

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees  
of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL  
MEETING OF GRAND COUNCIL

held in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall  
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

on Tuesday, 25 October 2016

PRESENT

GRAND MASTER

M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel

M.W.Bro. M. E. Herbert, P.G.M.

R.W.Bro. Wg Cdr B. W. Price, *OBE*, P.Dep.G.M., G.Hist.

R.W.Bro. Lt Col. J. C. Chambers, P.Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. H. Gould, *OBE*, P.Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. B. Addy, P.Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. J. Brackley, P.Dep.G.M.

DISTRICT GRAND PREFECTS

R.W.Bro. K. P. Roberts, *JP*..... District Grand Prefect for Cheshire and North Wales  
R.W.Bro. R. S. H. Hussey..... District Grand Prefect for Surrey  
R.W.Bro. J. P. Croft..... District Grand Prefect for Northumberland & Durham  
R.W.Bro. R. W. Davis ..... District Grand Prefect for East Midlands  
R.W.Bro. R. J. Bridger ..... District Grand Prefect for Thames Valley  
R.W.Bro. R. A. Dunleavy ..... District Grand Prefect for Southern Counties  
R.W.Bro. R. J. Clare ..... District Grand Prefect for Essex  
R.W.Bro. B. R. Mansell..... District Grand Prefect for Spain  
R.W.Bro. T. F. Auber ..... District Grand Prefect for East Anglia  
R.W.Bro. C. R. Woodcock, *MBE* ..... District Grand Prefect for London  
R.W.Bro. J. E. Crosby..... District Grand Prefect for Cumberland & Westmorland  
R.W.Bro. W. R. Seddon..... District Grand Prefect for West Lancashire  
R.W.Bro. R. F. Richardson..... District Grand Prefect for Sussex  
R.W.Bro. A. D. Vickery..... District Grand Prefect for Devon & Cornwall  
R.W.Bro. D. M. Cordell..... District Grand Prefect for Yorkshire  
R.W.Bro. P. C. Brockbank..... District Grand Prefect for Kent  
R.W.Bro. Dr N. Singh..... District Grand Prefect for South East Asia

R.W.Bro. B. M. R. Smith.....District Grand Prefect for New Zealand  
R.W.Bro. R. Slater .....District Grand Prefect for Severn  
R.W.Bro. R. A. Mayers..... District Grand Prefect for South & East Caribbean  
R.W.Bro. M. H. Thomas..... District Grand Prefect for the Far East  
R.W.Bro. M. F. Wilson..... District Grand Prefect for East Lancashire  
R.W.Bro. G. G. Cheshire ..... District Grand Prefect for Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire  
R.W.Bro. A. D. J. Rosser, P.G.J.W.....Grand Inspector for the Channel Islands

#### ACTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight.....Grand Senior Warden  
R.W.Bro. N. H. Matthews..... Grand Junior Warden  
V.W.Bro. Revd T. J. Walker ..... Grand Chaplain  
V.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt ..... Grand Treasurer  
R.W.Bro. M. H. Lawson, P.G.J.W. .... Grand Registrar  
R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W. .... President Executive Committee  
V.W.Bro. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, *RD*, P.G.Reg. .... Grand Secretary  
V.W.Bro. C. D. Davis ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies  
R.W.Bro. Wg Cdr B. W. Price, *OBE*, P.Dep.G.M. .... Grand Historiographer  
W.Bro. R. A. Williams ..... Deputy Grand Secretary  
W.Bro. D. Jordan..... Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies  
W.Bro. R. Poxon.....Grand Senior Deacon  
W.Bro. N. D. Milburn ..... Grand Junior Deacon  
W.Bro. J. C. Roberts, P.G.J.D. .... Assistant Grand Secretary  
W.Bro. P. J. Purves ..... Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies  
V.W.Bro. J. E. Vince, P.G.Reg. .... Assistant Grand Chaplain  
W.Bro. S. Duffy.....Grand Sword Bearer  
W.Bro. Sqd Ldr R. W. Chevin..... Grand Standard Bearer  
W.Bro. M. P. Conn..... Grand Organist  
W.Bro. R. A. Scott ..... Deputy Grand Organist  
W.Bro. A. J. Helliar ..... Grand Inner Guard  
W.Bro. S. G. Barratt ..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. J. C. Bicknell..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. D. F. Clark..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. D. J. Griffin ..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. J. M. Haddon ..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. E. F. J. Purkis ..... Grand Steward  
W.Bro. L. J. Millings, P.G.J.D. .... Grand Tyler

