

PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS' CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE No. 9253

Consecrated 19TH June 1995

SUPREME ORDER OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH



TWENTY-FIVE (plus) YEARS 1995 – 2022

2022-2023

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Third Principal

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Pro First Grand Principal

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Third Grand Principal

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E. Comp. Richard L Barker. I.P.Z. **PGStB**

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| E. Comp. BRIAN STOPFORD | PProvGSoj | J. |
| E. Comp. PAUL D J REGAN | PProvGSE | Scribe E |
| E. Comp. NEIL MURRAY | PProvGSN | Scribe N |
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| E. Comp. JOHN D HARRIS | PGStB ProvGReg | Director of Ceremonies |
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| E. Comp. ROGER B COOK | PProvGReg | Janitor |

Stewards:

E Comps JOHN H DURLING PProvGSN SLGCR, STEPHEN J SAMPSON, IAN R BRISTOLL, and SAMUEL BRIDGES, PProvAGSojs

Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter of Warwickshire

No 9253

TWENTY FIVE (plus) YEARS 1995 – 2022

GRAND STEWARDS

The Four Lodges meeting in London in 1716 resolved to hold an Annual Assembly and Feast; the first took place on 24th June 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House, in St Paul's Churchyard, and this Assembly saw the Installation of Bro Anthony Sayer as the Grand Master.

In the first four years the Grand Wardens were charged with arranging the annual feast, but in 1721 Stewards were appointed to share the burden. Their appointment was required because of the increase in numbers attending; the Duke of Montague was the first noble Grand Master. The first known Steward was Bro Josias Villeneau, who was a French immigrant in about 1685. The appointment of Stewards was regularised in 1728, when Twelve Grand Stewards "volunteered" to act; they personally nominated their successors.

In 1735 it was resolved to print the names of all acting Stewards, and future Grand Officers were to be selected only from that list. The Office of Steward has always been important!

After the Union of the Grand Lodges, the nominations were made by the Lodges, not the individuals. When the date of the Annual meeting was moved from June to the Wednesday following St George's day (the day still used) the number was increased to 18, and eventually to 19. This is the number still appointed today. The Grand Stewards' Lodge was consecrated in 1735 and assumed a lodge dating from 1733 number 117; it changed its number regularly, as all lodges did when older lodges ceased, through numbers 115, 70, 60 and 47. In 1792 it was placed at the head of the List of Lodges, and is the only lodge without number. It has a little over 400 members.

The Crimson apron is understood to have followed the usage in the Order of the Bath, revived by King George 1 in 1725. The Blue colour copied the Order of the Garter.



The Order of the Bath

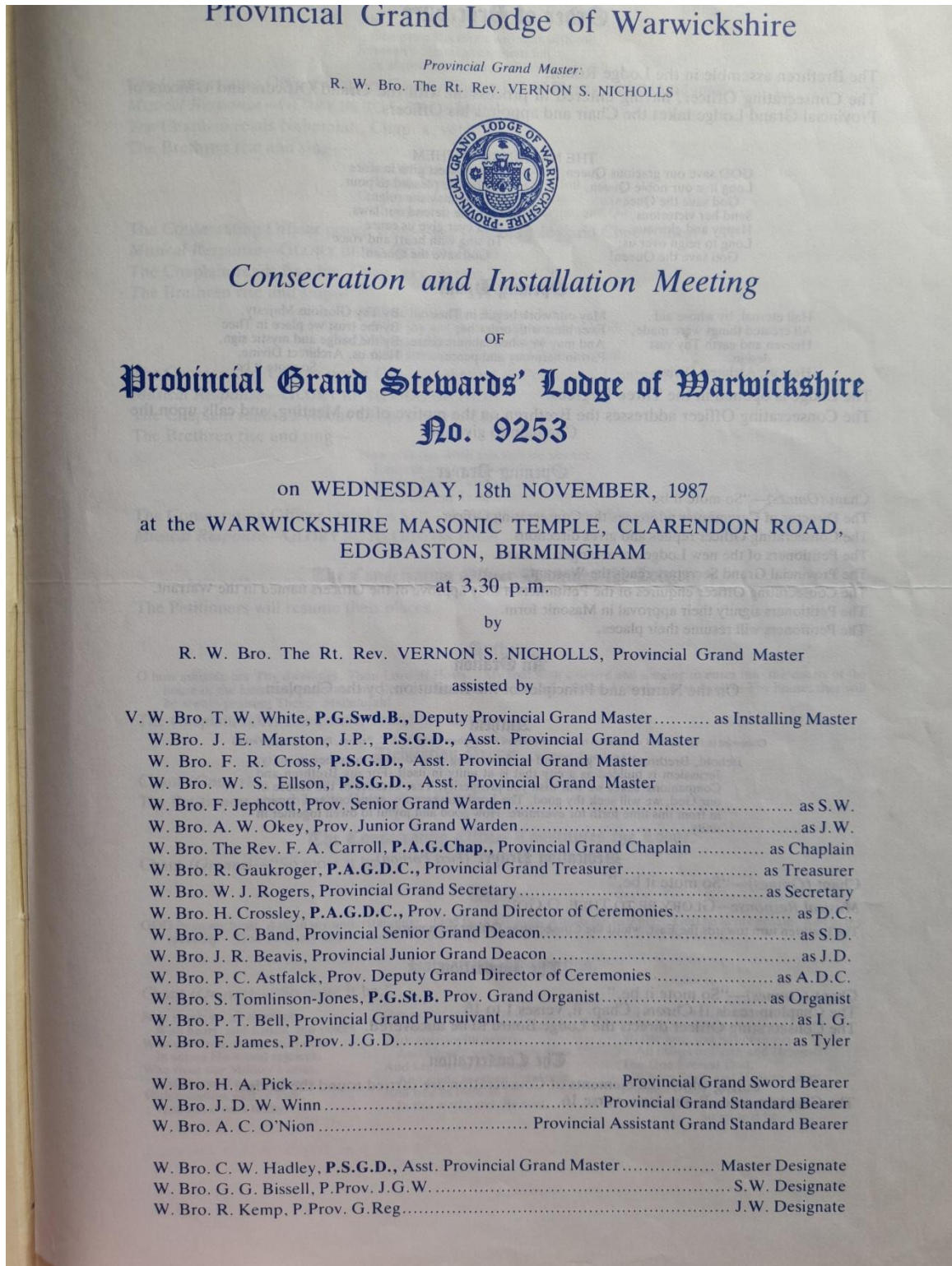


The Order of the Garter

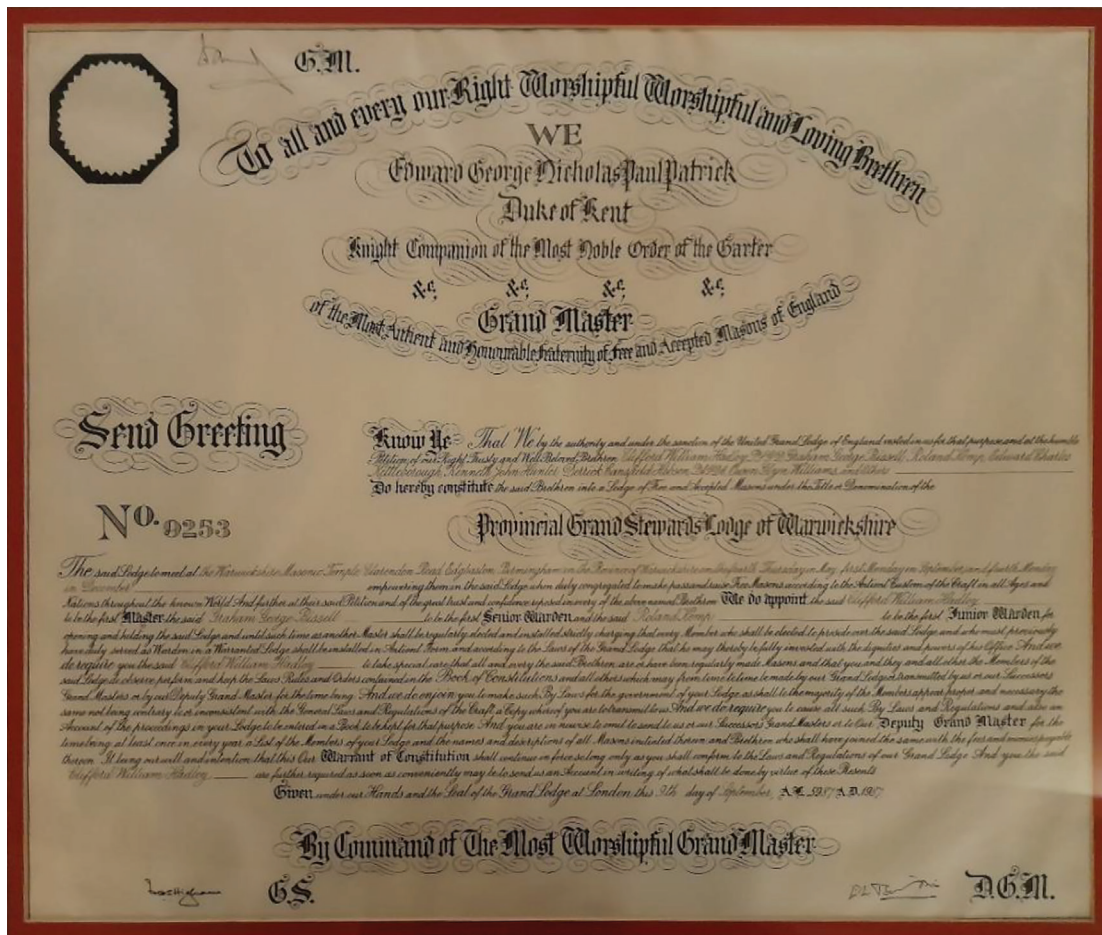
The Lodges contributing and nominating the Acting Grand Stewards are those numbered: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 14, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 58, 60, 91, 99, 238, and 259.

Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge no 9253

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire had been appointing Stewards each year, providing support at the Annual Meeting, and at the Annual Church Service. As at Grand Lodge, it was considered that a Stewards' Lodge would bind new and past Provincial Stewards together, and provide the support required. On 18th November 1987 the Stewards' Lodge was consecrated, with W Bro Clifford Hadley, an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the founding Master. It was consecrated, in the presence of 295 brethren, by the Provincial Grand Master, with the full Provincial Team present.



The Summons of the Consecration Meeting



The Lodge Warrant

The By-Laws of the Lodge include the following three out of five "Principles"

- 1 Membership shall be restricted to brethren appointed to the office of Steward, or Past Steward in Warwickshire or other Province, or in Grand Lodge.
- 2 The prime purpose of the lodge is to serve masonry in the Province of Warwickshire, particularly in the development of Provincial unity, and in giving assistance at Provincial functions.
- 3 The subsidiary purpose is to encourage the advancement of masonic knowledge by lectures, discussions, or demonstrations at the regular meetings. Visiting brethren will be encouraged to attend.
- 4 The proceedings and activities of the lodge shall be publicised throughout the Province.
- 5 The lodge is prepared to relate freemasonry to the outside world.

The oration was delivered by W Bro F A Carroll, and is included in this history under Appendix A

In obedience to the Principles of the Lodge, every May meeting is the Installation, with the September and November meetings moving around the Province, providing advancement in Masonic Knowledge, with talks by members or guests or demonstrations. Details are included in Appendix C

There were 43 Founders of the Lodge, and in the first 25 years of the Lodge 197 new members were admitted, including two honorary members RWBro Stanley Lates and RWBro David Macey. That took the Lodge to November 2012, when the first 25 years was celebrated by re-reading of the Oration delivered at the Consecration, and of the First Minutes. In the next ten years a further 142 members were admitted.

The first, emergency, meeting after the consecration was held on 12th February 1988, when the Lodge Banner was dedicated. A further Oration was delivered by W Bro F A Carroll (Appendix B)



The Lodge Banner

Further meetings

The Lodge is there to work at Provincial events. In September 1992, this was reversed when the Lodge was honoured to see Provincial business carried out at its meeting. Richard V Wallis was obligated and invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the only occasion of such a ceremony outside of Provincial Grand Lodge and Warwickshire Installed Masters' Lodge. That meeting also received a talk by W Bro Derrick C Hobson on the 200th anniversary of both the continuous appointment of a Provincial Grand Master, and the appointment of the first ever Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Two years later, in September 1994, the lodge approved a proposition brought by W Bro D C Hobson APGM, seconded by VWBro R V Wallis DepPGM, that a petition be presented to Supreme Grand Chapter for the formation of a new Chapter attached to the Lodge, to called Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter of Warwickshire, carrying the same number 9253.

