



Royal Arch Masons Provincial Grand Chapter of South Wales

E.Comp D. Gerald Rowbottom
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

E. Comp. C. Hugh Thomas, *OStJ*, PGSwdB
Deputy Grand Superintendent

E. Comp. Peter Jones, PGStB
Second Provincial Grand Principal

E. Comp. R. Michael Coombes, PGStB
Third Provincial Grand Principal



Annual Convocation CARDIFF

Saturday 26th June 2021

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. The Chapter will be opened in due form at 11.00 a.m.
2. To receive M.E.Comp. Gareth Jones, OBE, Most Excellent Third Grand Principal.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Convocation held at Cardiff on the 15th June 2019 (to be found in the 2019/20 Masonic Year Book, pages 244 to 257) will be submitted and, if approved, signed. The Address given by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in 2020, during the suspension owing to the coronavirus pandemic, and membership summary for the year ending 31st December 2019 (to be found in the 2020/21 Masonic Year Book, pages 243 to 249) will likewise be submitted.
4. The Provincial Grand Scribe E. will report on Chapter attendances and submit apologies for absence.
5. *In memoriam* – the Third Provincial Grand Principal will offer prayer in memory and respect of departed merit.
6. To receive the Report of the Provincial Grand Chapter General Purposes Committee.
7. Election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Only one nomination has been received, namely E.Comp. Brian G. Scott, FCA, PGStB, ProvGTreas, and if no other nomination is submitted to the Provincial Grand Scribe E., and if no member present calls for a ballot, the election will be declared in favour of E.Comp. Brian G. Scott).
8. Election of an Account Examiner for the ensuing year. (R.A.Reg.39).
9. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will re-Appoint, E.Comp. C. Hugh Thomas, OStJ, PGSwdB as Deputy Grand Superintendent.
10. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will re-Appoint, E.Comp. Peter Jones, PGStB as Second Provincial Grand Principal.
11. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will re-Appoint, E.Comp. R. Michael Coombes, PGStB, as Third Provincial Grand Principal.
12. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will re-Appoint E.Comp. Kevin Hearne and E.Comp. J. Lyndon Howells, PGStB as Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals.
13. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will Appoint and Invest Provincial Grand Chapter Officers for the Ensuing Year.
14. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent will Address the Companions.
15. Alms will be collected.
16. Provincial Grand Chapter will be closed in due form.

Due to social distancing restrictions owing to the coronavirus pandemic there will be no processions. Companions should dress at their allocated seats and store their regalia cases underneath their chairs.

Opening Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Closing Hymn

The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient and everlasting days,
And God of love:
Jehovah, great I am,
By earth and heaven confessed;
We bow and bless the Sacred Name,
For ever blessed.

The God who reigns on high,
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, Holy, Holy" cry,
Almighty King!
Who was and is the same,
And evermore shall be,
Jehovah, Father, great I am,
We worship Thee.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER HELD VIA ZOOM, ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2021

Present: Excellent Companions D. Gerald Rowbottom, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent; C. Hugh Thomas, Deputy Grand Superintendent; Peter Jones, Second Provincial Grand Principal; R. Michael Coombes, Third Provincial Grand Principal; Ben Gait, Provincial Grand Scribe E; Brian G. Scott, Provincial Grand Treasurer; John M. Steward, Provincial Grand Registrar; Christopher M. L. Davies, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; Martyn P. Wake, Provincial Deputy Grand Scribe E.

OBITUARY

The Committee greatly regretted recording the deaths of thirty-three Companions of the Province in the time since the date the last Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter would have been held. A full list will appear in the Masonic Year Book.

APPOINTMENTS and PROMOTIONS

The Grand Superintendent offered warmest congratulations to the Companions that have been honoured in Supreme Grand Chapter.

re-Appointment

ME. Comp. Gareth Jones, OBE, Most Excellent Third Grand Principal

Appointments

E. Comp. Simon K.S. Daniel, Past Grand Standard Bearer

E. Comp. Paul Davies, Past Grand Standard Bearer

E. Comp. Philip J. Stock, Past Grand Standard Bearer

E. Comp. Anthony P. Wardle, Past Grand Standard Bearer

Promotions

E. Comp. Andrew L. Gretton to Past Assistant Grand Sojourner

E. Comp. Ryan A. Williams to Past Assistant Grand Sojourner

THE DEPUTY GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This year has proved to be not only unusual but disappointing from the suspension of our Royal Arch activities for the majority of the period. The Covid-19 virus has had challenging times in most aspects of everyday life and there is now the prospect of light at the end of the tunnel as our current year comes to its close.