#### PAST DISTRICT GRAND PREFECTS

R.W.Bro. G. M. Gentry, P.Dist.G.Pref., London  
R.W.Bro. J. R. Paternoster, P.Dist.G.Pref., Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire  
R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, P.Dist.G.Pref., Severn  
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Devon & Cornwall  
R.W.Bro. E. B. Goodwin, P.Dist.G.Pref., London  
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Anglia  
R.W.Bro. I. S. Currans, P.Dist.G.Pref., Southern Counties  
R.W.Bro. C. M. Wilson, P.Dist.G.Pref., Sussex  
R.W.Bro. S. J. B. Barlow, P.Dist.G.Pref., Yorkshire  
R.W.Bro. D. G. Hugh, P.Dist.G.Pref., South & East Caribbean

#### PAST GRAND WARDENS

R.W.Bro. A. B. Perry, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. R. G. Fretten, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. R. V. Wallis, *JP*, P.G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. Cdr R. A. Champion, *RN*, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. J. A. Wright, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. N. A. B. Grout, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. M. E. Slater, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. P. T. Coles, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. K. B. Jackson, P.G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. J. Massey, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. B. F. Page, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. M. J. Newth, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. M. H. Lawson, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. Revd W. D. Payne-Jeremiah, *SBStJ, JP*, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. K. D. Kennedy, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. M. C. Moreland, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. S. M. Ayres, *JP*, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. A. D. J. Rosser, P.G.J.W.

#### DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GRAND COUNCILS

Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of United States of America:  
L. E. Tucker, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master

and a large number of Past Grand Officers, Masters, Past Masters and other Brethren.

# Report of Proceedings

## 1. OPENING

Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

## 2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Worshipful Grand Master referred with great regret to the death of a number of Brethren, including forty-seven Grand Officers, which had occurred since the previous Annual Meeting of Grand Council. He made particular reference to R.W.Bro. Edward Walter Bramford, P.G.J.W., R.W.Bro. George Raymond Ince, P.G.J.W., and R.W.Bro. Peter Oliver Preston, P.G.J.W. The M.W. Grand Master also noted that since the Report had been published, we had also sadly lost R.W.Bro. Graham Trevor Herbert, P.G.S.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies for seven years, and R.W.Bro. John Gilbert Frederick Rynsard, P.G.J.W.

The Brethren stood to order while the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

## 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Grand Council held on 27 October 2015, having been printed and circulated with the summons for this meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

## 4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2016, having been printed and circulated with the summons for this meeting and printed as **Appendix A** hereto, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

## 5. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/2015

On the proposition of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Grand Registrar, the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015, printed as **Appendix B** hereto, was formally approved and adopted.

## 6. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer presented the Report on the Accounts of Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016.

## 7. ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

On the proposition of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel, and seconded by the Grand Registrar, R.W.Bro. M. H. Lawson, P.G.J.W., Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Firth Jackson was re-elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies as follows:

Be it known that THOMAS FIRTH JACKSON, Past Senior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas, and a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, Honoris Causa, in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Knight Commander of the Temple of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Knight Commander of Constantine of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas 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; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Counsellor in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Grand Lecturer in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Holder of the Grand High Priest's Award in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Grand Registrar in the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., etc., has this day been elected and proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; whom may the Great Disposer of All long preserve.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master returned thanks.

#### 8. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that he was reappointing R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master was then proclaimed by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies as follows:

Be it known that CLIVE ROBERT MANUEL, A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Senior Overseer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and a holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer (Beauceant) in the Provincial Priory of Kent in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Past Grand Herald in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas 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; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Deputy Grand Master, etc, etc, etc, has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; whom may the Great Disposer of All long preserve.

The Deputy Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Deputy Grand Master returned thanks.

#### 9. ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER

On the proposition of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Registrar and carried by the Brethren, V.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt was elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

#### 10. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Secretary read the names of the Brethren whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed to Grand Rank for 2016. The Most Worshipful Grand Master invested those present.

