

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



MINUTES
of the
Annual Meeting of Grand Council
held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ,
on
Tuesday, 28 October 2014

PRESENT
GRAND MASTER
M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel

PAST GRAND MASTERS
M.W.Bro. M. E. Herbert
M.W.Bro. M. D. Dupee

DISTRICT GRAND PREFECTS

R.W.Bro. J. R. Paternoster	District Grand Prefect for Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement.....	District Grand Prefect for Severn
R.W.Bro. K. P. Roberts, <i>JP</i>	District Grand Prefect for Cheshire and North Wales
R.W.Bro. R. S. H. Hussey.....	District Grand Prefect for Surrey
R.W.Bro. J. P. Croft	District Grand Prefect for Northumberland and Durham
R.W.Bro. R. W. Davis	District Grand Prefect for East Midlands
R.W.Bro. R. J. Bridger	District Grand Prefect for Thames Valley
R.W.Bro. R. A. Dunleavy	District Grand Prefect for Southern Counties
R.W.Bro. A. S. McLaren	District Grand Prefect for East Lancashire
R.W.Bro. R. J. Clare	District Grand Prefect for Essex
R.W.Bro. B. R. Mansell	District Grand Prefect for Spain
R.W.Bro. T. F. Auber	District Grand Prefect for East Anglia
R.W.Bro. C. R. Woodcock, <i>MBE</i>	District Grand Prefect for London
R.W.Bro. C. H. Bull.....	District Grand Prefect for West Midlands
R.W.Bro. J. E. Crosby.....	District Grand Prefect for Cumberland and Westmorland
R.W.Bro. W. R. Seddon.....	District Grand Prefect for West Lancashire
R.W.Bro. R. F. Richardson	District Grand Prefect for Sussex
R.W.Bro. A. D. Vickery.....	District Grand Prefect for Devon and Cornwall
R.W.Bro. D. M. Cordell.....	District Grand Prefect for Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. P. C. Brockbank.....	District Grand Prefect for Kent
R.W.Bro. Dr N. Singh.....	District Grand Prefect for South East Asia
V.W.Bro. A. D. J. Rosser.....	Grand Inspector – Channel Islands

ACTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.W.Bro. Revd W. D. Payne-Jeremiah, <i>JP</i>	Grand Junior Warden
V.W.Bro. Revd T. J. Walker.....	Grand Chaplain
V.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt.....	Grand Treasurer
R.W.Bro. M. H. Lawson, P.G.J.W.	Grand Registrar
R.W.Bro. S. J. B. Barlow, P.Dist.G.Pref.	President of the Executive Committee
R.W.Bro. S. M. Ayres, <i>JP</i>	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.W.Bro. Wg Cdr B. W. Price, <i>OBE</i> , P.Dep.G.M.	Grand Historiographer
V.W.Bro. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, <i>RD</i> , P.G.Reg.	Deputy Grand Secretary
W.Bro. N. J. Murzell.....	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. C. D. Davis.....	Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. A. F. Moore, <i>MBE</i>	Grand Senior Deacon
W.Bro. J. C. Roberts, P.G.J.D.	Assistant Grand Secretary
W.Bro. M. B. Budds, P.G.J.D.	Assistant Grand Secretary
W.Bro. D. Jordan.....	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W.Bro. J. E. Vince, P.G.Reg.	Assistant Grand Chaplain
W.Bro. B. W. Dykes.....	Grand Sword Bearer
W.Bro. W. R. G. Skym.....	Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. M. P. Conn.....	Grand Organist
W.Bro. S. G. Pemberton.....	Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. P. Aitken.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. D. Douglas.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. I. W. Greenwood.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. J. C. Jacobson.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. A. W. Llewellyn.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. D. B. Morris.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. L. J. Millings.....	Grand Tyler

Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of United States of America:
Edward H. Fowler, Jr, Most Venerable Sovereign Past Grand Master

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada:
Prince D. Selvaraj, Most Venerable Grand Master

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees in India:
Madhavan Chellappa, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