I thank the acting Provincial officers appointed last June who unfortunately we not able to enjoy the year they would have expected due to the cessation of RA activities, apart from a small window of activity. This year I am sure you will agree with me, the lack of gatherings has shown us how much we have missed our rituals and companionship in the Temple and then at our Festive Boards. The Royal Arch is a delightful Order and we are eager to meet soon.

The Executive is most grateful for the contributions and assistance of the administrative core at our Provincial Office.

It is pleasing to report that chapters are continuing their ongoing support for the 2021 Festival to contribute a praiseworthy donation. We all regret that certain highlights in our year such as Grand Chapter in London has not been possible and let us hope that maybe with the reduction in Covid -19 cases, reduced hospitalisation and deaths and compliance with all restrictions currently in place with SGC, Welsh Government and numbers allowed to meet indoors, all subject to ongoing positive Covid-19 improvements, we might still be able meet in Barry in late June for our annual Provincial Grand Chapter gathering along with our Provincial Grand Lodge event the same day. We look forward to the new Royal Arch year and congratulate all those appointed and promoted. Let us hope we will have some normality return to our scheduled meetings. Finally, may I please be allowed to add that once again this year, I could not propose the toast to our Grand Superintendent, E Comp Gerald Rowbottom, during our lunch in London, following Grand Chapter.

Just to say, in the absence of a formal toast, he is dedicated, approachable and enthusiastic. We know there will be many occasions for many in the coming years to be afforded the privilege of giving such a toast to E Comp Gerald.

On this occasion, " Grand Superintendent, your good health and fulfilment for many, many years to come."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020. The finances of the Province are again very healthy with a surplus for the year of £9,894 (2019: £7,471) and net assets totalling £98,675 (2019: £88,762).

The surplus for 2020 reflects savings in a number of areas. There were continued savings as a result sharing the offices of Provincial Grand Lodge, plus further cost savings resulting from the fact that there was, sadly, no Annual Convocation in 2020 due to the Covid -19 lockdown. There were also savings from a reduction in Yearbook costs.

The financial projection for 2021 is showing a significantly reduced surplus for the forthcoming year. As a result, the Provincial Grand Treasurer recommended that

Annual Dues are maintained at the present amount of £4.50 per member. There will also continue to be no Provincial charges levied for exaltations or dispensations.

The investment, held in a low risk fund portfolio managed by Brewin Dolphin, was affected by the pandemic during the earlier part of the year but has recovered well. From an initial cost of £25,000 gross (£24,250 net) invested at the start of 2013, the market value was £32,911 at 31 December 2020. This provides a much better balance of investment and overall return than bank deposits

The Provincial Grand Charity Relief Chest balance stood at £40,197 at the year-end after having made cumulative transfers of £68,000 to the 2021 Festival. The Relief Chest was affected by the pandemic, total donations received were less than half of that received in the previous year. This resulted from both the absence of an Annual Convocation collection (2019: £1,684 including gift aid) and a drop in donations from individual Chapters in the year of almost 50% compared with the previous year.

The report was accepted with grateful thanks to the treasurer and to the auditor E Comp David C Jones PPrGReg.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2020 was like no other year before it because Chapters were unable to hold exaltation meetings after March 13th due to the lockdowns ordered by the Government because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Regrettably, I suspect that 2021 will be somewhat similar as I cannot see exaltations being held before September 2021 at the earliest.

Chapter memberships at 31st December 2020, as will be printed in the Annual Convocation Booklet, stood at 2,513 (2,617 in 2019) – a fall of 3.98% - but after discounting multiple memberships the Province had 2,059 net Companions (2,135 in 2019) – a fall of 3.56%.

Exaltations totalled 32 (118) while joining memberships were 13 (53). On the other hand deaths in 2020 were 39 (50) although the average age of the Companions is much the same and exclusions totalled 10 (20) where the effects of the Regulation 66B - removing members who are no longer members of a craft lodge - is still taking effect. Resignations continued to be received and reported and totalled 100 (170) where many of these were due to the increasing age and infirmity of Companions and their nearest and dearest. Thankfully, very few were due to financial reasons caused by the national situation. However, of continuing concern is the fact that there are now 12 (9) Chapters with memberships of 20 or less.