Many interesting talks and demonstrations have been delivered in the Lodge, and a schedule is attached in Appendix C. This also shows the Masters invested, and the Presiding Officer at each Installation.

A regular contributor was W Bro Derrick C Hobson, a founder of both Lodge and Chapter, a fount of Masonic Knowledge.

Two Brethren have received their 50 year certificate at a meeting of the Stewards' Lodge, W Bro Stuart Wilton in November 2015 and W Bro Ted Kettleborough in November 2019.

Meetings have been held at 17 different Masonic meeting rooms in Warwickshire, and at Kings Heath in Worcestershire. Stirling Road was used 34 times before the closure thereof.

As with the Stewards' Chapter, the closure of Stirling Road forced the Lodge to change its home address. In September 2017 the motion to move to Alderson House Warwick was approved. At that meeting W Bro Ian Hart, **PAGDC** and a member of the Stewards' Chapter, presented three Orations, helping Brethren to make a daily advancement, and to demonstrate the close attachment between the Lodge and the Chapter.

An emergency meeting was held in October 2022, to receive an Official delivery of the Prestonian Lecture by W Bro Dr J W Hawkins PJGD, entitled "The Royal Family and Freemasonry."

Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No 9253

To support the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire, in similar manner to the Lodge in the Craft, it was resolved that a Chapter be formed. A letter drawn up by E Comp Derrick Hobson in June 1991 invited all the members of the Lodge to comment.

19, Poppy Lane,
Erdington,
Birmingham
B24 0EJ.

3rd. June 1991.

Dear Provincial Grand Steward,

I am writing to all members of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge, whether they are Royal Arch Masons or not, to explore the desirability and the possibility of forming a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to our Lodge and to operate under the same conditions and the same principles as does the Lodge.

There does not seem to be any point in discussing the matter at a Lodge Committee meeting or with the Grand Superintendent until we have some knowledge of the amount of support that such a venture may produce. Neither does there seem to be any point in trying to formulate detailed ideas about the operation of such a Chapter until we know that the strength of the support is good enough to call a meeting of possible Founders. However I would suggest a few ideas that you may like to consider, and to give you a sense of the possibilities open to us if we decide to proceed with the project:

- (a) The Chapter would be attached to the Lodge and would be called The Provincial Grand Stewards of Warwickshire Royal Arch Chapter No.9253.
- (b) The Chapter would meet twice a year. The Installation Convocations would be held at Stirling Road and the second convocations would be held at one of the other Royal Arch centres in the Province.
- (c) The qualification for membership would be that of being a member of the Lodge. However, we would reserve the privilege of exalting candidates from the Lodge by dispensation to hold an emergency meeting of the Chapter.
- (d) The progression into the J Chair and then to H and Z should be the same as in the Lodge, namely by seniority of appointment to Prov.G.Stwd in the Craft or Royal Arch for the Founders and thereafter by date of entry into the Chapter.
- (e) Our members would give assistance to Provincial Grand Chapter as we do to Provincial Grand Lodge.
- (f) Our Charity would be activated by principles similar to those adopted by our Lodge, indeed we could usually appoint the same Charity Steward and use the same accounts.

To enable me to assess the possibility of opening negotiations towards the formation of our own Chapter, would you please complete the attached questionnaire and return to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

D.C.Hobson, P.J.G.D., Master.

Heartly congratulations on your Provincial appointment.

Derrick

There were Twenty-Six Founding members of the Chapter, who are listed in Appendix E. Thirty-one originally indicated an interest, but four later declined, and E Comp Richard V Wallis was not eligible, being the Consecrating Officer!

There were three meetings of the Founders held between the first letter and the Consecration meeting, determining the annual subscription, that the most recent joiner should be appointed Janitor, and the next most recent joiners should be Stewards.



Present:

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| Back Row | E J Poole | N C Bister | T H Sturt | W J R George | |
| Middle Row | D C Hooker | A D Morris | W B Williams | E V Jones | B F Owen |
| | J L Saint | F R Wright | R H Toon | S Butterworth | |
| Front Row | E B Bear | R Kemp | V W Keene | M R S Thomas | D C Hobson |
| | P J Campbell | R J Reed | M A Adler | | |
| Absent: | A Bradbury | G K Glover | C W Hadley | D A Hopkins | R S Mac |

Of the twenty six founders, Twelve resigned, between 1995 and 2022. Three passed to the Grand Chapter above, whilst retaining membership to the date of their passing. Two honorary members are still with us.

The founding IPZ was E Comp Clifford Hadley, the founding Master of the Stewards' Lodge, and later a Provincial G Joshua. Clifford was an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft from 1984 to 1991.



W Bro Clifford W Hadley

Founding Master of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge

Founding I P Z of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter

Photo taken as WM of Warwickshire installed Masters' Lodge

No Organist was appointed, but E Comp T Banham sometimes acted, along with E Comp D White.

The first Minute Book had been donated by E Comp Peter Campbell, and the Tyler's Book by E Comp John Saint.

As with the By-Laws of the Lodge, the By-Laws of the Chapter include the following Principles:

- 1 The Chapter would regard itself as being an integral part of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge
- 2 The qualification for membership is that of being, or having been, a Provincial Grand Steward in the Craft or Royal Arch.
- 3 The members of the Chapter will give assistance to Provincial Grand Chapter at the request of the M.E. Grand Superintendent.
- 4 So far as is possible, the December convocation should be held at one of the Masonic centres outside of the Registered base, and it be used for the purpose of receiving a lecture or demonstration concerned with Royal Arch Masonry.

The progression to the Chapter Chairs should be according to the date of receipt by the Scribe E of an application to join on Registration Form P.

The consecration of the Chapter was undertaken by the Grand Superintendent, E Comp Richard V Wallis, with E Comp Peter Waring being the Provincial Grand DC.



E Comp Richard V Wallis

MEGS

Provincial Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons of Warwickshire

The Excellent Companion RICHARD V. WALLIS, *J.P.*
M.E. Grand Superintendent

The Excellent Companion RICHARD V. ILOTT, *P.G.Swd.B.*
Deputy Grand Superintendent

The Excellent Companion MALCOLM R. S. THOMAS, *P.G.St.B.*
Second Provincial Grand Principal

The Excellent Companion Rev. EDWIN J. A. CLARKE
Third Provincial Grand Principal

Consecration of the

Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter
of Warwickshire No. 9253

WARWICKSHIRE MASONIC TEMPLE, STIRLING ROAD, EDGBASTON,
BIRMINGHAM B16 9SB

on

MONDAY, 19th JUNE, 1995
at 4.30 p.m.

by

The Excellent Companion RICHARD V. WALLIS, *J.P.*, M.E. Grand Superintendent

ASSISTED BY

E.Comp. R. V. ILOTT, *P.G.Swd.B.*, Deputy Grand Superintendent.....as Installing Principal
E.Comp. W. S. ELLSON, *P.A.G.Soj.*, P.Prov.G.H.....as H.
E.Comp. Rev. E. J. A. CLARKE, Third Provincial Grand Principalas J.
E.Comp. E. J. SODERMAN, Provincial Grand Scribe E.as Scribe E.
E.Comp. D. J. F. RAWLINS, Provincial Grand Scribe N.as Scribe N.
E.Comp. P. WARING, *P.G.St.B.*, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremoniesas D.C.
E.Comp. T. GRAINGER, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremoniesas A.D.C.
E.Comp. R. N. F. MARSHALL, *J.P.*, *P.A.G.D.C.*, Provincial Grand Organistas Organist

E.Comp. DERRICK C. HOBSON, *P.A.G.Soj.*, P.Prov.H., P.Z. 3484, 6504Z. Designate
E.Comp. MALCOLM R. S. THOMAS, *P.G.St.B.*, Prov.G.H., P.Z. 887H. Designate
E.Comp. PETER J. CAMPBELL, *P.G.St.B.*, P.Z. 1644, 6504J. Designate

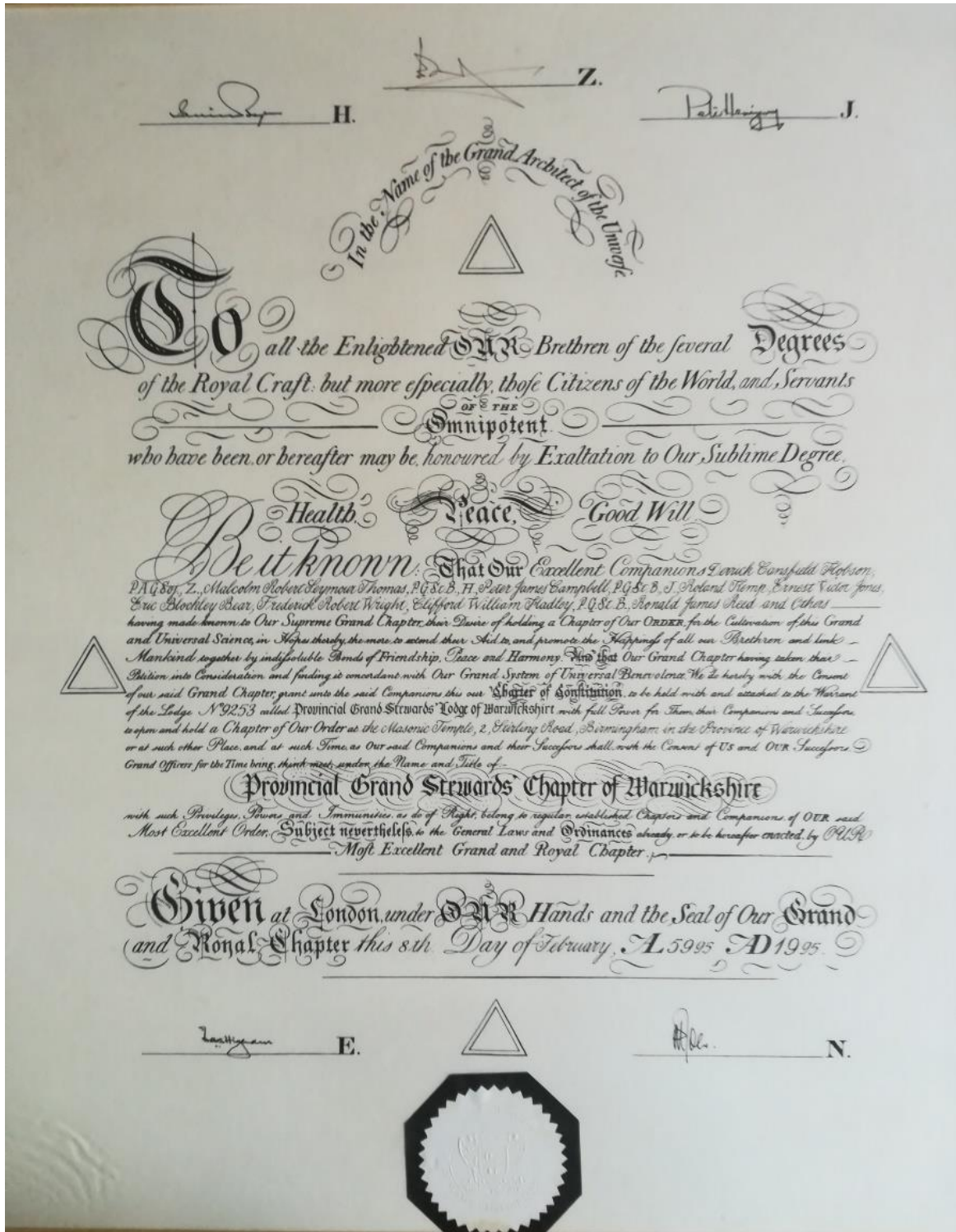
Ceremonial Music

under the direction of E.Comp. R. N. F. MARSHALL, *J.P.*, *P.A.G.D.C.*, Prov.G.Org.
and the Royal Arch Choir

The Installation of the Founding First Principal was carried out by E Comp Richard V Ilott, the Deputy Grand Superintendent.

The Grand Superintendent was assisted by E Comp W Stephen Ellson, acting as Second Provincial Grand Principal, and E Comp Rev Edwin J A Clarke, Third Grand Principal. The Second Provincial Grand Principal E Comp Malcolm R S Thomas had only that month been appointed, having previously as Provincial Scribe E. E Comp Thomas was a Founder of the Chapter.

