of their Consecration, or after that date, but not before.

## **Grand Superintendent's Charity of the Year**

The Charity chosen by the Grand Superintendent for 2021/2022 was the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The result for the year will be announced at the Provincial Convocation. Suffice it to say that both the Grand Superintendent and E. Comp David Wood, the Provincial Grand Charity Steward are very pleased at the generous support the members of the Province have given to this Charity.

By the time you read this the Grand Superintendent will have announced the Charity for 2022/2023 and the ProvgChStwd will have circulated details of how Chapters can support the Charity.

## **Chapter Closures**

Two Chapters, Pudbrook Chapter No 8366 and Wayfarers Chapter No 5740 have surrendered their Charters and closed. The decision to close is never taken lightly and both Chapters had made determined efforts to gain members. The final stage of the closures took place at Supreme Grand Chapter in April when the two Chapters were erased. Both Chapters had served their members well over the years.