Our goal should continue to be to recruit 50% of Craft Masons into the Royal Arch although the emphasis must continue to be on quality rather than quantity. It would appear that we have over 40 brethren awaiting exaltation which will improve our numbers greatly.

I am grateful to the Chapter Scribe Es for all their efforts although I would continue to stress that timely advices of deaths, resignations and exclusions would be appreciated rather than these being left until the submission of annual returns.

John Steward, Provincial Grand Registrar

PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES REPORT

The past 12 months has been a very difficult time for all and Freemasonry has suffered along with all as a result of the Covid pandemic and has endured a complete lock down of all Masonic activities.

In June 2020, many Companions having been Appointed or Promoted in Provincial Royal Arch, were looking forward to receiving their Honours in Provincial Grand Chapter, but were disappointed that this could not take place.

During the summer period, with the assistance of E. Comp Phillip Aubrey, Prov2ndGP arrangements were made to conduct training evenings at Bridgend Masonic Hall, but again, had to be cancelled as a result of the restrictions that were in place.

The Acting Officers of the year, have, unfortunately, been unable to undertake their duties in supporting the Grand Superintendent, the Province and the Chapters at any Installations. However, I have no doubt that their support will continue as we move forward.

The Companions hoping and looking forward to a resumption of Masonic activity, but for some, this year will be on that they are unable to perform or complete their commitment.

As the next Masonic year approaches, and following Provincial Grand Chapter in June 2021, arrangements will be put in place to conduct the training evenings to prepare the team for the forth coming Installations.

I have no doubt, that the Acting Provincial Officers will show that they are fully capable in discharging their specific duties and serve as true Ambassadors for the Province.

Sir, once again, on behalf of the Officers of the Province, Past, Present and Future, our sincere thanks for the trust that you have placed in us and we look forward to supporting you in the year ahead.

Christopher M.L. Davies

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

E. Comp. D. Gerald Rowbottom
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

No.	Name Of Chapter	31-12-19	ADD			DEDUCT				31-12-20	Inc/Dec.
			EXALTED	JOINED	TOTAL	Deceased	Resigned	Excluded	TOTAL		
36	St. John's	37	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	35	-2
110	David Rees Lewis	50	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	46	-4
237	Virtue and Hope	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0
364	Cambrian	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	23	-2
651	Brecknock	52	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	49	-3
679	St. David's	63	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	61	-2
833	Afan	61	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	57	-4
960	Sir George Elliot	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	-1
1323	Talbot	29	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	29	0
1578	Naunton Davies	40	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	39	-1
1752	Atholl	49	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	48	-1
1992	Marmaduke Tennant	27	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	26	-1
2357	Barry	46	0	1	1	1	4	1	6	41	-5
2453	The Duke of York	25	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	27	2
2606	Fforest	58	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	58	0
2720	Dovey	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
2965	Llynfi	38	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	36	-2
3161	Dr. Hall	18	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	16	-2
3250	Hendre	219	0	0	0	7	9	0	16	203	-16
3320	Wye & Ithon	38	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	36	-2
3756	Venables Llewelyn	59	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	58	-1
3769	Henry Pendrill Charles	57	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	56	-1
3977	Vale of Glamorgan	19	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	1
4055	North Glamorgan	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	18	-1
4113	Penarth	22	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	24	2
4194	Llangeinor	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	24	-1
4778	St. Quentin's	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	36	-1
4917	Corinthian	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	-1
5057	Gnoll	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	24	-1
5291	West Glamorgan	29	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	28	-1
5378	Glantawe	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	-1
5567	Penllergaer	38	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37	-1
5772	Cartref	50	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	47	-3
5830	Friendship & Justice	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	19	-2
5857	Three Pillars	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
5907	Emerald	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	20	-1