At the consecration meeting, four candidates were proposed, all of whom joined at the subsequent meeting in December.



The Chapter Warrant

OFFICERS 1995-1996

E. Comp. Clifford W Hadley. I.P.Z. **PGStB**

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| E. Comp. DERRICK C HOBSON | PAGSoj | M.E.Z. |
| E. Comp. MALCOLM R S THOMAS | PGStB | H. |
| E. Comp. PETER J CAMPBELL | PGStB | J. |
| E. Comp. RONALD J REED | PProvGSwdB (Worcs) | Scribe E |
| E. Comp ROLAND KEMP | PProvGSN | Scribe N |
| E. Comp. ERIC B BEAR | PProvPGSoj | Treasurer |
| E. Comp. MICHAEL A ADLER | PProvGSN | Director of Ceremonies |
| E. Comp. DAVID C HOOKER | PGStB | Almoner |
| E. Comp. CLIFFORD W HADLEY | PGStB | Charity Steward |
| E. Comp. ERNEST V JONES | PProvGSN | Principal Soj |
| E. Comps. FRANK R WRIGHT | PProvGReg | Assistant Soj |
| E. Comp. WYN B WILLIAMS | PProvGStB | Assistant Soj |
| E. Comp JOHN L SAINT | PProvDepGDC (Worcs) | Asst Director of Ceremonies |
| VACANT | | Organist |
| E. Comp BRIAN F OWEN | PProvGReg | Asst Scribe E |
| E. Comp ALLAN D MORRIS JP | PProvGSN | Janitor |

Stewards:

E Comps ROGER S MAC PProvGSwdB (Leics), NIGEL C BISTER PProvPGSoj, RICHARD H TOON, TREVOR H STURT ProvADC, STANLEY BUTTERWORTH.

Members not in Office:

ALAN BRADBURY PProvPGSoj, WILLIAM J R GEORGE PProvPGSoj, GERALD K GLOVER, DAVID A HOPKINS PProvPGSoj, VICTOR W KEENE **PGStB**, EDWARD J POOLE.

ALONG THE YEARS

In accordance with the wishes of the Founders, and following the urgings in the Oration delivered at the Consecration by the Provincial Grand Joshua, E Comp Rev E J A Clarke, (Appendix D) the members have assisted at the Annual Convocation each year, and at the Annual Church Service.

The Annual Convocation was held at Stirling Rad, Edgbaston until the sale thereof, and subsequently in various locations, most recently at Coventry Building Society Arena. In 2022 for the first time, the annual Meetings of the Craft and the Royal Arch were held the same day, with a lunch between the two meetings.

The Church Service was first held in January 1985, before the Stewards' Chapter was formed, and has been held every year, except during the Pandemic. It has recently moved from January to a more clement month towards the end of February; maybe that is global warming!

It had been agreed by the Founders that the Consecration meeting in June 1995, and all subsequent Installation meetings, would be held at The Clarendon Suites in Stirling Road, Edgbaston. This situation remained until 2015, when the rooms were closed. After a necessary change in by-laws the June meeting has been held at Alderson House, Warwick.

The December meeting, providing an informative and entertaining paper or talk, has been able to move around the Province, to suit the First Principal of the year, allowing for other bookings at the various venues. Meetings have been held at Nuneaton, Guys Cliffe Warwick, Coventry, Knowle, Rugby, Severn Street Birmingham, Atherstone, Coleshill, and Alcester.

Appendix I lists the main business of all the meetings held, including the Installation meetings.

The 1990's

In an historical context, the Gulf War was "officially" ended, and the Croatian Civil War was coming to an end in 1995, and Karadzic resigned as Premier. The IRA declared a ceasefire in Northern Ireland, and a peace deal was agreed. Princess Diana was killed in a road accident in Paris, and Mother Teresa died peacefully in India. Sweden, Austria and Finland joined the European Union, and others applied. Dolly the sheep was cloned.

Toy Story was brought to the cinema screens in 1995, and 1997 saw the first Harry Potter book published.

At the 1st regular meeting in December 1995, the MEZ Derrick Hobson presented a paper on the Royal Cumberland Chapter, which started in London but moved to Coventry in 1801. Their records indicate the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire was held by that chapter in September 1827.



E Comp Derrick C Hobson

Founding First Principal

In June 1996 there was a new election for H and J, as Peter Campbell H Elect had suffered a personal tragedy, and withdrawn. J Elect became H Elect and R Kemp became J Elect earlier than he expected. Peter Campbell became J Elect again in 1998.

December 1996 GWS Griffiths presented a paper entitled Fourth Degree of the Ancients – an explanation of the merger of the Grand Lodges, with reference to the Passing of the Veils.

December 1997 A K Wyer described the warring factions of the Jewish Nation, and the Babylonians and Egyptians - with reference to the original characters whose names the Principals and Scribes bear. The title of the talk was “From Rehoboam to Artaxerxes.”

December 1998 E Comp Bruce Littlely explained the symbols on the “The Masonic Vesta Box.”

December 1999 The MEZ, E Comp David Hooker gave a talk on the Second Temple, from the return of the Jews to its destruction in 70AD. The treasurer proposed an increase in the subscription to £30, the figure payable until it was reduced to £20 in June 2022.



**E Comp David C Hooker,
in the regalia of
Provincial Grand Master,
the Mark Degree**

The 2000's

The year 2000 started with a deep freeze, bringing the usual chaos. Later there were significant floods in the UK and in Europe.

The Queen celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 2002, but the Queen Mother passed away in April 2003.

Vladimir Putin was “elected” President of Russia.

June 2000 E Comp Peter Campbell was absent through ill-health, and his induction as MEZ was deferred to December. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend then, and David Hooker remained in post completing a second year; the only time a First Principal held four meetings! The elected H and J were both present and installed. At this meeting Richard Barker was elected a member.

December 2000 E Comp Martyn Amey presented, after the 4th Rising, some controversial views on the development of Freemasonry, under the title of The Meaning of Chapter. His talk continued for over an hour.

June 2001 E Comp Victor Keene was unavoidably absent, and his induction as J was deferred to December. A notation added to the minutes of this meeting recalled that E Comp Michael Price had been invested as Provincial Grand Master in September 2001, the same month as there were terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

December 2001 Our Past Grand Superintendent Stanley Lates, presented a “Philosophical Look beyond the Veil.”



E Comp Stanley A Lates

MEGS

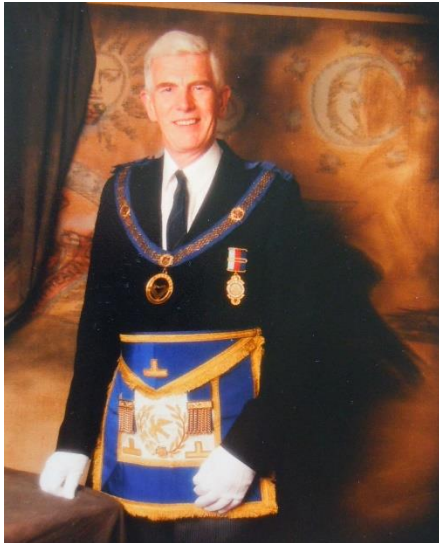
June 2002 E Comp Allan Morris was unavoidably absent, and his induction as J was deferred to December.

December 2002 An Explanation of the Royal Arch Jewel was presented by E Comp I E England.



Examples of Royal Arch Jewels

June 2003 When signing the minutes, Richard Wallis MEGS noted another hot evening, turning to a hot summer. He also made note of the war in Iraq, March to May 2003. The Chapter congratulated E Comp Ron Eamonson ProvGJ on his award of an OBE.



E Comp Victor W Keene

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Invested First Principal June 2003

At this time the membership of the Chapter was 49.

**As an aside, Ron Eamonson was selected
as a baton bearer at the 2022
Commonwealth Games!**



December 2003 The Chapter hosted Yasha Beresiner who presented his Batham Lecture entitled "Royal Arch; the Fourth Degree of the Ancients." C N Batham had presented talks at the Stewards' Lodge.

June 2004 Richard Wallis ME Grand Superintendent in his opening address pointed out that all three Provincial Principals were members of the Stewards Chapter, namely himself, John Saint as ProvGH and Ron Reed as ProvGJ.

December 2004 A demonstration by "The Nottingham Sojourners", placing the Principals and Scribes in an historical setting. Of 18 candidates proposed, 17 together with a further 8 proposed at 14 days in writing, were elected at the next meeting. J Kenneth Bowker had passed to the Grand Chapter above in the interim.

June 2005 E Comp Ron Reed, the founding Scribe E was obligated and invested as J; Richard Barker was appointed as Scribe E. His first challenge was numbers! Following the appointment at the Annual Convocation of "Experienced" Companions as Past Provincial Grand Stewards, 27 companions were elected to membership, with the consequent demands on paperwork.



E Comp Nigel C Bister

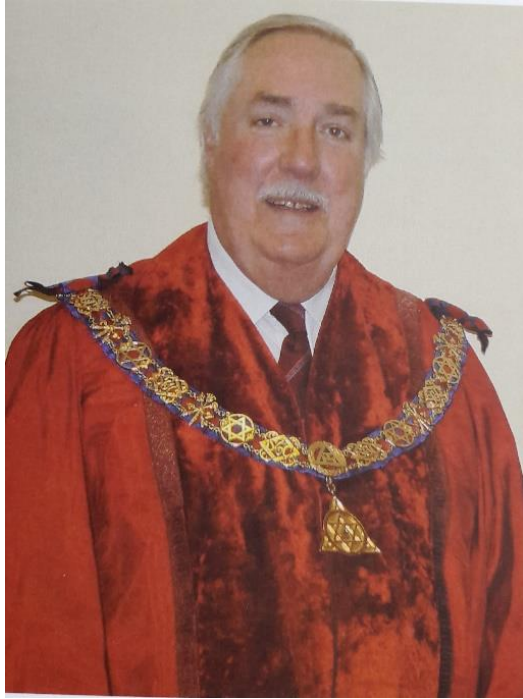
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Invested First Principal June 2005

On 11th November 2005 a Demonstration Team, organised by E Comp Bryan F Brewer, acted as missionaries, and took the Warwickshire Workings of the Exaltation ceremony to Cookham Manor Chapter at Sindlesham. This Chapter is the Provincial Stewards' Chapter of Berkshire. The demonstration was well received, as was "The Warwickshire Team."

December 2005 Our own member E Comp Stanley Butterworth presented a paper on the First Grand Superintendent, from 1793 to 1795. Thomas Dunkerley, accepted as the son of the Prince of Wales later King George II, was Grand Superintendent of no less than Eighteen Provinces, and Provincial Grand Master of Nine!

On 6th June 2006 Ex Comp John L Saint, a Founding member of the Chapter was installed as Grand Superintendent. This followed four years of service as Provincial Grand Scribe E and two years as Deputy Grand Superintendent. The Stewards Chapter provided the normal assistance at the Annual Convocation



E Comp John L Saint

MEGS

December 2006 The Demonstration Team, again led by E Comp Bryan Brewer, reprised their work from November 2005 in Berkshire for the benefit of our own Chapter; three members of Cookham Manor Chapter attended.

December 2007 The MEZ E Comp Ron Reed, was assisted by members of the Chapter in presenting a paper "From Babylon, Most Excellent." He presented three VSLs for the use of the Chapter.

June 2008. At this time the membership of the Chapter was 101.

December 2008 In advance of the 2017 Tercentenary celebrations, Grand Lodge was asking for a report on Historical Records kept by individual Lodges and Chapters. This appeared as an item in the summons, but to little effect! E Comp Brian Owen MEZ reminisced on his 47 years in Freemasonry and appealed against the modern tendency to run Freemasonry as a business.

December 2009 A talk from the Prestonian Lecturer E Comp Bob Sillett, entitled "The Sacred Name and the Royal Arch." This was not his 2008 Prestonian Lecture, which was "The Language of the Ritual."

A ballot went in favour of donating £2,000 from the general funds to Charity. Since the election of a considerable number of new members in 2005, a surplus is reported by the treasurer each year. After this donation, general funds stood at £5,462. Happily, all the Charity money was distributed, as in 2012 the balance was £3.60.

After fifteen years, a new Minute Book was required!

The 2010's

This decade saw the referendum to withdraw from the European Union – as the Chapter was consecrated the number of member countries was increasing; so this decade we saw the first one leave – the United Kingdom. HM The Queen celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, and became the longest serving monarch in 2016.