GRAND OFFICERS 2016/2017

Grand Senior Warden .....	Nigel Alan Willows
Grand Junior Warden.....	Peter Magnay, <i>DL</i>
Grand Chaplain.....	Revd Trevor John Walker
Grand Treasurer .....	John Norman George Howitt
Grand Registrar .....	Michael Howard Lawson, P.G.J.W.
President Executive Committee.....	Stephen Michael Ayres, <i>JP</i> , P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary .....	Lt Cdr Angus Patrick Douglas Hannagan, <i>RD</i> , P.G.Reg.
Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	Christopher David Davis
Grand Historiographer .....	Wg Cdr Brian Ward Price, <i>OBE</i> , P.Dep.G.M.
Deputy Grand Secretary .....	Ryan Andrew Williams
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.....	David Jordan Phillip John Purves
Grand Senior Deacon .....	John Harvey
Grand Junior Deacon.....	William Laurence Richmond
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	Jonathan Charles Roberts, P.G.J.D.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	Matthew Damian Hampson
Assistant Grand Chaplain .....	John Ernest Vince, P.G.Reg.
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Gary Leonard Spencer Rendle
Grand Standard Bearer .....	Colin Douglas Crombie
Grand Organist .....	Michael Peter Conn, <i>JP</i>
Deputy Grand Organist.....	Robert Andrew Scott
Grand Inner Guard.....	Alan John Baverstock
Grand Stewards.....	George Richard William Brown Meng Liong Patrick Chin Timothy Hancock Glyn Hughes Colin Lowther Trevor Edward Parvin
Grand Tyler .....	Leonard John Millings, P.G.J.D.

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Junior Warden	
John Richard Keys	Anthony Frederick Williams
Lawrence Tinkler	
Past Grand Registrar	
Michael Frederick Barnes	Kenneth Michael Rondel
Revd John Mulholland Burgess	Ian Harold Scott
Robert Muir Henderson	Graham Paul Snape
Stephen John Holt	Andrew John Stanton, <i>JP</i>
Jock Mackinnon	Steven John Warwick
Robert Anthony Henry Morrow	Peter James Watson
Nicholas John Murzell	Paul Frederick Weston
Michael Henry Roalfe	Ryan Andrew Williams
Jonathan Charles Roberts	
Past Grand Senior Deacon	
Stephen Cariss	Ian Herbert Macklin
Peter Hawken, <i>MBE</i>	Bernard Leopold Neuhaus
Paul Stewart Knight	John David Phillips
Christopher John Macdonald	
Past Grand Junior Deacon	
Philip Aitken	Stephen Brian Cobham
David Charles Boore	John Crawford
Richard Charles Callaby	George Evatt, <i>OBE</i>

Past Grand Junior Deacon (*cont'd*)

Ian William Greenwood  
Keith Michael Harrison  
Robert Ian Holmes  
Douglas Taylor Hopton  
Adrian Thorogood Jones  
Jack Lakritz  
Lloyd Lloyd  
Brian Meeres  
Bryan Russell Ogden

David James O'Leary  
Maj. Michael Anthony Patton  
Stephen George Pemberton  
Stanley Smith  
David Frank Stevens  
David Antony Alfred Stower  
Frank Van Ginkel  
Malvern Williams

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Brian Anthony Calcutt  
John Leslie Jarvis  
Dr Raymond Charles Johnson  
Anthony Philip Judd

Stephen Philip Preston  
Graham Phillip Melville Roberts  
David Crawshaw Staniforth

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Grand Standard Bearer

David William Barrie Bale  
David John Biggs  
David John Blackburn  
John Keith Bramley  
Anthony Herbert Carroll  
Boon Seng Choong  
Malcolm Edgar George Clarke  
William David Clarke  
Frank Cooke  
John Cooper  
Mark Samuel Livermore Corcoran  
Dr Rudolph Othneil Cummings  
Peter George Dawson  
Terrance Alan Deer  
Benjamin Marsh Edwards  
Michael James Gray  
Robert Angus Greenlees  
Antony David George Harvey  
Paul Stephen Hollebhone  
Graham John Holmes  
Graham Charles Hooper  
Jeffrey Alan Huddart  
David James Hughes