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			EXALTED	JOINED	TOTAL	Deceased	Resigned	Excluded	TOTAL		
5968	Doric	44	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	40	-4
6056	Dyffryn Tawe	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	-1
6298	Gelligaer	50	1	1	2	0	2	2	4	48	-2
6466	R.P.St. John Charles	45	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	39	-6
6608	Cambrensis	27	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	24	-3
6626	Ionic	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25	-1
6907	Integrity	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
7196	Edgar Rutter	24	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	26	2
7216	Talygarn	41	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	38	-3
7305	Colonnade	43	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	41	-2
7353	Llanfair	53	3	0	3	0	4	0	4	52	-1
7638	Ystradyfodwg	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
7928	Progress	43	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	41	-2
7982	Aelwyd	32	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	30	-2
8024	Skер	36	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	34	-2
8105	Juventus	21	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	20	-1
8274	Ynys	49	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	47	-2
8334	Hamlet of Van	39	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	38	-1
8364	Lord Swansea	90	0	5	5	2	4	0	6	89	-1
8508	Glanogwr	41	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	39	-2
8512	Dinas Llandaff	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
8530	Luminary	31	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	32	1
8625	Miskin	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0
8644	Llanilltud Fawr	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0
8991	Sure & Stedfast	33	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	33	0
9059	Proscenium	34	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	30	-4
9082	Wenallt	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	26	-2
9241	Llantwit Major	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0
9247	Adare	67	3	0	3	2	4	1	7	63	-4
9520	Hafan Deg	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	17	-1
9549	Round Table	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	26	-2
9603	Meridian	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0
9692	Cwm Rhondda	39	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	40	1
	TOTALS	2617	32	13	45	39	100	10	149	2513	-104
	Last Year	2686	118	53	171	50	170	20	240	2617	-69
	Actual Members									2059	

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER - SOUTH WALES
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments				
Brewin Dolphin Portfolio		29,235		29,184
(Market Value £32,911 (£32,178))				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Balances	67,118		62,587	
Stock of Merchandise etc.	3,833		2,150	
Debtors & Prepayments	74		297	
	71,025		65,034	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry Creditors	1,585		5,456	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		69,440		59,578
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		98,675		88,762

Represented by:

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance	62,447		54,976	
Surplus for the period	9,894		7,471	
	72,341		62,447	
Balance as at 31 December		72,341		62,447

M. E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Opening Balance	26,315		25,353	
(Decrease) Increase in Period	19		962	
	26,334		26,315	
		98,675		88,762

CHARITY FUND - GRAND CHARITY RELIEF CHEST

Opening Balance		39,001		35,551
Deposits Made				
Annual Convocation Collection	-		1,367	
Transfer from Benevolent Fund	7,257		13,075	
Other Donations	810		2,099	
		8,067		16,541
Gross Interest		241		282
Tax Reclaimed on Gift Aid Donations		183		907
Fees of Honour		705		720
Less Donations: 2021 Festival		(8,000)		(15,000)
		40,197		39,001

Signed:  B G Scott FCA PGStB Provincial Grand Treasurer

Report of the Accounts Examiner

I have examined the above Financial Statements with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and in my opinion, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Provincial Grand Chapter at 31 December 2020 and of the Income and Expenditure, and the Charity Fund for the year ended on that date.

Signed:  David Charles Jones JP FCA PPrGReg Accounts Examiner 23 April 2021

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER - SOUTH WALES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Chapter Dues Received		14,246		13,242
Investment Income				
Bank Deposit Interest		175		242
Income from Investments		<u>(16)</u>		<u>644</u>
TOTAL INCOME		14,405		14,128
EXPENDITURE				
Office Costs, Rent etc.	(699)		800	
Telephone, Postages and Printing	495		320	
Admin. Expenses	3,323		3,347	
Annual Convocation	-		824	
Regalia & Badges	910		165	
Provincial Yearbook	482		1,201	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>4,511</u>		<u>6,657</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>9,894</u>		<u>7,471</u>

M. E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

INCOME				
Donations Received	7,457		13,620	
Surplus on Sale of Merchandise	819		667	
		<u>8,276</u>		<u>14,287</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Transfer to Relief Chest	7,257		13,075	
Donations to Local Charities etc.	1,000		250	
		<u>8,257</u>		<u>13,325</u>
INCREASE IN FUND		<u><u>19</u></u>		<u><u>962</u></u>

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH WALES – OFFICERS 2021 - 2022