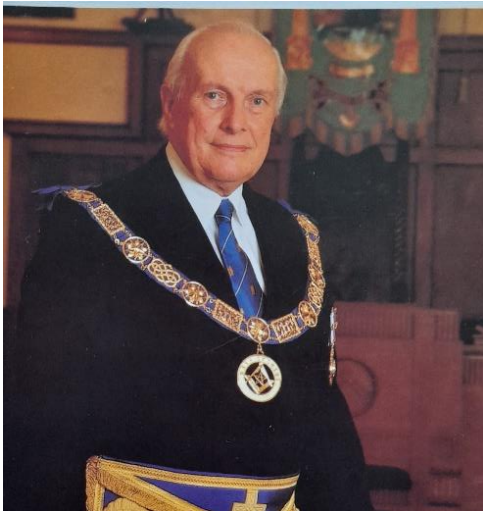
E Comp Trevor H Sturt

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Invested First Principal June 2010

December 2010 This meeting was abandoned, owing to adverse weather conditions throughout the Province. This was the first meeting after E Comp Graham Lewis was appointed Scribe E in place of Richard Barker.

December 2011 received a talk by E Comp Michael Price on his reminiscences as the PGM of Warwickshire.



Michael J Price PGM

June 2012 The meeting was held a week later than required, the day after the regular meeting being the Annual Convocation – that being two weeks later than usual. There was too much preparation required for the Provincial meeting!

In December 2012 Jeremy Mallin answered the question “Why did Cyrus let them go!”

June 2013 A new set of gavels was presented by E Comp Martin Bloomer, Treasurer. Martin succumbed to Cancer in 2020, during the Covid pandemic.

December 2013 The MEZ, E Comp Peter Huckle presented a new IPZ jewel to E Comp David Pettit. The previous jewel was presented to the museum at Stirling Road. He then presented a paper describing Supreme Grand Chapter as a Georgian Wonder; please do not forget the Victorians!



The MEZ announced a Sunday Lunch social to be held at the Tally Ho! Club in Edgbaston – the first of an annual event.

June 2014 The Installation of the ME Grand Superintendent John Saint was carried out in a most excellent manner by Peter Huckle – after a dispensation was read as John Saint was already First Principal of Peace and Harmony Chapter No 3929. This Chapter is for Present and Past Provincial Principals.

December 2014 Interactive talk by Ian Keech, asking chapters to consider the Festive Board as an advert for Royal Arch Masonry. Mick O’Callaghan was elected to the office of J, but passed to the Grand Chapter above in March 2015, before his Installation in June 2015. This December meeting had been moved to the Tuesday, rather than Monday to suit the rooms at Atherstone.

June 2015 Ex Comp Peter James was elected as J, before all three Principals were inducted. The Presentation of the IPZ jewel to John Saint was deferred, due to it being unavailable. It was presented in December.



June 2015

- Peter Guest H**
- Roger Mac M E Z**
- Peter James J**

The Chapter Principals

Following the closure of the rooms on Stirling Road, a dispensation was obtained to meet at Yenton Assembly Rooms, Erdington. A year later a Notice of Motion was put forward to move the regular meeting place, for the Installation in June, to Alderson House, Warwick.

December 2015 An interactive and thought-provoking talk was given by David Evans, on different ways and practices within the Royal Arch, particularly the presentation of the lectures in catechetical form.



E Comp Philip L Hall

MEGS

On 18th November 2016, after the retirement of John Saint, Ex Comp Philip L Hall was installed as Grand Superintendent. He had previously been a Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, both in Craft and Royal Arch. He was at the time of his appointment an Assistant Provincial Grand Master but retired from that position shortly after.

December 2016 brought an explanation of the Ensigns, presented by the members of Apollo Chapter No 301.

June 2017 Both the MEZ and J were unavoidably absent, so the IPZ inducted MEZ elect into the chair, and H elect was deferred to December.



June 2017

J David Evans 3rd ProvGPrincipal

David Shakeshaft Provincial DC

John R Emms 2nd ProvGPrincipal

Philip Gough DeputyGSupt

The Provincial Representatives

December 2017 saw Gary Evans inducted into the H Chair, and a Power-point presentation by the MEZ Peter James on the Platonic Bodies. This meeting was brought forward by two weeks, as the MEZ would have been in America on the regular meeting date!

In December 2018 the Chapter received a further Power-point presentation, this by John Handley on Famous Freemasons.



June 2018

Richard Ayling H

Gary Evans MEZ

Richard Barker J

Peter James IPZ

The Chapter Principals

June 2019 saw Richard Ayling being inducted into the Z Chair, and he presented the IPZ jewel to Gary Evans. Little did Richard realise the length of term he was to serve!

In December 2019, Joseph Mazouk presented his paper that explained that there have been Five Temples at Jerusalem, including the present "virtual or invisible" one.

The 2020's

The significant event at the start of this decade is the Covid-19 Pandemic, which claimed so many lives throughout the world, and brought the world to its knees. At the time of writing this history, we are now starting to learn to live with the virus, rather than to eliminate it.

The Pandemic hit Freemasonry Universal in March 2020, with a suspension from 16th March 2020 to 19th July 2021, subject to some relaxation with minimum numbers; the June 2020 and December 2020 meetings were not called, nor did the Chapter meet. E Comp Richard Ayling remained as First Principal, although with no ritual duties!

As if the Pandemic was not enough, there was an invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2022, with sanctions imposed on Russia which caused economic hardship throughout Europe.

HM The Queen, having celebrated her Platinum Jubilee in February 2022, sadly passed away in September 2022, aged 96. She had lost the greatest love of her life, her husband HRH Prince Philip, a Freemason, in April 2021. He was aged 99.

June 2021

The first meeting after the suspension of activity, in June 2021, saw the installation of E Comp Richard Barker, but under restrictions: numbers were limited to 30, masks were worn, and the ceremony was carried out with no physical contact.

After the twenty-five years, in the Chapter could welcome back E Comp John H Durling, who had been a member but resigned.

December 2021 was to have a visit from the First Grand Principal of Scotland, but this fell victim to Covid restrictions. At four days' notice, E Comp John Ross gave his recollections of Masonry in Hong Kong and the Far East.

In his absence due to the Covid restrictions, E Comp Philip Hall MEGS was elected an honorary member.

A notice of Motion was given to transfer £5,000 from General Funds into the Charity Account for sharing between the 2023 Festival and the Royal Arch Benevolent Fund. General funds at May 2021 amounted to £19,884, with the subscriptions generating up to £1,000 surplus each year. The Charity Funds stood at £734.

In June 2022 the Chapter was honoured by the attendance of the First Grand Principal of Scotland, who presented a talk on the differences between Scottish and English Royal Arch Masonry to more than 85 members and visitors. The talk was followed by the Installation of the three Principals for the new year; a busy meeting! Anticipating the numbers, the June meeting was taken to Rugby, the following meeting in December being held in Knowle.

ME Comp Joseph Morrow ("please call me Joe") also held the High Official Office in Scotland of Lord Lyon, King of Arms. In that Office, he was included in the Funeral procession for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth.



The reception of the First Grand Principal of Scotland



The Great and the Good, meeting in Rugby! From left to right:

John Starley 2ndProvGP, David Graham DepGSupt, Nicholas Renton H, Joe Morrow 1stGP Scotland, Paul Harrison MEZ, Philip Hall MEGSupt, Brian Stopford J, Douglas Duncan GSE Scotland, Nigel Hawkins 3rdProvGP.

This meeting saw the retirement of E Comp Graham Lewis as Scribe E, after 12 years in post. E Comp Paul Regan, Past Provincial Scribe E, has assumed the mantel.

The Chapter has met at 12 Masonic Meeting places in Warwickshire, including 8 regular meetings in Alderson House Warwick. 24 Meetings were held at Stirling Road before the closure thereof.

The current membership is 78 subscribing members with three honorary members. These numbers include ten of the Founders.

The Future

Newly appointed Provincial Stewards are encouraged to become members; no companion was appointed in July 2021 as due to the Pandemic no Annual Convocation was convened. In May 2022 the annual meeting of both Craft and Royal Arch are held on the same day.

In November 2020 E Comp Philip Hall, appointed as Grand Superintendent in 2016 was appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, presently holding both offices. In May 2022 the Provincial Grand Secretary was appointed to the additional office of Provincial Grand Scribe E, the first combination of the secretariat in living memory. These arrangements should benefit both Craft and Royal Arch.

The future of the Royal Arch Province of Warwickshire and that of the Stewards' Chapter looks bright. Continued encouragement for all new appointees to join and support the Chapter will continue to refresh and invigorate our experience and our service.

We must not forget the encouragement given in the Oration delivered at the Consecration.

Grateful Acknowledgements

To the founders who were able to supply papers relating to the Consecration.

To the Scribes E of the Chapter, who maintained records throughout the years.

To those that provided photographs for inclusion.

To those that point out my errors and omissions.

Richard L Barker

December 2022

Appendix A

Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No 9253

The Oration delivered at the Consecration on 18th November 1987

By W Bro F A Carroll PAsstGC, Provincial Grand Chaplain

The inscription on the Founder's jewel of this new lodge reads "Hand to Help, Help to Hand." This says explicitly what a Stewards' Lodge is for. It provides a ready hand to help, and a ready help to hand.

The principal of stewardship is of paramount importance in all aspects of living. All members of our fraternity have the opportunity, and most realise it, of appointment to a position of responsibility, and the fulfilling of one often leads to the conferring of another. In the lodge, the culmination of this is election into the chair, and so becoming a ruler in the Craft. The process does not end there, and greater responsibilities await those capable of fulfilling them.

Now the word Steward is almost synonymous with the word servant, and service lies at the heart of all positions of responsibility. The higher the appointment and the more important the office, so much the more is service demanded. If you consider the history of our country over the centuries, the names of those most prominently recorded, and firmly imprinted in the memory, are those who, in various aspects of national life, have rendered the greatest service to their fellowmen.

The same may be said of Freemasonry. In the Lodge, in the Province, in the whole sphere of United Grand Lodge, those who have made Masonry live in their day, and be widely respected, in spite of much ill-informed witch-hunting and criticism, and have ensured its continuous growth, are those who have rendered immeasurable, selfless, and often inconspicuous, service.

To create a Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge is to set a seal on that stewardship and service which is part of the hallmark of Freemasonry, by drawing together a number of brethren who, being dedicated to the ideal, will seek to promote it throughout the Province.

That stewardship is the very essence of Freemasonry is well proved, in that the first office to which most of us are appointed is that of Steward, and what a well-planned beginning that is. I remember many years ago, on becoming a member of another branch in masonry, a member of the Craft much senior to myself was on the first rung of the ladder in that branch, and as he filled my glass he whispered; "Masonry is a great leveller", and that is well symbolised in the Craft.

The first task of the Steward in the Lodge is usually that of serving wine at the festive board, an important task, for his demeanour marks the depth of hospitality the Lodge gives to its visitors. The responsibility goes further if the Lodge accounts are "in the red," for then, with dis-arming smile, he has to take care to only half-fill the glasses!

At my initiation into Freemasonry, apart from the impressiveness of the ceremony (and I was not at all disturbed by the penalties) two things struck in my mind. The first was the Charge after Initiation delivered by the Junior Warden. I had realised that the ritual and ceremony had been committed to memory, and I knew that beforehand, but from the way in which the Junior Warden spoke I thought he was making a speech, off the cuff so to speak, and the thought crossed my mind "Well if this lot are like this before dinner, what are they like after!" I thought I had found the solution to this in the second thing that struck my mind. At the festive board I was impressed by the large number of wine-takings. Perhaps these were the prescription for an exuberance of verbosity!

The mention of wine, however, brings me back to my brief, an oration on the nature and principles of the Institution.

In the course of his perambulations, the Provincial Grand Master, as Consecrating Officer, pours wine on the Board, and repeats "I pour wine on this Lodge as a symbol of joy and cheerfulness. May gladness and rejoicing fill the hearts of its members."

The use of wine, made from the juice of the grape, goes back into antiquity. It is one of the oldest forms of refreshment and sustenance. The scripture reading which accompanies the pouring of the wine, from Nehemiah, is from the record of the re-building of the Temple in Jerusalem after the exile, when wine made from the first fruits should be brought regularly to the Temple for the sustenance of the Ministers, and as part of the thanks offering, implying gladness and rejoicing.