R.W.Bro. B.W. Price, P.Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. J. C. Chambers, P.Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. H. Gould, *OBE*, P.Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. B. Addy, P.Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. J. Brackley, P.Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. G. M. Gentry, P.Dist.G.Pref., London
R.W.Bro. A. Glazier, P.Dist.G.Pref., Cheshire and North Wales
R.W.Bro. B. C. Wareham, P.Dist.G.Pref., Southern Counties
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Devon and Cornwall
R.W.Bro. E. B. Goodwin, P.Dist.G.Pref., London
R.W.Bro. C. M. Wilson, P.Dist.G.Pref., Sussex
R.W.Bro. D. G. Hugh, P.Dist.G.Pref., South and East Caribbean

R.W.Bro. A. B. Perry, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. R. G. Fretten, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. R. V. Wallis, *JP*, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. J. W. Turner, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Cdr R. A. Champion, *RN*, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. J. A. Wright, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. N. A. B. Grout, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. M. E. Slater, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. M. W. Guest, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD, FRCS*, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. P. T. Coles, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. T. A. D. Bowler, P.G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. J. Massey, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gan, *JP*, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. M. H. Lawson, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. D. G. Viggers, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. K. D. Kennedy, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. J. S. Wood, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. N. J. Walsh, P.G.J.W.

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

1. OPENING

Grand Council was opened in Ample Form.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Grand Master referred with great regret to the deaths of R.W.Bro. Raymond Marshfield Morrison, P.Dist.G.Pref. for Severn, R.W.Bro. David Carr Hooker, P.Dist.G.Pref. for West Midlands, R.W.Bro. Robert Wilmore Evans, P.Dist.G.Pref. for South Africa, R.W.Bro. Robert Alastair Ingham-Clark, P.G.S.W., R.W.Bro. Edward Laurence Joseph Smith, P.G.J.W., and R.W.Bro. Gordon Percival Higgs, P.G.J.W., together with forty-six other Grand Officers, which had occurred since the previous Annual Meeting of Grand Council.

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

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of Grand Council held on 22 October 2013, having been printed and circulated with the summons for this meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2014, having been printed and circulated with the summons for the meeting and printed as Annex A, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012–2013

On the proposition of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Grand Registrar and carried by the Brethren, the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013, printed as Annex B hereto, were formally approved and adopted.

6. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer presented the Report on the Accounts of Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014.

7. ELECTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

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

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

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

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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

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

Be it known that CLIVE ROBERT MANUEL A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Grand Junior Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges

Overseas and a holder of Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners; Grand Herald of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Provincial Grand Guide in the Provincial Grand Conclave of Kent in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Deputy Grand Master, etc, etc, etc, has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Whom may the Great Disposer of All long preserve.

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

The Deputy Grand Master returned thanks.

9. ELECTION OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

10. APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Deputy Grand Secretary read the names of the Brethren whom the Most Worshipful Grand Master had appointed to Grand Rank for 2014. The Most Worshipful Grand Master invested those present.

ACTIVE OFFICERS

Grand Senior Warden	Andrew Christopher Sweeney
Grand Junior Warden	Malcolm Christopher Moreland
Grand Chaplain.....	Revd Trevor John Walker
Grand Treasurer.....	John Norman George Howitt
Grand Registrar.....	Michael Howard Lawson, P.G.S.W.
President Executive Committee	Kessick John Jones, P.G.S.W.
Grand Secretary	Paul William Tarrant
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	Stephen Michael Ayres, <i>JP</i>
Grand Historiographer	Wg Cdr Brian Ward Price, <i>OBE</i> , P.Dep.G.M.
Deputy Grand Secretary.....	Lt Cdr Angus Patrick Douglas Hannagan, <i>RD</i> , P.G.Reg.
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	Christopher David Davis
Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	David Jordan
Grand Senior Deacon.....	David Leslie Armstrong
Grand Junior Deacon	Dr James Stephen Boyd Mather, <i>PhD</i>
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	Jonathan Charles Roberts, P.G.J.D.
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	Martin Bradford Budds, P.G.J.D.
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Dr Nigel Francis John Scott-Moncrieff
Assistant Grand Chaplain	John Ernest Vince
Grand Sword Bearer	John Thomson
Grand Standard Bearer.....	Keith Cedric McCully
Grand Organist	Michael Peter Conn
Grand Inner Guard.....	Vincent John Driver
Grand Stewards.....	Lucjon Leon Finnis
	Gordon Frederick Setterfield
	Zachariah Howell Dennis Smith
	Alan Charles Trotter
	Andries Johannes Van Der Burgh