E. Comp. D. G. Rowbottom	Most Excellent Grand Superintendent
E. Comp. C. H. Thomas, <i>OS&J</i> , PGSwdB	Deputy Grand Superintendent
E. Comp. P. Jones, PGStB	Second Provincial Grand Principal
E. Comp. R. M. Coombes, PGStB	Third Provincial Grand Principal
E. Comp. K. Hearne, APGP	Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals
E. Comp. J. L. Howells, PGStB, APGP	Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals
E. Comp. B. Gait, ProvGSE	Scribe E.
E. Comp. R. G. Payne, ProvGChStwd	Scribe N.
E. Comp. B. G. Scott, FCA, PGStB, ProvGTreas	Treasurer
E. Comp. J. M. Steward, PAGDC, ProvGReg	Registrar
E. Comp. C. M. L. Davies, PGStB, ProvGDC	Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. S. C. Rees, PPrDGSwdB	Sword Bearer
E. Comp. I. James, PGStB, ProvDGReg	Deputy Registrar
E. Comp. M. P. Wake, PGStB, ProvDGSE	Deputy Scribe E.
E. Comp. S. J. Francis, ProvDGDC	Deputy Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. P. D. Rice, PPrGSoj	Deputy Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. T. R. Clark, PPrAGDC	Deputy Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. G. M. Davies, PPrAGDC	Deputy Sword Bearer
E. Comp. P. Bevan, ProvGAlm	Almoner
E. Comp. R. G. Payne, ProvGChStwd	Charity Steward
E. Comp. A. J. Grey, PPrGStwd	Principal Sojourner
E. Comp. C. E. Thomas, 651	First Assistant Sojourner
E. Comp. J. L. Hughes, 2006	Second Assistant Sojourner
E. Comp. J. D. Evans, PPrGStB	Standard Bearer
E. Comp. I. N. Thomas, 3756	Standard Bearer
E. Comp. R. I. Essex, 5291	Standard Bearer
E. Comp. M. L. Lovering, 5968	Standard Bearer
E. Comp. M. D. Goodridge, 9247	Standard Bearer
Comp. C. E. Pike, ProvGOrg	Organist
E. Comp. S. L. Williams, ProvGStwd	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. P. Thomas, 833	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. H. P. Evans, 8644	Assistant Director of Ceremonies
E. Comp. D. J. Watkins, ProvGStwd	Steward
E. Comp. E. W. Wynne, ProvGStwd	Steward
E. Comp. M. J. Bevan, ProvGStwd	Steward
E. Comp. S. Waters, PPrGStwd	Steward
E. Comp. M. Reynolds, 1752	Steward
E. Comp. K. H. Frowen, 2606	Steward
E. Comp. T. W. H. Harries, 2965	Steward
E. Comp. M. Green, 7236	Steward
E. Comp. M. Cronin, 8024	Steward
E. Comp. R. J. Phillips, 8508	Steward
E. Comp. A. I. Roque, ProvGJanitor	Janitor

Promotions to Past Rank

Past Provincial Grand Scribes Nehemiah

‡ E. Comp. R. B. Evans, PPrDepGReg Cambrian	Chapter No. 364 ‡
E. Comp. J. W. White, PPrGSwdB	Afan Chapter No. 833
E. Comp. R. A. Jones, ProvDepGDC	Naunton Davies Chapter No. 1578
E. Comp. A. K. P. Wood, PPrGSwdB	Atholl Chapter No. 1752
E. Comp. J. Coates, PPrDepGSwdB	Barry Chapter No. 2357
E. Comp. P. G. Johnson, PPrGSwdB	Fforest Chapter No. 2606
E. Comp. B. V. Thomas, PPrGSwdB	Hendre Chapter No. 3250
E. Comp. C. Tugwell, PPrGSwdB	Hendre Chapter No. 3250
E. Comp. P. W. Davies, PPrGReg	Henry Pendrill Charles Chapter No. 3769
E. Comp. N. J. Ritchie, PPrGReg	St Quentin's Chapter No. 4778
E. Comp. G. L. Lewis, PPrGReg	Gnoll Chapter No. 5057
E. Comp. W. D. Davies, PPrGReg	Cartref Chapter No. 5772
E. Comp. D. A. Down, PPrGReg	Emerald Chapter No. 5907
E. Comp. I. H. Jones, PPrGSwdB	Gelligaer Chapter No. 6298
E. Comp. J. W. Carter, PPrGReg	Edgar Rutter Chapter No. 7196
E. Comp. P. Bevan, ProvGAlm	Talygarn Chapter No. 7216
E. Comp. S. C. E. Harries, PPrGReg	Colonnade Chapter No. 7305
E. Comp. A. E. J. Hopkins, PPrDepGReg	Juventus Chapter No. 8105
E. Comp. R. J. Bishop, PPrGReg	Lord Swansea No. 8364
E. Comp. P. A. Golding, PPrGReg	Glanogwr Chapter No. 8508
E. Comp. V. J. Phillips, PPrGSwdB	Llanilltud Fawr Chapter No. 8644
E. Comp. E. J. Purchase, PPrGSwdB	Llanilltud Fawr Chapter No. 8644
E. Comp. R. E. W. Andrews, PPrGSwdB	Llantwit Major Chapter No. 9241