Barry Antony Jones  
David Kellet  
David Hartley Lees  
Joseph Patrick Anthony McCollum  
Trevor Narey  
Lt Col. Michael Richard Neville  
John Edwin Pearson  
Michael Ernest Phelan  
Leslie Georges Phillips  
David John Picton  
Alvan Kenneth Rolle  
Christopher Derek Sampson  
Trevor Marley Sharpe  
Kulwant Singh  
Ian Robert Taylor  
Jody Alan Townsend  
Colin Paul Tunbridge  
David Ursell  
Peter David Warner  
Neil Webster  
Michael David Winslade  
Victor Alan Wisden

Past Grand Inner Guard

John Bainbridge  
Alex Bain-Stewart, *JP*  
Ian William Brown  
Peter Brown  
Walter Leonard Cheshire  
Jeffrey Lionel Conway  
Ivor Cook  
Stanley Crawford  
Ronald Leslie Cross  
Stephen Peter Davies  
George Leslie Ferris  
Dr Sinnathamby Ganeindran  
Robert Charles Greenhead, *JP*

Thomas Richard Goodwin Heap  
John Leonard Howlett  
Peter David Kent  
John Lane  
Peter Layton  
Jack Love  
Mervyn Gerald Keith McAleer  
Brian Noden  
David Pestell  
Derek Lenfesty Pilling  
James Stephen Wright, *TD*  
Alan William Yeowell

#### 11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

On the proposition of the President of the Executive Committee, seconded by the Grand Secretary and carried by the Brethren, Messrs Crowe Clark Whitehill, LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, were appointed as auditors to Grand Council.

#### 12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENTS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that in accordance with Rule 117 (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations, he had appointed the following Brethren to membership of the Executive Committee:

R.W.Bro. A. S. McLaren, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Lancashire

R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, P.G.S.W.

#### 13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ELECTION

The Grand Secretary reported that in accordance with Rule 117 (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations, nominations for election to the Executive Committee had been received in respect of:

R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Anglia

R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Devon and Cornwall

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that there being only two nominations for two places on the Executive Committee, he declared these two Brethren duly elected.

#### 14. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Grand Master addressed Grand Council as follows:

Brethren, I must begin by thanking you all for coming in such encouraging numbers to our Annual Investiture meeting here in this splendid setting – some of you possibly for the first time. I hope that you all enjoy the experience and feel that it has all been worth the effort.

Many of you will have come to see your friends receive either a first appointment or a promotion in Grand Rank. Today is their big day. It always gives me great pleasure in being able to reward Brethren for all the hard work which they have done for the Order, and hopefully will continue to do in the future.

I am pleased to report that our Order has continued to grow. We admitted 248 new members, more than one per Council, and that we have had one of the busiest years for some time with six Consecrations taking place: The Brian Blanchard No. 270 in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire; Golden Gridiron Installed Masters No. 269, Southern Counties; Tweed No. 272, Northumberland and Durham; Upminster Daylight Council No. 271, Essex; Monceux Council No. 274, Sussex; and lastly, Roy Williams Council No. 273 in Kent. Also, in July we went to Bolton in East Lancashire to celebrate the centenary of Golburn Council No. 36.

The year has also seen the retirement of two District Grand Prefects, namely Right Worshipful Brothers John Paternoster and Alex McLaren, both of whom have served the Order with great distinction and I record my thanks for their commitment and support. In consequence of this, on 2 April I Installed R.W.Bro. Mervyn Wilson as the new District Grand Prefect for East Lancashire; and on 29 April R.W.Bro. Geoffrey Cheshire took charge of Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire. We wish them both well for the future. And lastly, though by no means less important, in July I had the pleasure of taking part in R.W.Bro. Keith Jackson's Golden Jubilee in the A.M.D. – a very special day.

Further afield, in August I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Grand Council of Canada meeting in Victoria, British Columbia. It was quite an experience, Brethren. I was, as you would expect, made most welcome and discovered that they do things differently in Canada: their Grand Master only holds office for 2 years – food for thought, Brethren! I will never again complain about travel in England; six hours seems the norm to get to a meeting and then the same back.



Brethren, you can see that we have had a hectic Allied Masonic year. It may be quieter next year, though I know that there is work for us to do. All this is only possible if we have Brethren coming into the other Orders. We must therefore be diligent in our endeavours to encourage the right Brethren to join the Craft, but we need to initiate men who are going to stay the course and become involved in their Masonry; numbers are not everything.