Geoffrey George Cheshire
 Grand TylerLeonard John Millings

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Registrar

His Hon. Ian Douglas Gavin Alexander, *QC*
 Desmond Barnett, *JP*
 Glyn Jackson Davies, *JP*
 Brian Harvey Howlett
 John Richard Keys
 Peter John McIntyre
 Brian Francis Richards

Rodney Staines
 Lawrence William Tillett
 Eric Trodd, *KLJ*
 Frederick Alan Walker
 Raymond Edward Roy Walters
 John Harlow Wickes
 Nigel Alan Willows

Past Grand Senior Deacon

Roger William Flitcroft
 Alan Jones
 Donald Jowett
 Geoffrey Alan Keer
 John Guy Miller

Dr Sing Kwee Ong
 Dr Adrian Timothy Peel
 Anthony Robert Poynter
 David Smith
 David Alexander Wright

Past Grand Junior Deacon

Clare John Billin
 Malcolm Stewart Hardman Cambridge
 Geoffrey Catterall
 Robert Chrystie Jnr
 Ian Peter Cox
 Ralph Maxwell Craig, *JP*
 Cyril Esner
 Christopher Charles Farrer
 Ian Foster
 David George Fox
 Philip Freedman
 David Harry Gallear
 John Edwin Green
 Christopher John Hancock

James Millar Heron, *JP*
 Brian Holland
 Peter Gerard Kok
 Ian William Mackenzie
 Leonard John Millings
 Dr Paul Mycock
 Brian Stanley Roake
 Colin Sansom
 Brian William Sharples
Peter John Smith
 Peter Breathet Thomson
 Wilmar Jan Van Hunen
 Trevor Rodney Wilson
 Pak Vui Yap

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Cedric Frank Stiles

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Grand Senior Deacon

Peter Hamilton Rollin

Past Grand Junior Deacon

George Edward Bonham

Anthony Morris

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Gavin Thomas O'Sullivan

Past Grand Standard Bearer

Kevin Michael Aylott
 Douglas Dennis Black
 William Douglas Brown
 Matthew Redgwell Burt

Louis Maurice Keats
 William Kerr
 Dr Anil Kumar Kukreja
 Mun-Wan Lai

Stephen Cariss
Richard Sturgeon Death
Gordon Davies Evans
Maurice Myers Evans
Michael Joseph Flint
Peter Fidelis Fuchter
Shyam Mohan Garg
James Albert Green
Graham Hamilton-Taylor
Larry Anthony Harding
Peter Hegarty
John Charles William Hickman
Martin James Hickman-Ashby
Trevor Jewitt
Andrew Michael Johnson
James William Jordan

Malcolm Reston Melbourne Lloyd
Richard Leyland Low
Stephen George Moe
David Norbury
James Oliver
Dato Richard Guan Seng Ong
Terrence Porter
Michael William Pugh, *JP*
Robert Eric Michael Randall
David Richardson
Ian Graham Scott
Kenneth William Sheppard
Graham Howard Sumner
Alan Rosser Thomas
David Stewart Waters
Edmund Yee-Wah Wong

Past Grand Inner Guard
Kenneth Sidney Berryman
George Leonard Brown
Stephen John Earl
Henry John Emms
Christopher Peter Field
James Adrian Fry
David Andrew Greatrex
Graham John Hancock
John Docherty Scoular Irvine

Michael Francis Jackson-Croker
Selvanayagam Kandiah
Hon Chee Lim
Hugh Malcolm Stoddart
Patrick John Tiddy
Roger Hibbert Till
Samuel Tremble
Keith Roger Duncan Waters
Anthony James Windsor

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

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

12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENTS

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

R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Devon and Cornwall
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Anglia

13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ELECTION

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

R.W.Bro. J. R. Paternoster, Dist.G.Pref. for Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire
R.W.Bro. B. C. Wareham, P.Dist.G.Pref., Southern Counties

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

14. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Grand Master addressed Grand Council as follows:

Brethren, may I begin by thanking you all for making the effort to come, in such excellent numbers, to our new venue in London, possibly this is the first occasion that some of you have been in this spectacular Temple so I hope that you feel the effort to have been worthwhile. We had all got accustomed to the Clarendon Suite at Birmingham, but circumstances beyond our control made the move essential. Fortunately this situation had been anticipated and we were able to book this splendid building in advance.