Past Provincial Grand Registrars

E. Comp. M. J. Maguire, PPrDepGDC	David Rees Lewis Chapter No. 110
E. Comp. M. G. Davies, PPrDepGSwdB	Virtue and Hope Chapter No. 237
*** E. Comp. B. Isaacs, SLGCR	Brecknock Chapter No. 651 ***
E. Comp. A. A. Williams, PPrGSoj	Barry Chapter No. 2357
E. Comp. D. J. Irish, PPrGStdB	Fforest Chapter No. 2606
** E. Comp. R. A. Colton, PPrGReg (Wiltshire)	Wye & Ithon Chapter No. 3320
*** E. Comp. T. Whiting, PPrDepGReg	St Quentin's Chapter No. 4778
E. Comp. R. Harris, PPrGSoj	Gnoll Chapter No. 5057
E. Comp. L. Harris, PPrDepGSwdB	Glantawe Chapter No. 5378
E. Comp. D. C. Sharp, PPrDepGReg	Dyffryn Tawe Chapter No. 6056
E. Comp. M. R. Gordon, PPrGSoj	Ionic Chapter No. 6626
E. Comp. D. P. Dallimore, PPrGSoj	Chapter of Progress No. 7928
E. Comp. J. W. Hatherley, PPrGSoj	Glanogwr Chapter No. 8508
E. Comp. J. P. Mortimer, PPrDepGSwdB	Llantwit Major Chapter No. 9241

‡ = Promotion already conferred in the field

*** = SGC Regulation No. 32

Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers

E. Comp. R. Jones, PPrAGSoj	Llynfi Chapter No. 2965
E. Comp. D. J. Hemfrey, PPrAGSoj	Venables Llewelyn Chapter No. 3756
E. Comp. M. Roberts, PPrAGSoj	Gnoll Chapter No. 5057
E. Comp. Y. B. Mathur, PPrDepGReg	Penllergaer Chapter No. 5567
E. Comp. M. A. Baker, PPrGSoj	Friendship and Justice Chapter No. 5830
E. Comp. W. M. C. Jones, PPrAGSoj	Chapter of Progress No. 7928
E. Comp. N. M. Evans, PPrGStB	Aelwyd Chapter No. 7982
E. Comp. M. J. Heiling, PPrAGSoj	Chapter of Sker No. 8024
E. Comp. I. C. Hooper, PPrGOrg	Dinas Llandaf Chapter No. 8512
E. Comp. J. M. Jones, PPrGStwd	Sure and Stedfast Chapter No. 8991
E. Comp. E. B. Jones, PPrDepGSwdB	Llantwit Major Chapter No. 9241
E. Comp. R. J. Fryer, PPrGSoj	Meridian Chapter No. 9603

Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies

E. Comp. V. G. Baker, PPrGStB	Wye & Ithon Chapter No. 3320
E. Comp. J. R. Nelson, PPrAGSoj	Penarth Chapter No. 4113
E. Comp. T. D. Edwards, PPrAGDC	Glanogwr Chapter No. 8508
E. Comp. E. J. W. Marfell-Jones, PPrAGDC	Llailltud Fawr Chapter No. 8644

Past Provincial Deputy Grand Sword Bearers

E. Comp. R. M. Jones, PPrGStB	Brecknock Chapter No. 651
E. Comp. N. G. Soper, PPrAGSoj	St David's Chapter No. 679
E. Comp. S. R. Jarvis, PPrGStB	Afan Chapter No. 833
E. Comp. C. P. Jones, PPrAGSoj	Talbot Chapter No. 1323
E. Comp. J. T. Lloyd, PPrAGSoj	Vale of Glamorgan Chapter No. 3977
E. Comp. P. L. Hughes, PPrGStB	West Glamorgan Chapter No. 5291
E. Comp. T. J. Cox, PPrGStwd	Chapter of Three Pillars No. 5857
E. Comp. M. Rees, PPrGStB	Gelligaer Chapter No. 6298
E. Comp. A. Williams, PPrGSoj	Ystradyfodwg No. 7638
E. Comp. K. R. Jones, PPrAGSoj	Aelwyd Chapter No. 7982
E. Comp. B. M. Etherington, PPrGStwd	Dinas Llandaf Chapter No. 8512
E. Comp. K. Mayne, PPrGStB	Adare Chapter No. 9247