This growth in our Order can only be achieved because of all the hard work done by the District Grand Prefects, all of whom are dedicated to our Order. I thank them most sincerely for their work, not only in their own districts, but in the support which they extend to each other by attending other district meetings, often travelling considerable distances. It makes so much difference and shows genuine commitment to our Order.

I have thanked the Prefects for their work, but the real workers have been the acting officers of the year who have given me such splendid support. I know that I have worked them hard, but they have all said how much they have enjoyed the experience – their words, not mine. All have made new friends and possibly seen us in a different light!

Today also sees the retirement of a very dedicated Allied Mason: R.W.Bro. Kessick Jones has been both our Grand Director of Ceremonies and also the president of my Executive Committee – two difficult and demanding jobs, but he has filled them with great distinction. The Order owes him much, but, Brethren, so do I, for he has kept me on the right path, not an easy job. Kessick, we wish you well in your newish job in the Royal and Select Masters and we all hope that life will be less stressful in the months ahead, and that your wife will continue to make good progress.

All our Annual Meetings are supported by the Heads of the other Orders and today is no exception. It is now my pleasure to introduce them to you, but please refrain from clapping till I have finished reading what is rather a long list:

From the Mark Degree we have the Pro Grand Master, R.W.Bro. R. V. Wallis;

From the Red Cross of Constantine we have the Grand Sovereign, R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight;

From the Royal & Select Masters we have the Grand Master, R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones

From the Order of the Secret Monitor we have the Grand Supreme Ruler, R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement;

From the Scarlet Cord we have the Grand Summus, R.W.Bro. A. C. Sweeney;

From the Operatives we have the First Grand Master Mason, R.W.Bro. N. A. Willows, who I had the pleasure of appointing as our Grand Senior Warden;

From the K.B.H.C. we have the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. M. E. Herbert, our immediate Past Grand Master;

From the S.R.I.A. we have the Supreme Magus, R.W.Bro. J. R. Paternoster;

From the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom we have the Grand High Priest, Bro. C. G. Maiden;

And from the United States, I am delighted to welcome their Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master, Lawrence Eugene Tucker.

From our own Order we have the usual support from our Districts overseas:

From the Channel Islands we have the Grand Inspector, R.W.Bro. David Rosser;

From Spain we have their District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Barry Mansell, and his supporters;

From South East Asia we have the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Dr Nirmal Singh;

From the Far East we have the District Grand Prefect R.W.Bro. Martin Howard Thomas;

From South and East Caribbean we have the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Richard Mayers;

From Progress Council No. 261 in Germany we have Worshipful Brothers Hugo Rietveld and Herman Huiskamp;

And from New Zealand we have their District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Bryce Smith.

Brethren, you are all most welcome. I hope that you are all enjoying your time with us and I thank you for making what is, I know, a long journey to be with us today.

Lastly, I bring you all the very best wishes of our Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Timothy Lewis, and he hopes that you all have a most enjoyable meeting.

Brethren, events like our annual meeting take a great deal of planning well before the day of the event, which we often take for granted. It obviously falls into two parts, both of which are essential if things are to run smoothly: administration and ceremonial. Today we have enjoyed some first class ceremonial and on your behalf I must thank the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team for a job well done.

This would not have worked so smoothly if the secretarial staff, led by the Grand Secretary, had not put in the paperwork before today's meeting. V.W.Bro. Hannagan, as a personal 'thank you' for all that you have done for the Order while you have been our Grand Secretary, I have much pleasure in promoting you to the rank of P.G.J.W.

Brethren, I do not wish to keep a man from his drink any longer than necessary, therefore I thank you all for your support and friendship, not only today but over the past year, and I hope that you continue to enjoy your Allied Masonry to the full.

God bless you all.

#### 15. CLOSING

Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

## Appendix A

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 August 2016

### 1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2016, 248 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2016 was 5,333.

