

EComp Robert Ian Frankl Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

EComp Harvey Basger, PGSwdB Deputy Grand Superintendent EComp Paul Gareth Bowen, PAGSoj, Second Provincial Grand Principal EComp David Hudson, PGStB, Third Provincial Grand Principal

Dear Sir and Companion,

10 January 2024

I am directed by the ME Grand Superintendent to inform you that the

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held at KING GEORGE'S HALL, BLACKBURN, BB2 1AA on

KING GEORGE'S HALL, BLACKBURN, BB2 1AA or THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2024, at 3.00 pm.

All Provincial Grand Officers, Principals, Past Principals of Chapters, are hereby Summoned to attend the Meeting. The attendance of all other Companions is invited and would be warmly welcomed.

Companions are required to wear a dark suit or morning dress, an East Lancashire Festival tie, [the Royal Arch or Craft tie or a black tie is acceptable; other ties are not acceptable], Royal Arch clothing. Please note that gloves should not be worn.

Principals of Chapters should wear their appropriate Collars of Office.

Companions are requested to be seated by 2.30 pm at the latest.

Principals and Scribes of all Chapters within the Province are requested to make the contents of this Notice known to their Officers and other Companions.

By Command of the ME Grand Superintendent.

EComp Andrew Holland, PAGSoj

Provincial Grand Scribe E.

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Dinner following the Provincial Grand Chapter Meeting will be served in the Windsor Suite. Tickets may be obtained at £32.00 [excluding wine] from the Provincial Grand Scribe E and are issued on the basis of receipt of an application and the required remittance.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IN PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

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- 1. To open Provincial Grand Chapter.
- 2. To welcome our Distinguished Guests.
- 3. To approve the Report of the Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Blackburn on 16 March 2023.
- 4. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will present the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.
- 5. To receive the Auditors' Report.
- 6. To receive and adopt the Accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter for the year ended 31 December 2023 and to pass a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Auditors.
- 7. To Elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer.
- 8. To Elect the Auditors for the year.
- 9. The ME Grand Superintendent will appoint EComp Paul Gareth Bowen, PAGSoj, as the Deputy Grand Superintendent.
- 10. The ME Grand Superintendent will appoint, EComp, Professor Anthony John Freemont, PGStB, as the Second Provincial Grand Principal.
- 11. The ME Grand Superintendent will re-appoint EComp David Hudson, PGStB, as the Third Provincial Grand Principal.
- 12. The ME Grand Superintendent will re-appoint, EComp Peter Douthwaite, PGStB, EComp Peter Thomas Faulkner, EComp Steven Boyle, PGStB and EComp Dr Mohamad Afsa as Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals.
- 13. The ME Grand Superintendent will appoint EComp Andrew David Taylor, PProvGStB, as an Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals.
- 14. A collection for the 2026 Festival will be taken. [During the collection the Companions will sing Jerusalem]
- 15. To receive a Report from the Provincial Grand Scribe E.
- 16. The ME Grand Superintendent will address Provincial Grand Chapter.
- 17. To Invest the Provincial Grand Officers.
- 18. Any other Business.
- 19. Provincial Grand Chapter will be closed.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Companions are requested not to leave until the procession has left the hall. **Security**: Companions are reminded that they **must not** take a bag, case or outside coat into the Chapter room or the dining room.