Past Provincial Grand Sojourners

E. Comp. M. J. Lench, PPrGStwd	St John's Chapter No. 36
E. Comp. B. J. Willis, PPrGStB	Naunton Davies Chapter No. 1578
E. Comp. L. R. Barr, PPrGStB	Atholl Chapter No. 1752
E. Comp. D. W. Williams, PPrGStB	Dovey Chapter No. 2720
E. Comp. R. A. Calder, PPrGStwd	Llynfi Chapter No. 2965
E. Comp. D. J. Rees, PPrGStwd	Corinthian Chapter No. 4917
E. Comp. R. A. Marno, PPrGStB	West Glamorgan Chapter No. 5291
E. Comp. K. G. Morris, PPrGStwd	Glantawe Chapter No. 5378

E. Comp. G. M. Davies, PPrGStB	Gelligaer Chapter No. 6298
E. Comp. P. N. Osborne, PPrGStwd	R. P. St. John Charles Chapter No. 6466
E. Comp. M. R. Lang, PPrGStB	Cambrensis Chapter No. 6608
E. Comp. N. D. Rush, PPrGStB	Talygar Chapter No. 7216
E. Comp. N. R. Hosking, PPrGStB	Llanfair Chapter No. 7353
E. Comp. R. J. Newman, PPrGStwd	Chapter of Sker No. 8024
E. Comp. N. J. M. Griffin, PPrGStB	Miskin Chapter No. 8625
E. Comp. K. E. Wheeler, PPrGStwd	Miskin Chapter No. 8625

Past Rank Appointments

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourners

E. Comp. P. C. V. Wright	Hendre Chapter No. 3250
E. Comp. D. J. Saunders	Wye & Ithon Chapter No. 3320
E. Comp. M. L. Jones	Henry Pendrill Charles Chapter No. 3769
E. Comp. C. H. Cooney	Ionic Chapter No. 6626
E. Comp. P. L. C. Morgan	Llanfair Chapter No. 7353
E. Comp. A. G. Evans	Hamlet of Van Chapter No. 8334
E. Comp. D. T. Lloyd	Ynys Chapter No. 8274

Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearers

E. Comp. A. J. Williams	St. John's Chapter No. 36
E. Comp. N. Frangoulis	Vale of Glamorgan Chapter No. 3977
E. Comp. A. M. Evans	Giantawe Chapter No. 5378
E. Comp. R. H. Hooper	Cartref Chapter No. 5772
E. Comp. J. R. Wall	Friendship and Justice Chapter No. 5830
E. Comp. M. G. Cotter	Gelligaer Chapter No. 6298
E. Comp. P. G. Davies	R. P. St. John Charles Chapter No. 6466
E. Comp. C. R. A. Hunt	Chapter of Integrity No. 6907
E. Comp. B. J. Price	Aelwyd Chapter No. 7982
E. Comp. A. J. Joss	Juventus Chapter No. 8105
E. Comp. M. J. G. Morgan	Dinas Llandaf Chapter No. 8512
E. Comp. Dr. P. M. Davies	Proscenium Chapter No. 9059
E. Comp. G. B. C. Evans	Chapter of Round Table No. 9549

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

E. Comp. M. R. Hughes	Chapter of Three Pillars No. 5857
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Past Provincial Grand Steward

Comp. K. Hughes	Marmaduke Tennant Chapter No. 1992
Comp. D. F. Dunne	Gelligaer Chapter No. 6298
Comp. A. H. Pugh	Hafan Deg Chapter No. 9520
Comp. G. D. Harvey	Cwm Rhondda Chapter No. 9692

The Welsh National Anthem
Yr Anthem Genedlaethol Gymreig

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,

Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;

Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra môd,

Dros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.

Gwlad! Gwlad!

Pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad,

Tra mor yn fur, i'r bur hoff bau,

O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.