### 2. In Memoriam

The Executive Committee reports, with deep regret, the death of the following Grand Officers:

R.W.Bro. Edward Walter Bramford, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. George Raymond Ince, P.G.J.W.  
R.W.Bro. Peter Oliver Preston, P.G.J.W.  
V.W.Bro. Michael Percy Belcher, P.G.Reg.  
V.W.Bro. Raymond Bentinck Kemsley, *JP*, P.G.Reg.  
V.W.Bro. Bernard George Pate, P.G.Reg.  
V.W.Bro. Frank Austin Starkey, P.G.Reg.  
W.Bro. Eric Hirst, P.G.S.D.  
W.Bro. Stanley Ernest Best, *MBE*, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. James Caldwell, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. John Alfred Dalley, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. William Arthur George, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Robert Ridley Martin, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Frank Harkness Owen, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. John Stewart Peddie, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Walter Norman Savage, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Joseph Thornley, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Malcolm Edward Wade, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. John Watt West, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Brian Sidney Brown, P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Henry Holden Brown, P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Peter Cooper, P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Patrick Joseph Fortune, P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. Hubert Harry Tune, P.A.G.D.C.  
W.Bro. William John Balderston, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Leslie Barber, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Brian John Barfoot, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Albert William Charles Brooks, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. John Sydney Butler, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Malcolm Edward Cheeseman, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Graham Michael Cooper, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Paul Harvey Dempsey, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Brian James Farrow, *MBE, MC*, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Gordon George Green, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. George Cyril Johnson, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Donald John Lambdin, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Leslie Reginald Steggles, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Herbert Gordon Capstick, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Peter Jeffrey Cragg, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Bernard Dunkinson, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Eric Bernard Horton, *ERD, TD*, P.G.I.G.

W.Bro. William Bullock Livesey, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Douglas John Mason, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Leslie Derek Nobes, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. David Ian Shelton, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Patrick John Tiddy, P.G.I.G.  
W.Bro. Stephen Graham Seddon, P.G.Stwd.

### **3. Appointments**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following District Grand Prefects:

W.Bro. MARTIN HOWARD THOMAS, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Prefect for the Far East with effect from 19 September 2015;

W.Bro. GEOFFREY CHARLES GEORGE SCOTT-PACEY, P.G.St.B., to be District Grand Prefect for New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory with effect from 31 October 2015;

W.Bro. GEOFFREY GEORGE CHESHIRE, P.G.Stwd., to be District Grand Prefect for Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire with effect from 29 April 2016;

W.Bro. MERVYN FRANK WILSON, P.G.St.B., to be District Grand Prefect for East Lancashire with effect from 29 April 2016.

### **4. Warrants of Constitution**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants for the following new Councils:

Ketabahan No. 268 – South East Asia

Golden Gridiron Council of Installed Masters No. 269 – Southern Counties

The Brian Blanchard No. 270 – Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire

Upminster Daylight No. 271 – Essex

The Tweed No. 272 – Northumberland and Durham

### **5. Centenary Warrant**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Centenary Warrant to the following Council on completion of one hundred years continuous working:

Goulburn No. 36 – East Lancashire

### **6. Name Changes**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to allow the following Councils to be renamed:

Friars' Bay No. 225 to be called Friars' Bay Council of Installed Masters No. 225

Grand Bahama No. 232 to be called Gordon P. Higgs No. 232

### **7. Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has ruled that 30 April is the latest date by which recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

### **8. Fees and Annual Dues**

In accordance with Regulation 140 (iii) of the Constitutions it has been agreed that the standard rate of dues payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 shall be £29.50 per subscribing member.

Annual Dues payable by installed Masters Councils will be £14.75 per subscribing member.

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 shall be as follows:

WARRANTS

For a new Warrant .....	at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmation .....	at cost
For a Celebration Warrant .....	at cost

PATENTS

For a District Grand Prefect .....	at cost
For a Patent of Confirmation.....	at cost

REGISTRATION

Annual Dues .....	£30.00
Installed Masters Councils .....	£15.00
Registration of a Brother on Reception.....	£29.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered .....	£29.00
A Joining Brother already Registered .....	£22.50
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother not previously Registered.....	£29.00
Registration of a founding member of a new Council being a Brother already Registered .....	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council Certificate.....	£29.00

DISPENSATIONS

Council or Master Elect .....	£29.00
Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc).....	£56.50

Any request for a dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as a Nunc Pro Tunc dispensation and charged accordingly.

**All Fees now shown inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable on all fees and dues to Grand Council by Councils and Brethren in the United Kingdom and the European Union.**

**9. Administration**

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as they occur.

District Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of Inspectorates and Unattached Councils are requested to address communications either to the Grand Secretary or the most appropriate member of MMH staff by name, depending on the nature of the communication. Communications should only be marked 'Private & Confidential' by exception. All such communications should be sent to:

Grand Council AMD  
Mark Masons' Hall  
86 St James's Street  
London  
SW1A 1PL

31 August 2016

R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W.  
President of the Executive Committee

V.W.Bro. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, RD, P.G.Reg.  
Grand Secretary

## Appendix B

### THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

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The Members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2015.

#### **CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES**

The Custodian Trustees of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees who served during the year and to the date of signing this report are:

H Gould *OBE*  
B C Wareham

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are as follows.

- The day to day management of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.
- The management of the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.
- The installation of the correct policies and procedures in order to monitor and control all financial transactions that they deem necessary.

The Executive Committee is also required to ensure that the future commitments of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are:

S M Ayres *JP*  
C D Davies (appointed 27 October 2015)  
G L Flight (appointed 27 October 2015)  
R W Freeman  
J N G Howitt  
T F Jackson  
K J Jones  
M H Lawson  
C R Manuel  
N H Matthews (appointed 27 October 2015)  
M C Moreland (retired 27 October 2015)  
P A Norman  
J R Paternoster (retired 27 October 2015)  
A C Sweeney (retired 27 October 2015)  
B C Wareham (retired 27 October 2015)  
Dr J L W Wright *RD* (appointed 27 October 2015)

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

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**INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees seeks to invest to provide funds for special events and ceremonial meetings.

In accordance with this aim, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Ltd. The Investment Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, reviews the funds on a regular basis.

**AUDITOR**

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as auditor.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 4 February 2016 and signed on its behalf.

**K J Jones  
PRESIDENT**

**Lt Cdr A P D Hannagan *RD*  
GRAND SECRETARY**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES**

We have audited the financial statements of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees for the year ended 31 August 2015 set out on pages 17 to 19. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and its members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Executive Committee and auditor**

The Executive Committee is responsible for the control and management of all the property and the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees including for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. In preparing the financial statements the Executive Committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently, make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and prepare the financial statements on a going concern unless this is inappropriate. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Executive Committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Executive Committee Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees as at 31 August 2015 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London  
Date: 18 February 2016



**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

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	2015	2014
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Profit on Sale of Investments	<b>61</b>	
Investment income	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<b>64</b>	3
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Bank charges	<u>          </u>	<u>-</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><b>64</b></u>	<u>3</u>

**Notes:**

The following sums were received into The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons General Fund by way of dues, fees etc. from members of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees during the year ended 31 August 2015.

	2015	2014
	£	£
Annual Dues	<b>108,046</b>	102,262
Registration Fees	<b>7,362</b>	8,191
Warrants (at cost)	<b>257</b>	281
Fees of Honour	<b>10,000</b>	12,201
Dispensations	<b>396</b>	500
Year Book	<u><b>3,288</b></u>	<u>3,211</u>
	<u><b>129,349</b></u>	<u>126,646</u>

**The notes on page 19 form part of these financial statements.**

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES  
BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2015**

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	Notes	£	2015 £	2014 £
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
£100 3½% War Stock	3		-	39
Market value £ - (2014: £94)				
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash at bank		<u>3,124</u>		<u>3,021</u>
 <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,021</u>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,060</u>
 Represented by:				
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>	4			
Balance at 1 September 2014			3,060	3,057
Surplus for the year			<u>64</u>	<u>3</u>
 <b>BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2015</b>			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,060</u>

**J N G Howitt**  
**Grand Treasurer**

Date: 4 February 2016

**The notes on page 19 form part of these financial statements.**

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

(b) Investments

Investments are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

**2. CORPORATION TAX**

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees has received dispensation from HM Revenue & Customs to be treated as dormant with respect to untaxed income. No tax is payable on income received gross up to a specified level.

**3. INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2015</b>	<i>2014</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Quoted at cost	-	<i>39</i>
Market value	-	<i>94</i>

**4. CAPITAL FUND**

Balance at 1 September 2014	<b>3,060</b>	<i>3,057</i>
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	<b>64</b>	<i>3</i>
Balance at 31 August 2015	<b>3,124</b>	<i>3,060</i>