One of the earliest references to wine in the Volume of the Sacred Law speaks of the vine and other fruits of the ground as God's gift, and were, therefore, types of spiritual blessing. In the Book of Judges, Chapter 9, is a curious parable, where the trees of the forest invited each in turn to be their King and rule over them. When the vine was asked, it answered "Should I leave my wine which cheereth God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees?" In other words, it is far greater to be of service to God and Man than to seek honour and adoration. It follows that in every heart there is a kingdom of attributes from which we chose our own king, and if we choose service it can best shape our future destiny.

Bound up in the Volume of the Sacred Law is the New Testament, which is of course specifically Christian and, since Christianity is not incompatible with Freemasonry, I quote from it. St Paul, in his First Letter to Timothy, whom he made a bishop, amongst much advice wrote "take a little wine for your stomach's sake" thus affirming the natural value of what God has given, and encouraging him to partake for the sake of his health, with due moderation.

In my garden I have a greenhouse in which grows one plant – a vine. Since moving into my bungalow last April I have observed three distinct stages in its growth.

First it looked a solitary, almost withered, plant, its root planted outside for moisture, its bare stem passing through a lower pane and then hanging along the length of the greenhouse. I thought it was dead.

The second stage followed during the spring and summer. Almost unnoticed it burst out into enormous growth, the foliage filling the greenhouse and threatening to burst its way out.

The final stage in October was exhilarating; time for picking had arrived. The thick foliage hid a treasure, and after fighting my way through I was rewarded with nearly forty pounds of wine grapes, which became a symbol of joy and cheerfulness as I presented them to a number of my neighbours who are winemakers.

Herein there is perhaps a short parable for a new lodge, especially a Stewards' Lodge.

Masonry has met such criticism of late which attempts to isolate it. One should never fear criticism. The first stage is to come to terms with it, and take stock of ourselves. The stem, of which we are the branches is rooted in the Great Architect, and the root, like that of the vine, goes very deep, and it cannot be uprooted by the wind of change.

Next stay with the movement. My vine would have broken out of the greenhouse if that had not remained secure and provided the warmth and protection needed by the vine for its growth. Masonry has so much to offer those who remain united to it.

Finally, live as a Mason, ready to show what Masonry is, not through speech but by example, as stewards and servants dedicated to those ideals in which Masonry is founded.

A vine can last a thousand years and still have a future. This Stewards' Lodge is rooted in the past, but as a new branch will be a symbol of that service, joy and cheerfulness we always associate with Freemasonry.

Appendix B

Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No 9253

The Oration delivered at the Banner Dedication on 12th February 1988

By W Bro F A Carroll PAsstGC, Provincial Grand Chaplain

After giving the address at the Consecration of a Lodge, it is a privilege to be charged, shortly after, with the duty of giving a further one at the dedication of its Banner.

The oration at a Banner Dedication is in two parts, the first on the symbolism of banners in general, and the second on the banner being dedicated in particular.

The symbolism of banners

Many will recall from their schooldays, if not since, that poem by Longfellow, the first verse of which is:

The Shades of night were falling fast,
As through an Alpine village passed
A youth, who bore, 'mid snow and ice,
A banner with the strange device
Excelsior!

The vision is of a young energetic person, travelling along a difficult path, perhaps a highway, beset by various inclement difficulties which impede his progress, but resolutely pressing on, bearing a banner which in one word, expresses his determination and purposeful intention: Excelsior!

The word excelsior, from the Latin "Ex" and "Celsus" means higher, which in this context can be said to have a double meaning, first that of having a regard to the Alpine ascent, it was a physical climb and a stern test of his determination to keep on the highway; and second, that the message of his banner was to uplift and inspire all who beheld it.

The object of a banner could be described in two words, Communication and Concourse. There is a definite purpose in the creating of a new lodge, and its banner, through subject matter and artistry, should be able to communicate that purpose which by concourse will have the effect of implementing its ideals.

The Banner of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge of Warwickshire No 9253

The Banner is surmounted by the Arms of Warwickshire, which has at the head what is itself a banner or ensign, the mural crown. It is a golden crown, like the top of a circular tower, and originally symbolised the feat of someone having climbed higher than anyone else! In the days of the Roman Empire this crown was bestowed on the soldier who was first to climb the wall of a besieged city.

The shield has the traditional arms of Warwickshire, the Ragged Staff and the Bear which originally were separate badges of Warwickshire aristocracy, the former of Gwair a British Earl of Warwick, and the latter to one of his successors, Arthgallus a knight of King Arthur's Round Table. They were used, still separately, by the Beauchamps Earls of Warwick up to the 12th Century and brought together by Richard Neville. The origin of the Bear probably goes back to a remote ancestor of the Beauchamps named Urso, which comes from the Latin Ursus, a male bear. The crosslets at the top of the shield are also from the Beauchamp arms. The motto is that of William Shakespeare "Non Sanz Droict" or "Not without Right." Shakespeare chose that motto for personal reasons, but bearing in mind the great service rendered to the County by the Earls of Warwick over many centuries, The Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge of Warwickshire, in its quest for service, is exercising its right to include the Arms of Warwickshire on its Banner.

At the base of the Banner is the emblem of a Stewards' Lodge, the cornucopia, which is an animal horn, and from which is emerging an abundance of fruit and flowers. The word Cornucopia comes from the two Latin words "Cornu" meaning horn, and "Copia" which means plenty. The history of its development is not nearly so detailed as that of the arms of Warwickshire, but both the animal horn and the bugle horn have been widely used in heraldry. The significance for the Lodge is that the assurance of plenty is surrounded by the Stewards' motto, "Hand to Help, Help to Hand," that is a ready hand to help, and a ready help to hand. It is appropriately enclosed within the compasses, suggesting that this intention should be kept in due bounds with all mankind.

To this end, the Lodge is not only to be on hand at the Masonic Temple in Clarendon Road, where it has already distinguished itself on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master in December last, but more importantly it is to tour the Province by visiting Masonic Temples and Lodges. In this way it will be furthering communication and concourse between the Province and its several Lodges.

About five hundred years before the Christian era, when the Israelites were in captivity in Babylon, Cyrus King of Persia, who had conquered the Babylonian Empire, invented a unique way of sending messages throughout the land. He established along the highways stations with relays of men and horses. When he wished to despatch a message a courier was sent to the first station, from which a fresh courier would go to the next, and so on, until the message was conveyed throughout the land. This illustrates in a small way the manner in which thus Lodge has decided to exercise its influence.

At its head, at the outset and under its banner, its Excelsior will be an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the Lodge's first Master, the youthful Clifford Hadley, performing the task of communicating through concourse.

After the dedication of the Banner, the Provincial Grand Master delivered it into the special charge of the Master of the Lodge, who then placed it in its proper place with the words "For all the great blessings and mercies vouchsafed by the Great Architect of the Universe, let us praise and glorify His Holy Name." Our prayer is that those blessings and mercies will be multiplied as the Lodge seeks to fulfil its task.

Appendix C

Lodge Programme of Meetings

| Meeting No | Date | Venue | Presenter of Interest | Subject Matter |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Consecration | 18/11/1987 | Stirling Road | RW Bro Vernon S Nicholls PGM Installation | W Bro Clifford W Hadley PSGD APGM |
| Emergency | 12/02/1988 | Stirling Road | RW Bro Vernon S Nicholls PGM | Banner Dedication |
| 3 | 20/04/1988 | Nuneaton | VW Bro Stanley Lates PGSwdB | Masonic Benevolence and the Grand Charity |
| 4 | 05/09/1988 | Alcester | W Bro D C Hobson PAGDC PPJGW | William Hogarth PGStwd - Illustrated |
| 5 | 28/11/1988 | Rugby | W Bro C N Batham PAGDC 2076 | The Grand Stewards and their Lodge |
| 6 | 03/05/1989 | Stirling Road | RW Bro Vernon S Nicholls PGM Installation | W Bro Graham G Bissell PPJGW |
| 7 | 04/09/1989 | Erdington | W Bro Will Read PPSGW (Yorks) No 2076 | The Pilgrim Lodge No 238 and Schroeder Ritual |
| 8 | 28/11/1989 | Redditch | W Bro D C Hobson PAGDC PPJGW | Illustrations in the History of the Province |
| 9 | 02/05/1990 | Stirling Road | W Bro H Crossley PAGDC APGM Installation | W Bro Roland Kemp PPJGW |
| 10 | 04/09/1990 | Knowle | W Bro C N Batham PAGDC 2076 | Freemasonry in Russia |
| 11 | 27/11/1990 | Erdington | W Bro R Eamonson PPGSuptWks | The Rough and Perfect Ashlars |
| 12 | 01/05/1991 | Stirling Road | W Bro W S Ellson PSGD APGM Installation | W Bro Derrick C Hobson PJGD PPSGW |
| 13 | 02/09/1991 | Severn Street | W Bro K Doney PM No 2878 (Staffs) | Freemasonry in France 1939-45 |
| 14 | 26/11/1991 | Coventry | W Bro Dr R M Jarratt PPSGD | Bro W A Mozart, with Musical Illustrations |
| Emergency | 08/02/1992 | Stirling Road | To elect WM in place of K J Hunter, who had passed to the Grand Lodge above | W Bro Edward C Kettleborough PPSGD |
| 15 | 06/05/1992 | Stirling Road | RW Bro Vernon S Nicholls PGM Installation | 200 years of PGM and Deputy PGM |
| 16 | 07/09/1992 | Stirling Road | W Bro D C Hobson PJGD APGM | Masonic Ceremonies in the 18th Century |
| 17 | 24/11/1992 | Guy's Cliffe | W Bro C H Davis PPSGW | W Bro Albert E Townsend PPJGW |
| 18 | 05/05/1993 | Stirling Road | RW Bro S A Lates PGM Installation | Military Masons of Warwickshire- Illustrated |
| 19 | 06/09/1993 | Leamington Spa | W Bro D C Hobson PJGD APGM | Masonic Quiz |
| 20 | 23/11/1993 | Erdington | W Bro D J Whitehouse PPSGD No 5811 | W Bro John M Stewart JP PPGSuptWks |
| 21 | 04/05/1994 | Stirling Road | W Bro D C Hobson PSGD APGM Installation | The Order of Women Freemasons |
| 22 | 05/09/1994 | Alcester | W Bro G G Bissell PPSGW CM | A Russian Initiation, St Petersburg 1810 |
| 23 | 29/11/1994 | Stratford upon Avon | Monmouthshire Study Group | W Bro Peter J Campbell PJGD PPSGW |
| 24 | 03/05/1995 | Stirling Road | W Bro D C Hobson PSGD APGM Installation | A Display of Masonic Philately |
| 25 | 05/09/1995 | Sutton Coldfield | W Bro Barry J Bayliss PPGSuptWks | Freemasonry in France 1939-45 |
| 26 | 29/11/1995 | Coleshill | W Bro K Doney PPJGD (Staffs) No 2878 | V W Bro Richard V Wallis JP PGSwdB DepPGM |
| 27 | 01/05/1996 | Stirling Road | RW Bro S A Lates PGM Installation | The Ancient Charges - Illustrated |
| 28 | 02/09/1996 | Severn Street | W Bro D C Hobson PJGD APGM | |