Our Order has had another very successful and happy year and we continue to grow in numbers, attracting some excellent masons to our Order. As I said last year, expansion is good, but it must be sustainable. I do not wish any Council to have to hand in its Warrant because of a lack of candidates or enthusiasm. This year we have consecrated two new Councils in England: first the T. F. J. Council No. 262 in Barrow and, secondly, the Viscount Leverhulme Council No. 263, both in West Lancashire. However, Brethren, we must not forget that we cannot work in isolation from our Brothers in Craft, Royal Arch and Mark Masonry. We should therefore encourage Brethren to join all three, when the time is right, and then hopefully they will make the next step and come and join us and enjoy our Allied Masonry.

I am pleased to report that our Order continues to expand overseas: March saw me Consecrate the Progress Council No. 261, meeting in Mönchengladbach, Germany; and in July R.W.Bros Michael Guest, Malcolm Slater and others went to South East Asia for Secret Monitor work but also kindly consecrated the Ketabahan Council No. 268, while they were there.

While I have just said that our Order is expanding, both at home and abroad, we did feel that the time was right for us to give our Councils in India autonomy to govern their own affairs and establish a Sovereign Grand Council for India in the Allied Masonic Degrees, with M.W.Bro. Madhavan Chellappa as their first Grand Master. Once again I am indebted to R.W.Bro. Michael Guest and his O.S.M. officers for carrying out the Ceremony of Constituting the new Grand Council. We wish both the Grand Master and all his members well for the future.

We are very fortunate in this Order in having such a dedicated team of District Grand Prefects, all of whom have agreed to continue in office. I would like to place on record my personal thanks for all the hard work which they do for our Order, and especially for the support which they give to each other in their attendance at other District Meetings. It is something which I personally value very highly and know it makes such a difference to the meetings and how others see our Order. There have, however, been changes abroad, with four District Grand Prefects retiring: R.W.Bros Dr Khoo Boo Khean, South East Asia; Robert Thompson, New Zealand; Ronald Webster, South Africa; and Derek Hugh, South and East Caribbean. All of them have given exceptional service to the Order and we wish them well in their retirement. They have been succeeded by R.W.Bros Dr Nirmal Singh, Bryce Smith, Brian Newton and Richard Mayers—we also wish them all every success in their new offices. I mentioned earlier that all the Prefects in England were staying in post, but on 1 Nov I shall go to the District of Severn to install R.W.Bro. Paul Clement's successor, W.Bro. Roland Slater.

R.W.Bro. Paul has been a tower of strength to our Order in this geographically large district, serving it with distinction for many years and I thank him for his commitment to the A.M.D. And we all, I am sure, wish him well in his new role of Grand Supreme Ruler for the O.S.M. and look forward to his Installation on 11 November.

As I said at the beginning, we have had another successful year and this has been due in no small measure to the enthusiasm which has been shown by all my acting officers, especially by both my wardens, whose advice has been given freely, but not always followed! Brethren, I hope that you have enjoyed your year and will be able to look back on it with satisfaction, I have enjoyed being with you. Today marks not only a change in officers for the year, but the President of my Executive has also retired from office. He has given long and devoted service to the Order and we owe him a sincere debt of gratitude—thank you, John.

Our Annual meeting has always been very well supported by the Heads of the Orders, and today is no exception. It is now my pleasure to welcome and introduce our distinguished guests: From the Mark degree we have the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Richard V. Wallis; R.W.Bro. J. Alan Wright, Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters; V.W.Bro. Graham Flight, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine; R.W.Bro. Michael Guest, Grand Supreme Ruler of the Secret Monitor; R.W.Bro. John Paternoster, Supreme Magus, Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; W.Bro. Nigel Willows, First Grand Master Mason of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers (Operatives); R.W.Bro. Andrew Sweeney, Grand Summus of the Scarlet Cord, who I had the pleasure to appoint as my Grand Senior Warden.