ADDRESS BY THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SUPERINTENDENT IN AND OVER SOUTH WALES

Good morning Companions. It is a great pleasure to address you this morning, on this 15th National Armed Forces Day, despite us not being able to meet in the way we have traditionally done so; since we were established as a Province nearly 250 years ago, in 1865.

We are only 30 in number, with no guests permissible. That said, today is a celebration of coming through the restrictions enforced upon us by the Covid Pandemic and we will ensure that 2022 will be a very special year, in recompense.

We have all suffered terrible losses and we will commemorate those Companions and their loved ones, when we are able to do so appropriately and when we can start Exaltations once again. That will be our positive response, by looking forward. The Executive and I have already been hugely impressed with those Chapters that have met and carried out their work since 17th May 2021. Well done to you all!

Restricted numbers have resulted in us meeting once again in Cardiff Masonic Hall today, although it is a joint meeting and I look forward to representing you at Provincial Grand Lodge, a little later today and we are delighted to have the Most Excellent Third Grand Principal with us this morning.

I am truly impressed with the work that has been undertaken in our meeting venues and congratulate all who have given of their time and expertise to ensure that come September, we will all meet in the most impressive of venues and I hope, enjoy wonderful harmony at our Festive Boards.

The Executive Team remain both committed and dedicated to ensure that our wonderful Province remains productive, content and responsive and I am indebted to them all for their loyalty.

In the year ahead, we will rebuild our membership numbers and continue to prioritised Charity and Communication. The ME3GP is aware of your continued generosity to the 2021 RMBI Festival, both individually and through all of our 69 beloved Chapters.

The Festival culmination will be celebrated with true Welsh class in Cardiff on Saturday 27th November 2021. Companion President (ME3GP), I am humbled to announce that earlier this month, the Provincial Grand Treasurer transferred from Provincial Grand Chapter to the 2021 RMBI Festival a further sum which brings our total Royal Arch contribution for the 2021 Festival; to over £100,000. An unprecedented figure which all Companions ought to be justly proud and I take this opportunity to thank you all for this outstanding achievement.

Today, you will no doubt generously contribute to charity via use of the pre-prepared Gift Aid envelopes and I would once again urge you to please go back to your Chapters and consider using Gift Aid envelopes at all of your Convocations. I emphasise the benefit of gift aid and the need to tick the gift aid box on the envelope, if you are a Tax payer. We continue to see an increase in charitable giving by using these envelopes throughout the Province.

Communication The breadth of platforms available to the membership and potential membership has been enhanced greatly by the appointment of a dedicated Royal Arch Provincial Communications Officer, E.Comp. Karl Frowen. Project Hermes will continue to be developed, so that individual Scribes E will have direct access to Adelphi and this will no doubt prove an innovation to inputting and accessing timely reporting of our membership data.

The RA Membership Officer, EComp Simon Daniel, working closely with the Craft Provincial Membership Officer, was doing so very well in focussing strongly on increasing the conversion rate of Craft Masons becoming members of the Royal Arch. However, restrictions on our meetings have temporarily restricted that progress. I have no doubt he will be leading the way, when we are allowed to meet again "properly".

Once again, I unashamedly recommend to all of you Installed First Principals to consider joining Hendre and Lord Swansea Chapters, where you will receive a very warm welcome and increase your knowledge and circle of friends.

It is a great honour for me to be the one symbolically investing all those appointed and promoted today, on behalf of the Province and I offer my personal thanks and gratitude to you all. You all richly deserve these accolades and I am most grateful to those who have made today such an enjoyable success. In particular, the omniscient Provincial Grand Scribe E, the Provincial Deputy Grand Scribe E, ProvGTreas, ProvGReg, ProvDGReg, ProvGAlmoner and ProvGChStwd, all of whom have worked continually throughout the restrictions placed on us to ensure operational effectiveness. I thank the immaculate Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, all of our Provincial Officers whilst representing me on duty, our impressive Office Team Volunteers, and Cardiff Masonic Hall Management & Staff, for hosting us today.

“We 3” Principals are indeed fortunate to form a Catenerian Arch, supported by the Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals of which I am very proud.

In closing Companions, I could not carry out this role without the sage support of the DGSupt, who epitomises what a Freemason is; a Gentleman, well skilled in his Art, respected and loyal.

We all wish you and your loved ones a fabulous Summer, full of re-found freedom and fun and we look forward to seeing you all, safe and sound, in the season ahead!



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