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|------------|------------|---------------------|---|---|
| 29 | 26/11/1996 | Stirling Road | Maid's Head Lodge No 8558 | The French Freemason who shot Nelson |
| 30 | 05/05/1997 | Stirling Road | W Bro R H Parker ProvSGW Installation | W Bro David N Charlton PAGDC PPSGW |
| 31 | 01/09/1997 | Redditch | Worcestershire Stewards' Lodge | Sections of the First Lecture |
| 32 | 15/11/1997 | Stirling Road | Spiers Elderslie Lodge SC1102 | Initiation Ceremony under the Glasgow Constitution |
| 33 | 06/05/1998 | Stirling Road | W Bro W S Ellson PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro Michael A Adler PPJGW |
| 34 | 07/09/1998 | Stirling Road | Castle Lodge No 6688 (Bristol) | Initiation Ceremony in the Britol Ritual |
| 35 | 24/11/1998 | Coventry | W Bro Frederick Smyth PAGDC | Freemasonry in America |
| 36 | 05/05/1999 | Stirling Road | W Bro W S Ellson PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro David J F Rawlins PJGD PPJGW |
| 37 | 06/09/1999 | Stirling Road | Cleveleys Lodge MMM 1176 | Demonstration of the Building of the Temple |
| 38 | 29/11/1999 | Erdington | W Bro David M Edwards PAGDC | 60 Great Queen Street |
| 39 | 03/05/2000 | Stirling Road | W Bro M J Price PSGD DepPGM Installation | W Bro O Glyn Williams PPJGW |
| 40 | 04/09/2000 | Rugby | W Bro R G Swain PJGD ProvgSec | Masonry Universal |
| 41 | 28/11/2000 | Stirling Road | W Bro Ron Eamonson PAGDC | Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls - Festival |
| 42 | 02/05/2001 | Stirling Road | W Bro V W Keene PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro Malcolm R S Thomas PAGDC PPJGW |
| 43 | 03/09/2001 | Leamington Spa | W Bro R A Crane PGTreas | Prestonian Lecture 2000: For therein you will be taught |
| 44 | 27/11/2001 | Rugby | Maid's Head Lodge No 8558 | Grand Guignol of Feemasonry during the Inquisition |
| 45 | 01/05/2002 | Stirling Road | W Bro R Pitham PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro David R Boston PAGDC PPSGW |
| 46 | 02/09/2002 | Erdington | W Bro D C Hooker PJGD PPJGW | Out Five Nights a Week |
| 47 | 26/11/2002 | Stratford upon Avon | W Bro Rev Peter C J Cannon PAPGM (Norfolk) | Masonry should be Fun |
| 48 | 07/05/2003 | Stirling Road | RW Bro M J Price PGM Installation | W Bro Roger S Mac PSGD APMG |
| 49 | 01/09/2003 | Warwick | W Bro Brian G Tierney PSGD | Isambard Kingdom Brunel |
| 50 | 25/11/2003 | Coventry | VW Bro Neville B Cryer PGChap | New Discoveries about the Origin of Masonry |
| 51 | 05/05/2004 | Stirling Road | RW Bro M J Price PGM Installation | W Bro Maurice E Norman PPSGW (Worcs) |
| 52 | 06/09/2004 | Erdington | Sutton Coldfield Demo Team | The Making of a Mason c1765 |
| 53 | 30/11/2004 | Knowle | W Bro Mathew G Westley PPGReg (Somerset) | An Ear of Corn near to a Fall of Water |
| 54 | 04/05/2005 | Stirling Road | RW Bro M J Price PGM Installation | W Bro David C Hooker PJGD PPGW |
| 55 | 05/09/2005 | Rugby | Lodge Glittering Star IC322 | A Taste of the Irish Craft |
| 56 | 23/11/2005 | Leamington Spa | W Bro Alan K Weyer PAGDC | The Female Influence in Craft Masonry |
| 57 | 03/05/2006 | Stirling Road | W Bro D W Old PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro Peter M Ratledge PPJGW |
| 58 | 04/09/2006 | Redditch | W Bro Peter H Summers WM 6266 | Musical Masons, with Illustrations |
| 59 | 28/11/2006 | Alcester | W Bro T H Hayton PPAGDC | The Hidden Mysteries |
| 60 | 02/05/2007 | Stirling Road | RW Bro M J Price PGM Installation | VW Bro Victor W Keene PGSwdB DepPGM |

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|------------|-------------------|------------------|---|--|
| 61 | 03/09/2007 | Leamington Spa | W Bro Rodney Pitham PSGD APGM | My Role and Duties within Grand Charity |
| 62 | 27/11/2007 | Atherstone | Members of the Lodge | Fourth Section of the Second Degree Lecture |
| 63 | 07/05/2008 | Stirling Road | W Bro R Pitham PSGD APGM Installation | W Bro Robert W Wheale PPJGW |
| 64 | 01/09/2008 | Erdington | W Bro Robert G Russell PJGD PPSGW | The Advantages and Responsibilities of Freemasonry |
| 65 | 21/11/2008 | Warwick | W Bro Alan K Wyer PAGDC | NOT the Second Degree Tracing Board |
| 66 | 06/05/2009 | Stirling Road | W Bro P Wills ProvJGW Installation | W Bro Allan D Morris JP PJGD PPSGW |
| 67 | 07/09/2009 | Warwick | W Bro Trevor Sturt PAGDC ProvGORator | Orations, as approved by UGLE |
| 68 | 24/11/2009 | Erdington | W Bro Mike Batchelor PPJGD | The Burma Railway 1942-44 |
| 69 | 05/05/2010 | Stirling Road | RW Bro M J Price PGM Installation | W Bro Eric B Bear PGStB PPJGW |
| 70 | 06/09/2010 | Warwick | W Bro J Moore PPJGW | R J Mitchell - A Forgotten Hero |
| 71 | 30/11/2010 | Nuneaton | W Bro Stanley Butterworth PPJGW CM | The Dark Shadow |
| 72 | 04/05/2011 | Stirling Road | RW Bro D F Macey PGM Installation | W Bro Nigel C Bister PSGD APGM |
| 73 | 05/09/2011 | Severn Street | W Bro Stanley Butterworth PPJGW CM | Masonic Bits and Bobs |
| 74 | 29/11/2011 | Coventry | W Bro J Roger Beavis PPJGW | A Presentation of Masonic Jewels and items of interest |
| 75 | 02/05/2012 | Stirling Road | VW Bro A J Wellan PGSwdB DepPGM Installation | W Bo J Stuart Wilton PPJGW |
| 76 | 03/09/2012 | Sutton Coldfield | W Bro Stuart Wilton WM | Our God and Our Order |
| 77 | 27/11/2012 | Erdington | W Bro Nigel Bister PSGD APGM | Reading the Oration and the First Minutes |
| 78 | 01/05/2013 | Stirling Road | W Bro M C Morris PSGD APGM Installation | W Bro James Ashmore PPJGW |
| 79 | 02/09/2013 | Warwick | W Bro James Ashmore WM | The History of Grand Stewards |
| 80 | 26/11/2013 | Henley in Arden | W Bro John Tristram Past High Bailiff | The Court Leet, another Ancient Institution |
| 81 | 07/05/2014 | Stirling Road | W Bro J R Emms PSGD APGM Installation | W Bro John Ashmore PPJGW |
| 82 | 01/09/2014 | Alcester | W Bro Gareth Hughes PPGReg | Who Controls the Lodge |
| 83 | 25/11/2014 | Coleshill | W Bro Hosey Davoudian PPJGD | Number Game |
| 84 | 06/05/2015 | Warwick | W Bro D J M Greenwood ProvJGW Installation | W Bro Peter M Sorrell PPSGW ProvGMentor |
| 85 | 07/09/2015 | Rugby | W Bro Bill Watts PPJGW | Rugby, more to a town than a game |
| 86 | 24/11/2015 | Redditch | W Bro Richard Barker PSGD APGM | 50 year certificate for J Stuart Wilton |
| 87 | 04/05/2016 | Warwick | RW Bro D F Macey PGM Installation | W Bro Stanley Butterworth PPSGW CM |
| 88 | 05/09/2016 | Coventry | W Bro Rex Hazeldine PPSGD (Leics) | Freemasonry and Sport |
| 89 | 29/11/2016 | Knowle | Bro Robert Hope | Freemasons' Victoria Crosses of the Great War |
| 90 | 03/05/2017 | Warwick | W Bro Steve Tranter ProvJGW Installation | W Bro Michael C Burman TD PAGDC PPSGW |
| 91 | 04/09/2017 | Leamington Spa | W Bro Ian A Hart PAGDC | Grand Lodge Orations |
| 92 | 28/11/2017 | Atherstone | W Bro Spencer Fenn PAGDC | The Board of Grand Stewards |

| Meeting No | Date | Venue | Presenter of Interest | Subject Matter |
|------------|------------|--------------|--|---|
| 93 | 02/05/2018 | Warwick | W Bro R L Barker PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro Anthony V N Richards PAGDC PPSGW |
| 94 | 03/09/2018 | Coventry | W Bro Mike Neville PPGSwdB | Masons and the Evolution of Crime Detection |
| 95 | 27/11/2018 | Guy's Cliffe | W Bro Joseph F K-Mazouk PAGDC | RWBro Lord Kitchener - The Egyptian Connection |
| 96 | 01/05/2019 | Warwick | W Bro D A Stanford PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro John Moore PPJGW |
| 97 | 02/09/2019 | Redditch | W Bro Robert Curtis LGR | First Degree Tracing Board |
| 98 | 20/11/2019 | Kings Heath | W Bro David F Macey PGM | 50 year certificate for Edward C Kettleborough |
| 99 | 06/05/2020 | Suspension | Elections only | |
| | 07/09/2020 | Abandoned | | |
| | 25/11/2020 | Suspension | | |
| | 05/05/2021 | Suspension | | |
| 100 | 06/09/2021 | Warwick | W Bro N J Hawkins PAGDC APMG Installation | W Bro Stephen R Townsend PAGDC ProvGORator |
| 101 | 29/11/2021 | Erdington | W Bro Ian A Hart PAGDC | A Paper of Interest: |
| 102 | 04/05/2022 | Warwick | W Bro D A Butcher PSGD APMG Installation | W Bro Paul L Harrison PPJGW |
| 103 | 05/09/2022 | Nuneaton | W Bro John Handley PAGDC | Well-known Masons, both Present and Past |
| Emergency | 28/10/2022 | Kings Heath | W Bro Dr J W Hawkins PJGD | Prestonian Lecture 2022: The Royal Family and Freemasonry |
| 104 | 18/11/2022 | Rugby | Elections only | |

Appendix D

Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter No 9253

The Oration delivered at the Consecration

By E Comp E J A Clarke ProvGJ

The founding of a Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge of Warwickshire has proved to be quite fortuitous. Since its Consecration, it has developed into a Lodge of some strength, which has on many occasions provided solid support throughout the Province to Provincial Grand Lodge. However, as with many Craft Masons, there comes a time when the incompleteness of the third degree becomes an obstacle to further progress, and the desire for wholeness becomes irresistible, especially when companions have laboured the point, and they seek exaltation. Nothing is more natural than for the companions of the Holy Royal Arch who are members of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge to want to move to completeness by founding a Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter of Warwickshire, to enable them to render service to Provincial Grand Chapter as they have to Provincial Grand Lodge.

The completing of the Third Degree is not just the sharing of more secrets, nor yet is it just the discovering of lost words. In the Craft Degrees we are charged to increase our masonic knowledge by daily study, and thereby to attain moral and social virtues. The pursuit of knowledge can be wearisome, and if it is not put to good use can be futile. In our order we complete the Third Degree by seeking understanding and wisdom. Understanding that we may see more clearly the purpose and the objectives of our knowledge. Wisdom that we may perceive how we may put it to good use. Knowledge in the hand of a fool can be devastating; in the hands of a wise man, it can reshape the world for good. In the Holy Royal Arch we ask "Where shall we find wisdom?" and after much seeking find that by placing our trust in the T.A.L.G.M.H. we find that it is His Holy Will that all who earnestly seek shall find. Having sought and found, we are the better able to serve Him as we ought, and our fellow men as we should.

The strength of the Holy Royal Arch in this Province will be greatly increased by the consecration of the Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter. The office of Steward is ancient and honourable and is an office of trust and responsibility. He was charged with the general administration of his master's affairs, and was answerable to him alone, and acted and spoke with his authority. Due to the frailty of human nature, a compassionate master did not always mean a compassionate steward. There were occasions when the steward interpreted his master's wishes in accordance with his own aims and ambitions, thereby exceeding his authority, bringing his master into disrepute and betraying the trust placed in him. This inevitably led to much greater care being taken over the appointment of a steward, and the area of his responsibility being more closely defined. From this evolved a stewardship hierarchy; junior stewards were appointed to wait at table, attend to the needs of guests, and to the temporary accommodation of travellers. As they proved themselves to be trustworthy, they were moved to more responsible stewardships, but however high or lowly the stewardship, all acted with the master's authority, and bore on their shoulders his good name.

The complexities of management increased, and the divisions of stewardship became more specialised, and internal movement was more restricted. The title of steward was, in many cases, dropped and the name of the specialization used instead. Accountants, clerks, auditors, and various managers appeared. The office of steward was restricted to those who cared for the comfort and well-being of others. Today we have stewards on board ships, planes, trains, supervising large gatherings of people, and organising great festive occasions. The title has been retained for those of very high standing, the "Steward of Scotland", the "Steward of the Royal Household" and others, but, high or humble, the honour, trust, and responsibility has not changed. Whatever the stewardship, the reputation of the company rests on the shoulders of the steward and reflects the caring attitude or otherwise of those under whose authority he acts.