And M.W.Bro. Michael Herbert, Grand Master of the Knights Beneficent of the Rectified Scottish Rite and our P.G.M.; what a delight it is to have him with us once again after being taken ill on the morning of Grand Council last year and having to miss our meeting. I know that we are all sorry that our Past Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Tim Lewis, is still not able to be with us. I spoke to him last week and he sends his very best wishes to you all and, needless to say, wishes he were here and not attached to a Zimmer frame at home. Hopefully all three of us will be able to be present next year!

From overseas I have much pleasure in welcoming, in his new capacity as a Past Grand Master in the Grand Council of the Order of Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas, M.W.Bro. Matt Dupee. And may I thank him for the welcome and generous hospitality which he afforded the Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Secretary, and I when we visited Washington in February this year. He is accompanied by Edward H. Fowler Jr., a Most Venerable Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.

From the Grand Council of Canada we have the Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master, Prince D. Salvaraj.

I am especially pleased to welcome M.W.Bro. Madhavan Chellappa, the recently installed Grand Master for the Allied Masonic Degrees in India. And as I said earlier, we wish him well for the future.

From South East Asia the new District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Nirmal Singh and W.Bro. A. Kukreja.

From the South and East Caribbean, R.W.Bro. Derek Hugh, the Past District Grand Master, and he is accompanied by W.Bro. Ralph Craig and W.Bro. Stephen Cobham.

And nearer to home from Spain we have their District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Barrie Mansell and he is accompanied by W.Bro. Robert Munday, W.Bro. S. Preston and W.Bros. T. Porter, D. A. Greatrex and J. W. Jordan, all recipients.

Today, Brethren, I have had the pleasure of appointing or promoting a number of you in Grand Rank. I know from personal experience how happy I felt on those occasions and I am sure that this is true of you all today. Please enjoy your new honour to the full, you all deserve it, but remember, Brethren, that there is still work to be done when you get back to your respective Councils.

Brethren, we all take for granted the logistics of planning these meetings and though we have been as it were on site here in London, there is still much work to be done behind the scenes to make it work smoothly and this has happened today may I therefore on your behalf express my thanks to all the secretarial staff at St James's for the efficient way in which they have planned today's meeting. The same Brethren, is also true of our D.C. and his team who have carried out the ceremonial work for this meeting so efficiently, especially since we are at our new venue. I thank you all for your hard work.

In conclusion, Brethren, I must also thank you for your support and encouragement, not just today but over the last year; it makes my job so easy and enjoyable. I am sure that refreshments await. Continue to enjoy your Allied Masonry and God bless you all.

15. CLOSING

Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the twelve months ended 31 August 2014**

1. Membership

During the past twelve months 230 new members have been admitted to the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order, as at 31 August 2014, was 5402.

2. Appointments

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

W.Bro. Dr Nirmal Singh, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Prefect for South East Asia, with effect from 31 May 2014.

3. New Councils

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

Saint Laurent Du Leman, No. 260 – Unattached, Switzerland
Progress, No. 261 – Unattached, Germany
Thomas Firth Jackson, No. 262 – West Lancashire
Viscount Leverhulme, No. 263 – West Lancashire
Ketabahan, No. 268 – South East Asia

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

Port Elizabeth, No. 165 – Now called Castle of Good Hope, No. 165
St Leonards, No. 60 – Now called Pentalpha No. 60

4. Centenary Warrants

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

Concord TI – West Lancashire

5. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been ruled that **30 April** is the latest date by which recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary. Deaths, resignations and changes of address of Grand Officers must be notified to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible.

6. Obituary

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

R.W.Bro.	Raymond Marshfield	Morison	P.Dist.G.Pref.
R.W.Bro.	David Carr	Hooker	P.Dist.G.Pref.
R.W.Bro.	Robert Wilmore	Evans	P.Dist.G.Pref.
R.W.Bro.	Robert Alastair	Ingham-Clark	P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro.	Edward Laurence Joseph	Smith	P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro.	Gordon Percival	Higgs	P.G.J.W.
V.W.Bro.	Graham Acton	Bracewell	P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro.	Robert Burns	Francis	P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro.	John Lewis Huteson	Piercy	P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro.	Brian John	Wren	P.G.Reg.
W.Bro.	Robert	Kay	P.G.S.D.
W.Bro.	Norman Boyce	Underhill	P.G.S.D.
W.Bro.	David Edward	Burden	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Hugh Peter Rowland	Ferguson	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Geoffrey William	Finney	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Thomas Norman	Halliday	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Michael Kenneth	Pain	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Victor Malcolm	Reedman	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	William Robin	Rouse	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Thomas Gilbert	Sloper	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Joseph	Tombling	P.G.J.D.
W.Bro.	Edward Charles	Branch	P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro.	David	Paterson	P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro.	John Oliver	Saulter	P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro.	David John	Crofts	P.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro.	Joseph Bernard	Alfred	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Keith	Balmforth	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Alan John	Booty	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Ralph	Byrne	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	John Tomlinson	Clewes	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Gerald John Richard	De Freitas	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Francis	Fox	P.G.St.B.

