

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS
PROVINCE of WEST YORKSHIRE
ANNUAL PROVINCIAL MEETING**

Held at Bradford Grammar School, Keighley Road, Bradford on Saturday 28th October 2023

At 11:00 a.m. the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order. A procession of Distinguished Guests from other Provinces entered Provincial Grand Lodge and were announced as follows.

The Distinguished Guests present from Grand Lodge and other Provinces were;

NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE

R.W.Bro. David Robert Clancey.	Provincial Grand Master.
V.W.Bro. Paul David Barham.	Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Ian Murdoch.	Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
V.W.Bro. Clive Copley.	Past Deputy PGM.
W.Bro. Maurice Hatton.	Prov. G. Chaplain.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Nicholson.	Prov. G. Secretary.
W.Bro. Leslie Race.	Prov. Asst. G. D.C.

WEST LANCASHIRE

R.W.Bro. Keith Alan Beardmore.	Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Giles Berkley.	Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. David Winder.	Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

LINCOLNSHIRE

R.W.Bro. Stephen Hallberg.	Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Philip Aitken.	Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

NORTH WALES

R.W.Bro. John Stanley Evans.	Provincial Grand Master
W.Bro. Philip Joseph Edwards.	Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Colin Anthony Lemin.	Prov. G. Secretary.

EAST LANCASHIRE

W.Bro. David George Rainford.	Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Kevin Reaney.	Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
W.Bro. Brendon Harte	Prov. G. Secretary.

CHESHIRE

R.W.Bro. Gary Raymond Horstman.	Provincial Grand Master.
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W.Bro. Derek Joseph Walsh.
W.bro. John Miller.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

DERBYSHIRE

V.W.Bro. Paul Shephard.
W.Bro. John George Elliott.

P.G.J.O.
Prov. G. Registrar.

CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND

R.W.Bro. Barrie Kirkbride.
W.Bro. Philip Caruthers.
W.Bro. Richard Benn

Provincial Grand Master.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
Prov. G. Secretary.

DURHAM.

R.W.Bro. David Nigel Hanson.
W.Bro. Ronald Trevor Lynn.
W.Bro. Michael James Wilkinson
W.Bro. Alan Gurney

Provincial Grand Master.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
Prov. G. Secretary.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

R.W.Bro. Chris Adkin
Colin Bainbridge

Provincial Grand Master.
Provincial Grand Treasurer

OTHER GUESTS

R.W.Bro. James H. Newman O.B.E.

Provincial Grand Master & Grand
Superintendent (Province of Yorkshire
West Riding)

OPENING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

The Presiding Officer, R.W.Bro. Brian Morris Batty, P.Prov.G.M., the (Acting) Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. James Bennet Truswell, P.Prov.G.M. and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. John Edward Vause, P.G.J.O., accompanied by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge entered in procession. The opening hymn was sung, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Presiding Officer.

TO GIVE SALUTATIONS

The Presiding Officer was saluted with Seven;

In his opening remarks the Presiding Officer welcomed the assembly to Bradford and said he was pleased to see so many Brethren present and offered a very special welcome to all the Distinguished Guests, especially those who were attending our Meeting for the first time.

TO RECEIVE THE INSTALLING OFFICER

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that The Installing Officer, M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Pro Grand Master was without and demanded admission.

The Pro Grand Master entered accompanied. By the following Grand Officers,

R.W.Bro. Andrew C Sweeney		Grand Senior Warden
R.W.Bro. Thomas F Jackson, P.G.S.W.	as	Grand Junior Warden
W.Bro. Rev. Roger Quick, P.A.G.Chap.	as	Grand Chaplain
V.W.Bro. Christopher M L Davies		Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Andrew C Jennings		Dep.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Gary W Allen	as	Dep.G.D.C.
V.W.Bro. Mario Rizzardi, P.G.J.O.		Grand Organist
W.Bro. Paul J Gower		Grand Sword Bearer
W.Bro. Surendra Chauhan		Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. Michael B Smith		Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. Paul Busby, P.A.G.D.C.		Grand Tyler

TO GIVE SALUTATIONS

The Pro Grand Master was saluted with Eleven;

The Installing Officer addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting and directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and ascertain that the Provincial Grand Master Designate was in attendance.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then re-entered the Lodge and informed the Installing Officer that the Provincial Grand Master designate was and requested to be Installed.

TO INSTALL PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER DESIGNATE VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JOHN TREVOR BOLTON, P.G.J.O.

The Installing Officer then directed that the Patent of Appointment be produced to him. The Installing Officer then examined the Patent and directed that the Provincial Grand Master Designate be introduced in proper form. The Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren then retired in procession and preceded by Brethren bearing the regalia, they re-enter the Lodge introducing the Provincial Grand Master Designate.

The Installing Officer then called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to read the Patent of Appointment.

The Installing Officer then addresses the Provincial Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and will enquire if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties. To which the Provincial Grand Master Elect gave his ascent.

The Grand Chaplain then offered a prayer.