In our Order the jewel of office worn by the steward is the Cornucopia, a curved goat's horn from which fruit and ears of grain overflow. It has become an emblem of abundance commonly known as the "Horn of Plenty." It is of early Greek origin and is bound into the legends of the Gods. The infant Zeus was born and left hidden in a cave on Crete, to protect him from his father who, fearing he would be dethroned by one of his own children, swallowed each one at birth. He was then left in the care of a foster-mother, a nymph named Amalthea, who suckled him with goat's milk. When he grew up, Zeus broke the horn off the goat and gave it to Amalthea, promising that it would supply in abundance whatever she desired.

It is the desire of this new Chapter that it should be of service to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and we pray that it may have, in abundance, a wealth of knowledge and wisdom, that whatever is desired of it may be produced in profusion, and that as it sojourns in our various masonic centres, it will not fail to suckle the infant companion, strengthen the ailing chapter, and assist the successful to go from strength to strength and, if at times you feel that the pressure is great, never forget that it is the pressure on the keystone and the arch stones that gives the arch its strength.

Companions, always remember that around our Altar you have solemnly engaged yourselves to befriend and relieve, so far as shall be in your power, every companion that shall need your assistance, and that this principle should extend beyond the limits of our own society, for every human being has a claim on your kind offices, and you are bidden to do good unto all. Do not look for any reward here on earth, for your labours will be unto the Lord, and your reward with God.

Finally, be all of one heart, and one mind, love one another, and live in peace; and may the T.A.L.G.M.H., the God of love and peace, delight to dwell with you and to bless you.

Appendix E

Members of the Chapter

Current members in **Bold**

| | | | Initials | Name | Mother Chapter | Ceasing |
|------|----------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | | <u>Founders</u> | | | | |
| 1995 | June | 1 | Michael A | Adler* | 1474 | Resigned 2018 |
| | | 2 | Eric B | Bear | 4543 | |
| | | 3 | Nigel C | Bister | 74 | |
| | | 4 | Alan | Bradbury | 3929 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 5 | Stanley | Butterworth | 3826 | |
| | | 6 | Peter J | Campbell* | 1644 | Died 2002 |
| | | 7 | William J R | George | 1551 | |
| | | 8 | Gerald K | Glover | 3148 | Resigned 2002 |
| | | 9 | Clifford W | Hadley* | 74 | |
| | | 10 | Derek C | Hobson* | 3484 | Died 2000 |
| | | 11 | David C | Hooker* | 1644 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 12 | David A | Hopkins | 473 | Resigned 2005 |
| | | 13 | E V | Jones* | 74 | Resigned 1999 |
| | | 14 | Victor W | Keene* | 254 | |
| | | 15 | Ronald | Kemp* | 1792 | Resigned 2001 |
| | | 16 | Roger S | Mac* | 50 | |
| | | 17 | Allan D | Morris* | 1474 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 18 | Brian F | Owen | 3239 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 19 | Edwin J | Poole | 3950 | |
| | | 20 | Ronald J | Reed | 2385 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 21 | John L | Saint | 3708 | |
| | | 22 | Trevor H | Sturt | 3826 | |
| | | 23 | Malcolm R S | Thomas* | 887 | Resigned 2005 |
| | | 24 | Richard H | Toon | 4011 | Ceased 2009 |
| | | 25 | Wyn B | Williams* | 502 | Died 2002 |
| | | 26 | Frederick R | Wright* | 74 | Resigned 2005 |
| | | <u>Honorary</u> | | | | |
| | | 27 | Richard V | Wallis* | | |
| | | 28 | Richard V | Ilott | | |
| | | 29 | W Stephen | Ellson | | Died 2000 |
| | | 30 | Edwin | Clarke | | Died 1999 |
| | | 31 | Peter | Waring | | Died 2019 |
| | | 32 | Roy N F | Marshall | | Died 2019 |
| 2003 | December | 73 | Stanley A | Lates | | Died 2009 |
| 2021 | December | 191 | Philip L | Hall | | |

* Founders of the Stewards' Lodge No 9253

Joiners

| | | | | | | |
|------|----------|----|-------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 1995 | December | 33 | Albert E | Townsend | 7334 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 34 | Harnett J | Tonks | 587 | Died 2004 |
| | | 35 | Aubrey P T | Moreton | 432 | Ceased 1999 |
| | | 36 | William L | Preston | 3484 | Resigned 2002 |
| 1996 | December | 37 | Frank W D | Shepherd | 5779 | Died 2005 |
| | | 38 | David G | Pettit | 1551 | |
| | | 39 | Peter G | Huckle | 395 | |
| 1997 | December | 40 | David A | Holloway | 587 | |
| | | 41 | Peter A | Guest | 1792 | |
| | | 42 | Michael J | O'Callaghan | 3806 | Died 2015 |
| 1998 | June | 43 | Edwin G | Bonnick | 4336 | Resigned 1999 |
| | | 44 | Peter H | James | 794 | |
| | | 45 | Gary D | Evans | 3995 | |
| | | 46 | Paul F | Masters | 6021 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 47 | Jack F | Weaver | 4336 | Died 2005 |
| 1999 | June | 48 | Ralph | Eskanazi | 4772 | Resigned 2021 |
| 1999 | December | 49 | Keith T | Harris | 3950 | |
| | | 50 | A Dev | Khosla | 6172 | Resigned 2007 |
| | | 51 | Richard A | Ayling | 2733 | |
| | | 52 | Richard L | Barker | 587 | |
| 2000 | June | 53 | Michael C | Burman | 43 | Died 2018 |
| 2000 | December | 54 | Steve D | Hopkins | 473 | |
| | | 55 | J Stephen | Wright | 1016 | Resigned 2009 |
| 2001 | December | 56 | Michael | Searle | 1031 | Resigned 2001 |
| | | 57 | Derek R T | Sara | 1016 | |
| | | 58 | Edwin | Warren | 2733 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 59 | Paul L | Harrison | 502 | |
| 2002 | June | 60 | Richard A C | Ainsworth | 7244 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 61 | David C J | Ore | 6021 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 62 | Anthony C | Taylor | 4011 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 63 | Nicholas W | Renton | 4543 | |
| 2002 | December | 64 | Paul S J | Croft | 1016 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 65 | Frank C | Adams | 3659 | |
| 2003 | December | 66 | Allan W | Nelmes | 6504 | |
| | | 67 | Bryan F | Brewer | 3845 | Died 2020 |
| | | 68 | Michael J | Baker | 1431 | |
| | | 69 | Mark J | Fleming | 3484 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 70 | Kerry J | Parkes | 8001 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 71 | Denis R | Biley | 502 | Resigned 2016 |
| | | 72 | Roy | Powell | 301 | |
| | | 73 | | | | |
| 2004 | June | 74 | E David | Griffiths | 5727 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 75 | Brian A | Stoneman | 1474 | |

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|------|----------|-----|------------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| | | 76 | Brian | Stopford | 6021 | |
| | | 77 | E Roger | Costello | 4543 | Ceased 2008 |
| | | 78 | Joseph R | Bates | 5544 | |
| | | 79 | David N | Harborne | 3826 | Resigned 2011 |
| 2005 | June | 80 | A Graham | Ballinger | 395 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 81 | David S | Carey | 3826 | |
| | | 190 | John H | Durling | 1743 | Rejoined 2021 |
| | | 83 | Ronald | Eamonsen | 3239 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 84 | Anthony J | Eden | 3826 | Died 2009 |
| | | 85 | Eric P | Lee | 301 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 86 | Charles T | Leonard | 254 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 87 | David F | Macey | 2733 | Resigned 2008 |
| | | 88 | David | McAllister | 5844 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 89 | Arthur F | MacTier | 4773 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 90 | Peter P | Manning | 4336 | Resigned 2017 |
| | | 91 | A Dennis | Moore | 284 | Died 2008 |
| | | 92 | David A | Morcom | 4773 | Resigned 2013 |
| | | 93 | Michael B | Squires | 3845 | |
| | | 94 | William R | Stammers | 725 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 95 | Peter J | Wellings | 43 | |
| | | 96 | Paul J | Wheeler | 3659 | |
| | | 97 | Andrew J | Atton | 74 | |
| | | 98 | Donald | Adams | 7274 | Died 2020 |
| | | 99 | Terence G | Coombs | 8874 | Died 2007 |
| | | 100 | Andrew J | Crooke | 4056 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 101 | Raymond W | Garratt | 4011 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 102 | Christopher J | Jones | 1630 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 103 | David | Peasley | 8265 | |
| | | 104 | Robert G | White | 432 | Resigned 2008 |
| | | 105 | John M | Cowan | 7244 | |
| | | 106 | Cedric F | Styles | 4011 | Resigned 2016 |
| 2005 | December | 107 | Bernard W | Pendergast | 3708 | Resigned 2017 |
| | | 108 | John A C | Barnsley | 3708 | Resigned 2015 |
| 2006 | June | 109 | Lawrence E | Haines | 301 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 110 | Anthony S | Twiss | 4773 | |
| | | 111 | Kenneth | Oliver | 4011 | |
| | | 112 | Peter R | Harrison | 3845 | |
| | | 113 | Radcliffe A | Cole | 4167 | Resigned 2011 |
| 2006 | December | 114 | J David | Evans | 3950 | Resigned 2018 |
| | | 115 | Paul G | Wallis | 5844 | Resigned 2009 |
| 2007 | June | 116 | Colin L | Carter | 284 | Resigned 2010 |
| | | 117 | Graham H | Lewis | 3484 | |
| | | 118 | Philip | Wills | 4772 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 119 | Brian K | Gibbs | 9229 | Resigned 2014 |

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|------|----------|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------|
| | | 120 | Malcolm F | Gregory | 8902 | Resigned 2012 |
| 2007 | December | 121 | Malcolm J | Francis | 4011 | |
| 2008 | June | 122 | Martin H | Bloomer | 938 | Died 2020 |
| | | 123 | Derek J | Griffin | 395 | Resigned 2016 |
| | | 124 | John D | Harris | 74 | |
| | | 125 | Peter | Russell | 725 | |
| | | 126 | Alan J | Turner | 5093 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 127 | Nigel J | Bridges | 4011 | Resigned 2021 |
| | | 128 | Malcolm J | Davies | 3826 | Resigned 2009 |
| | | 129 | Adrian D | Rawlins | 587 | Resigned 2016 |
| 2009 | June | 130 | Alan F W | Harris | 587 | Resigned 2016 |
| | | 131 | Hosey | Davoudian | 1630 | |
| | | 132 | Barry | Holland | 1431 | Died 2019 |
| | | 133 | Trevor R | Scott- Worthington | 254 | |
| 2009 | December | 134 | John K | Starley | 9437 | |
| 2010 | June | 135 | Roger B | Cook | 3484 | |
| | | 136 | Neil | Murray | 725 | |
| | | 137 | David | Neath | 4336 | Resigned 2012 |
| | | 138 | Garry H D | Malpas | 1333 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 139 | George H W | Griffith | 3659 | Resigned 2011 |
| | | 140 | Ahmed A | Ammi | 3708 | Resigned 2012 |
| | | 141 | Joseph P A | McCollum | 1246 | |
| 2011 | June | 142 | Julian W | Taitt | 587 | |
| | | 143 | Ian A | Hart | 587 | |
| | | 144 | David A | Williams | 4543 | Resigned 2014 |
| | | 145 | John S | Kisbey | 2133 | |
| | | 146 | Kenneth | Osborne | 1792 | |
| 2012 | June | 147 | Michael D | Hogarth | 887 | |
| | | 148 | Martyn R | Hale | 301 | |
| | | 149 | Nicholas H | Shaw | 432 | |
| | | 150 | Roger M | Zambonini | 2133 | Resigned 2018 |
| | | 151 | Mark | Ansermoz | 8001 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 152 | Suresh D | Modi | 739 | |
| 2013 | June | 153 | Christopher J | Grove | 887 | |
| | | 154 | David S | Paterson | 4056 | Resigned 2016 |
| | | 155 | Samuel J | Williams | 4167 | Died 2020 |
| | | 156 | David T | Kingston | 8001 | Resigned 2015 |
| | | 157 | Peter J | Stokes | 5799 | Resigned 2018 |
| 2014 | June | 158 | Dennis A | Freshwater | 1016 | |
| | | 159 | Graham J | Earle | 4543 | |
| | | 160 | Michael C | Hope | 74 | Resigned 2018 |
| | | 161 | Steven F | Mingo | 8001 | |
| | | 162 | Jonathon R | Thorne | 8874 | |