W.Bro.	Michael John	Garratt	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Kenneth Joseph	Hine	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Duncan Hamish	Macdonald	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Harold	Pye	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Eric George	Silvester	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Lewis Arthur	Tovey	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Ronald Hugh	Trippier	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Charles William	Whorne	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Phillip Austin	Williams	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Ralph	Wilson	P.G.St.B.
W.Bro.	Frederick Dennis	Fursman	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	Trevor John Keith	Lambell	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	John Alexander	Newbery	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	Jeffrey Charles	Rhodes	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	John	Taylor	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	Richard Ivor	Wedgbury	P.G.I.G.
W.Bro.	Herman Arthur Wilfred	Dahlhoff	P.G.Stwd.
W.Bro.	Peter	Messenger	P.G.Stwd.
W.Bro.	Frank William	Rosser	P.G.Stwd.

7. **Fees and Annual Dues for the Financial Year 2014-2015**

In accordance with rule 140(viii) of the Constitutions it has been agreed that the standard rate of dues payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 shall be £27.50 per subscribing member. Annual Dues payable by installed Masters Councils will be £13.50 per subscribing member.

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 shall be as set out below:

Warrants

For a new Warrant.....	at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmation.....	at cost
For a Centenary warrant.....	at cost
For a Jubilee Warrant	at cost

Patents

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

Registration

Annual Dues.....	£28.50
Registration of a brother on Reception.....	£27.50
A Joining Brother not previously registered.....	£27.50
A Joining Brother already registered.....	£21.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother not	

previously registered.....	£27.50
Registration of a founding member of a new Council being a Brother already registered	£7.50
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council Certificate	£27.50

Dispensations

Council or Master Elect	£27.50
Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc)	£40.50

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

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

R.W.Bro. S. J. B. Barlow
President of the Executive Committee

V.W. Bro. P. W. Tarrant
Grand Secretary
1 September 2014

Annex B

(insert accounts)

NOTICES

1. **GRAND COUNCIL SUMMONS**

Secretaries of Councils are required to forward copies of this summons to the Master and Wardens of their Council. All members of the Order are eligible to attend Grand Council and should be encouraged to do so.

2. **DINING**

The Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Council on Tuesday, 22 October 2013, at the Clarendon Suites, Birmingham. The dining fee of £39.00 is inclusive of wines, gratuities and V.A.T. Brethren who wish to dine must send a completed seat reservation form and payment for their dining fee to Masonic Support Services on or before Friday, 11 October 2013.

Reservations cannot be made by telephone.

It will be possible to cancel seat reservations without charge provided this is done before noon on Wednesday, 16 October 2013. Dining fees cannot be refunded once this deadline has expired.

3. **CHARITIES WEBSITE**

Brethren are advised of the website with information on all the Masonic Charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall. Information and downloadable forms are available at: <http://www.markbenevolence.org.uk>

4. **LUNCH-TIME FACILITIES AT MARK MASONS' HALL**

Brethren are reminded that the Carvery at 86 St. James's Street is open to all Freemasons, their ladies, and their friends for lunch on Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Reservations may be made by post or by telephoning the Catering Department on Tel. 020 7747 1185.

5. **PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA**

Publications and Regalia for all Orders may be purchased by Brethren from Mark Masons Hall Limited: Tel. 020 7747 1191 (shop) or email: regalia@mmh.org.uk

Shop opening hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Online sales are also available at our Online Shop: <http://www.shopat86.co.uk>

6. **GLMMM WEBSITE**

To keep up to date with events in all orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall go to: www.glmmm.com