The Installing Officer then directed the Provincial Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation, which he then did.

The Provincial Grand Master Designate was then conducted to the right of the Installing Officer and was invested and installed in the Chair.

The Installing Officer was then conducted to his seat by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master was then proclaimed and saluted with Seven, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then enquired of the Provincial Grand Master whom he Appoints as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of –

VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ALAN OLDFIELD, P.G.J.O. as DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

The Provincial Grand Master then directed the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate in proper form.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren then retired in procession and preceded by Brethren bearing the regalia, they re-entered the Lodge introducing the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate.

The Provincial Grand Master then directed that the Patent of Appointment be read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. G. Gary Parker, P.A.G.D.C.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and he enquired if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties. To which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate gave his ascent.

The Grand Chaplain then offered a prayer.

The Provincial Grand Master then directed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation, which he then did.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate, who was conducted to his seat by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then proclaimed under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the Province, with Five

The Deputy Grand director of Ceremonies then enquired of the Provincial Grand Master whom he Appoints as Assistant Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of:

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ANDREW JAMES BROWN, DEP.G.D.C. as ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

The Provincial Grand Master then directed the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate in proper form.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren then retired in procession and preceded by Brethren bearing the regalia, re-entered the Lodge introducing the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate.

The Provincial Grand Master then directed that the Patent of Appointment be read by the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and enquired if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties, to which the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate gave his ascent.

The Grand Chaplain then offered a prayer.

The Provincial Grand Master then directed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Designate who was conducted to his seat by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master was then proclaimed under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the Province with Five.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then presented the By-Laws of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Provincial Grand Master for his confirmation.

The Provincial Grand Master then addressed the Installing Officer.

The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers then retired in procession.

TO APPOINT & INVEST PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS

The Provincial Grand Master confirmed that the current Provincial Grand Officers would continue in Office with the following changes and appointments -

Provincial Rank	Name	Lodge	No.
<i>Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Mark Neville Holland</i>	<i>Haywra</i>	<i>525</i>
<i>Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Clive Hawkins</i>	<i>Bronte</i>	<i>535</i>
<i>Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Robert Darren Barton</i>	<i>Lightcliffe</i>	<i>715</i>

TO RECEIVE AN ADDRESS FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

The Provincial Grand Master gave the following address:

“Brethren, I now have the opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all of you for attending today. Also, publicly, to thank you for the many cards, letters, emails, and telephone calls expressing congratulations, not only to me personally, but also to my Deputy and Assistant. It really has been a humbling experience for us all.

May I also now, somewhat belatedly, extend on your behalf, a very warm welcome to our Distinguished Guests in attendance today. Regretfully, time is not available, on this occasion, to introduce them all individually to you, but as always Brethren, you are most welcome to West Yorkshire.

During my time as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and as a member of the Provincial Executive, I visited all of the Northern Provinces and several others. During that time, I have formed many valued friendships amongst colleagues from other Mark Provinces. I thank these Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren, not only for their friendship, and presence here today, but also for the tremendous support they continue to give to this Province.

Likewise, we are privileged to have the support of many present and past Rulers of the Craft Province of Yorkshire West Riding, and I am delighted to say that R.W.Bro. James Newman, the Provincial Grand Master, and several other members of his executive are here with us today. This support by the Craft is greatly valued and can only enhance the excellent relationships forged between the Craft and Mark by my predecessors. I thank these worthy Brethren for their attendance. It is so much appreciated.

Past and present Rulers of the Royal Arch, and many other Orders and Degrees in Freemasonry, are also with us today. We thank them and extend to them our very best wishes for the continued success of their Orders.

I offer my thanks to W.Bro. Gerry Barker, and his team for organising and running this meeting today. Also, to all the Brethren and Ladies, under the direction of W.Bro. Mike Noel, who are looking after our refreshment needs.

To the Escort and Cushion Bearers, and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Mark Holland, and his team - I thank you.

And I particularly thank the Provincial Grand Secretary W.Bro. Gary Parker, his Deputy, W.Bro. Warren Marsden, and rest of the Secretarial team, for the truly tremendous amount of work they have undertaken to make today such a success.

Brethren of West Yorkshire, I am proud to have been appointed your Provincial Grand Master. I have the honour of succeeding fifteen worthy and illustrious former holders of this Office, no less than 2 of whom are still active in our Province today.

It's good to see them both here today and taking part in our Proceedings. I don't think I am going to be short of advice from that direction Brethren !

Brethren I do, once more, thank you all for your attendance at this Especial Meeting today, for your magnificent support, and for the enjoyment and happiness you bring to Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire.

I pledge that I will use my best endeavours to maintain that happiness - and to take this wonderful Province of ours forward for the benefit of all future Mark Master Masons and their dependants.

Brethren - God bless you all - and Mark Well.

TO CLOSE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, after which the closing hymn was sung, followed by the first verse of the National Anthem.

W.Bro. G. Gary Parker, P.A.G.D.C.
Provincial Grand Secretary