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|------|----------|-----|----------------------|---------------------|------|---------------|
| 2014 | December | 163 | Geoffrey | Walker | 1246 | |
| 2015 | June | 164 | John L P | Ross | 1551 | |
| 2015 | December | 165 | Nigel K | Tongue | 4772 | |
| | | 166 | Jayprakash M | Panchmatia | 395 | |
| | | 167 | G Hector | Swindell | 1551 | |
| | | 168 | Nigel R | Burton | 3826 | Resigned 2017 |
| | | 169 | Stephen | Kingman | 254 | Resigned 2021 |
| 2016 | December | 170 | David J | Shakeshaft | 5799 | |
| | | 171 | Simon W | Grove | 887 | |
| | | 172 | Michael S | Tomlinson | 4543 | |
| | | 173 | David | Wright | 4772 | |
| | | 174 | Paul D J | Regan | 725 | |
| 2017 | December | 175 | Michael W | Reeve | 254 | |
| | | 176 | Stephen G | Hollis | 725 | |
| | | 177 | Mervyn J | Kimberley | 284 | |
| | | 178 | Christopher S | Brown | 502 | |
| | | 179 | Paul V | Haggett | 8874 | |
| 2018 | December | 180 | Leo W | Brown | 6889 | |
| | | 181 | Dennis A | Potter | 4011 | |
| | | 182 | Martin C | Grahame-Dunn | 4336 | Resigned 2021 |
| 2019 | June | 183 | Reginald I | Harwood | 4930 | |
| | | 184 | David H | Harwood | 4930 | |
| 2019 | December | 185 | Alan R | Harwood | 4930 | |
| | | 186 | Stephen J | Sampson | 4167 | |
| | | 187 | Ian R | Bristoll | 5844 | |
| | | 188 | Samuel | Bridges | 5727 | |
| 2021 | June | 189 | Robert L | Ashford | 794 | |
| | | 192 | | | | |

Appendix F

| The First Principals of the Chapter | | | | W Master of Lodge | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Derrick C | Hobson | PAGSoj PProvGH | 19 th June | 1995 | 1991 |
| Malcolm R S | Thomas | PGStB PProvGH | 17 th June | 1996 | 2001 |
| Roland | Kemp | PProvGSN | 16 th June | 1997 | 1990 |
| Frederick R | Wright | PProvGSN | 15 th June | 1998 | |
| David C | Hooker | PGStB PProvGJ | 21 st June | 1999/ 00 | 2005 |
| Michael A | Adler | PProvGSN | 18 th June | 2001 | 1998 |
| Clifford W | Hadley | PAGSoj PProvGJ | 17 th June | 2002 | 1987/8 |
| Victor W | Keene | PGStB PProvGJ | 16 th June | 2003 | 2007 |
| Allan D | Morris | PGStB | 21 st June | 2004 | 2009 |
| Nigel C | Bister | PGStB | 20 th June | 2005 | 2011 |
| Eric B | Bear | PProvGReg | 19 th June | 2006 | 2010 |
| Ronald J | Reed | PGStB PProvGJ | 18 th June | 2007 | |
| Brian F | Owen | PProvGSN | 16 th June | 2008 | |
| William J R | George | PProvGSN | 15 th June | 2009 | |
| Trevor H | Sturt | PProvGSwdB | 21 st June | 2010 | |
| Stanley | Butterworth | PProvGSN | 20 th June | 2011 | 2016 |
| David G | Pettit | PProvGReg | 25 th June | 2012 | |
| Peter G | Huckle | PProvGSN | 17 th June | 2013 | |
| John L | Saint | MEGSupt | 16 th June | 2014 | |
| Roger S | Mac | PProvGSN | 15 th June | 2015 | 2008 |
| Peter A | Guest | PProvGSwdB | 20 th June | 2016 | |
| Peter H | James | PAGDC PProvGSN | 19 th June | 2017 | |
| Gary D | Evans | PProvGSN ProvAGSE | 18 th June | 2018 | |
| Richard A | Ayling | PProvGSN | 17 th June | 2019/ 20 | |
| Richard L | Barker | PGStB PProvGSN | 21 st June | 2021 | |
| Paul L | Harrison | PProvGSN | 20 th June | 2022 | 2022 |

E Comp P J Campbell was WM of the Stewards' Lodge in 1995,

E Comp Richard V Wallis was WM the following year, in 1996

Appendix G

We should recognise the Companions that served the Chapter in the Back Room!

| | Scribes E | | Treasurers |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| R J Reed | 1995-2005 | E B Bear | 1995-2004 |
| R L Barker | 2005-2010 | P G Huckle | 2004-2010 |
| G H Lewis | 2010-2022 | M H Bloomer | 2010-2019 |
| P D J Regan | 2022- | S D Modi | 2019- |

Appendix H

As a Chapter of which only Provincial Officers can be members, there are naturally many members that have held high office. Of these we should note:

Richard V Wallis, who would have been a founder but for his high office at the time of the Consecration, was also Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft in Warwickshire, Grand Sovereign in the Red Cross of Constantine, and Pro Grand Master in the Mark Degree.

David C Hooker was Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree in Warwickshire, Provincial Grand Master in the Royal Order of Scotland, and District Grand Master in the Order of the Royal and Select Masters. In this Cryptic Degree, he was also appointed Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

David F Macey was the Provincial Grand Master in the Craft in Warwickshire.

Roger S Mac was Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree in Warwickshire.

Philip Wills is Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree in Warwickshire.

John L Saint was Grand Superintendent in and over the Holy Royal Arch Province of Warwickshire.

Stanley A Lates, elected as an honorary member, was both Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Warwickshire.

Joseph P A McCollum is District Grand Prefect in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Peter J Wellings is the District Grand Master in the Order of the Royal and Select Masters.

Several Companions have held other high offices as Deputy or Assistant during their time of membership.

We congratulate them all and thank them for their service to Freemasonry in General.

Appendix I

Chapter Programme of Meetings

| Year | Month | No | Venue | MEZ | Installation | H | J | Presenter of Subject of Interest | Subject Matter |
|----------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1995 | June | 1 | Stirling Road | D C Hobson | M R S Thomas | P J Campbell | | | |
| December | 2 | Nuneaton | | | | | | E Comp D C Hobson MEZ | Royal Cumberland Chapter |
| 1996 | June | 3 | Stirling Road | M R S Thomas | R Kemp | F R Wright | | | |
| December | 4 | Guys Cliffe | | | | | | E Comp G W S Griffiths PGStB | Fourth Degree of the Ancients |
| 1997 | June | 5 | Stirling Road | R Kemp | F R Wright | D C Hooker | | | |
| December | 6 | Stirling Road | | | | | | E Comp Alan K Wyer (Worcs) | "From Rehoboam to Artaxerses" |
| 1998 | June | 7 | Stirling Road | F R Wright | D C Hooker | P J Campbell | | | |
| December | 8 | Stirling Road | | | | | | E Comp Bruce Littley | The Masonic Vesta Box |
| 1999 | June | 9 | Stirling Road | D C Hooker | P J Campbell | M A Adler | | | |
| December | 10 | Coventry | | | | | | E Comp D C Hooker MEZ | The Second Temple |
| 2000 | June | 11 | Stirling Road | P J Campbell | M A Adler | C W Hadley | | | |
| December | 12 | Stirling Road | | | | | | E Comp Martyn Amey Prov G Soj (Worcs) | The Meaning of Chapter |
| 2001 | June | 13 | Stirling Road | M A Adler | C W Hadley | V W Keene | | | |
| December | 14 | Knowle | | | | | | ME Comp S A Lates PastGSupt | Philosophical Look beyond the Veil |
| 2002 | June | 15 | Stirling Road | C W Hadley | V W Keene | A D Morris | | | |
| December | 16 | Rugby | | | | | | IE J England PProv G Soj(Worcs) | An Explanation of the R A Jewel |
| 2003 | June | 17 | Stirling Road | V W Keene | A D Morris | N C Bister | | | |
| December | 18 | Coventry | | | | | | E Comp Y Beresiner PAGDC (Batham Lecturer) | Fourth Degree of the Ancients |
| 2004 | June | 19 | Stirling Road | A D Morris | N C Bister | E B Bear | | | |
| December | 20 | Stirling Road | | | | | | The Nottingham Sojourners | Principals and Scribes in the R A |
| 2005 | June | 21 | Stirling Road | N C Bister | E B Bear | R J Reed | | | |
| December | 22 | Severn Street | | | | | | E Cmp Stanley Butterworth PPAGSoj | Thomas Dunkerley MEGS |
| 2006 | June | 23 | Stirling Road | E B Bear | R J Reed | B F Owen | | | |
| December | 24 | Warwick | | | | | | Demonstration Team, 9253 Chapter | Ceremony of Exaltation |
| 2007 | June | 25 | Stirling Road | R J Reed | B F Owen | W J R George | | | |
| December | 26 | Atherstone | | | | | | E Comp Bert Markx, Derbyshire | "From Babylon M Excellent" |
| 2008 | June | 27 | Stirling Road | B F Owen | W J R George | T H Sturt | | | |
| December | 28 | Coleshill | | | | | | E Comp Brian F Owen MEZ | Personal Reflections |
| 2009 | June | 29 | Stirling Road | W J R George | T H Sturt | S Butterworth | | | |
| December | 30 | Knowle | | | | | | E Comp Bob Sillett, PGSwdB | The Sacred Name and the Royal Arch |
| 2010 | June | 31 | Stirling Road | T H Sturt | S Butterworth | D G Pettit | | | |
| December | 32 | Rugby | | | | | | | Abandoned |
| 2011 | June | 33 | Stirling Road | S Butterworth | D G Pettit | P G Huckie | | | |
| December | 34 | Knowle | | | | | | E Comp Michael J Price CBE PGSN | Reminiscences of a PGM |
| 2012 | June | 35 | Stirling Road | D G Pettit | P G Huckie | J L Saint | | | |

| Year | Month | No | Venue | MEZ | Installation | H | J | Presenter of Subject of Interest | Subject Matter |
|------|----------|----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2013 | December | 36 | Severn Street | | | | | E Comp Jeremy Mallin | |
| | June | 37 | Stirling Road | P G Huckle | J L Saint | R S Mac | | PPGJ (Worcs) | Why did Cyrus let them go |
| 2014 | December | 38 | Warwick | | | | | E Comp P G Huckle | Another Georgian Wonder |
| | June | 39 | Stirling Road | J L Saint | R S Mac | P A Guest | | MEZ | |
| 2015 | December | 40 | Atherstone | | | | | E Comp Ian A Keech | An interactive Talk |
| | June | 41 | Erdington | R S Mac | P A Guest | P H James | | PPGJ (Beds) | At Yenton, Erdington by Dispensation |
| 2016 | December | 42 | Nuneaton | | | | | E Comp J David Evans | An interactive Talk |
| | June | 43 | Warwick | P A Guest | P H James | G D Evans | | PGStB | |
| 2017 | December | 44 | Alcester | | | | | Apollo Chapter No 301 | The Royal Arch Ensigns |
| | June | 45 | Warwick | P H James | G D Evans | R A Ayling | | | |
| 2018 | December | 46 | Knowle | | | | | E Comp Peter H James | The Platonic Bodies |
| | June | 47 | Warwick | G D Evans | R A Ayling | R L Barker | | MEZ | |
| 2019 | December | 48 | Severn Street | | | | | E Comp John F R Handley | Famous Freemasons |
| | June | 49 | Warwick | R A Ayling | R L Barker | P L Harrison | | PGSwdB PDepGS | |
| 2020 | December | 50 | Knowle | | | | | E Comp Joseph F K-Mazouk | The Temple at Jerusalem |
| | June | | Warwick | | | | | PPGSwdB (Worcs) | Pandemic Suspension |
| 2021 | December | 51 | Warwick | | | | | | Pandemic Suspension |
| | June | 52 | Rugby | R L Barker | P L Harrison | N W Renton | | | |
| 2022 | December | 53 | Rugby | | | | | E Comp John L P Ross | Freemasonry in the Far East |
| | June | 54 | Knowle | P L Harrison | N W Renton | B F Stopford | | PPGSwdB | Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland |
| | December | | | | | | | MEComp J Morrow CBE | 25+ Year Celebrations and the Role of the Steward |
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