



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London.
Held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London
on Thursday 14th July 2016**

Processions

The meeting commenced at approximately 14:00hrs with the Provincial Band 'marching in' the first Procession formed of Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and other Distinguished Brethren.

The second procession entered Provincial Grand Lodge formed of Right Worshipful Brethren and Past Senior Members of the Province.

The third procession entered Provincial Grand Lodge formed of R.W. Bro David Ivor Williams Past Provincial Grand Master of the Province accompanied by the banners of the Time Immemorial Lodges of the Province.

The fourth Procession consisted of the Provincial Officers for 2015-2016. After they had turned inwards the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Fredrick Ashbolt entered Provincial Grand Lodge and took his seat on the dais. After which the Provincial Grand Officers took their seats.

Delegations

The fifth Procession consisted of the Nonagenarian members of the Province.

The sixth Procession was a delegation of Worshipful Masters of the Province.

The seventh Procession was a delegation of Worshipful Commanders of the Province.

The eighth and Final Procession was a delegation of newly Advanced Brethren of the Province.

To Open Provincial Grand Lodge

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 14:20hrs.

To salute the Provincial Grand Master

The Provincial GDC called the Brethren to order to salute the Provincial Grand Master with Seven.

To receive the Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro John Herbert Prizeman

The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master entered the Lodge & having taken his seat was saluted with nine and he then thanked the Brethren for their warm and fraternal greetings.

To receive the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro Raymond John Smith

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master entered the Lodge & having taken his seat was saluted with nine and he then thanked the Brethren for their warm and fraternal greetings.

Welcome Distinguished Guests

The PGM introduced all the Distinguished Brethren attending the meeting which was followed by the Brethren of the Province of London giving them all a warm welcome.

R.W. Bro George Bonham PGM of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire responded on behalf of all the guests.

In Memoriam

The Brethren remained seated while the names of the members of the Province who had passed away in the preceding year were scrolled on a large screen in the West, following which prayers were offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Finally "Abide with Me" was sung by the assembled brethren.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 9th July 2015 included in the Summons booklet were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

Roll of Provincial Grand Officers

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that all the Provincial Grand Officers were present with the exception of those unavoidably absent by reason of sickness or other pressing emergencies.

Roll of Lodges

The Provincial Grand Secretary also confirmed that all of the 97 Provincial Mark Lodges and 79 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges were represented.

Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary

The Provincial Grand Secretary's report was included in the Order of Proceedings and he advised that he had nothing to add.

Report of the Provincial Treasurer and Accounts

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31st August 2015 being included in the Order of Proceedings, the Provincial Grand Treasurer advised he had nothing to add by way of comment on the 2015 accounts.

2016 will prove more of a challenge. R.W. Bro PGM you had the honour and privilege to preside over the GM L of I Festival earlier this year and a wonderful occasion it undoubtedly was. However I had the trauma of writing out the cheque to pay for the Grand Temple and I am still in therapy.

On a more serious note, despite providing a total of 6 vehicles from the minibus appeal, notwithstanding that the target was just one or with luck, perhaps a second, roughly half of our Lodges are still continuing to support you by subscribing to The Mark Benevolent Fund "Hope for Tomorrow" appeal to gain their axe and MBF Collaret. Whilst you have the undoubted and unwavering support of all your executive in this endeavour it is unquestionably your passion, drive and personality combined with your attendance at so many of your Lodges that has inspired such generosity. Indeed, since the appeal closed last July, I have received over £25,000 in donations and I am sure that your brethren would wish to acknowledge your commitment and leadership with acclamation.

A proposition by W. Bro. Peter Brassett acting Provincial Grand Senior Warden, seconded by W. Bro. David James Provincial Grand Junior Warden to approve and adopt the Accounts was passed by the Brethren.

Report of the Provincial Grand Almoner

The Provincial Grand Almoner's report was included in the Order of Proceedings and he advised that he had nothing to add.

Report of the Provincial Grand Charity Stewards

The Provincial Grand Charity Steward's report was included in the Order of Proceedings and W. Bro Ray Johnson advised that he had nothing to add.

Elections

There being only one nomination in the Order of Proceedings for Treasurer: W. Bro. Stephen Fenton was re-elected.

The only nominations received were as shown in the Order of Proceedings for Account Examiners: V. W. Bro. Peter Cornish and W. Bro. Geoffrey Aldridge were re-elected.

To elect a trustee of the Provincial Benevolent Fund: W. Bro Richard Higginson was re-appointed.

Appointment of Account Examiners for the Provincial Benevolent Fund It was proposed by W Bro Derrick Silver Provincial Grand Registrar & seconded by W Bro Anthony Selkus Provincial Grand Master Overseer to appoint BSG Valentine Accountants Ltd. as Account Examiners of the Provincial Benevolent Fund. The Proposition was duly carried

Donations

W. Bro Stephen Fenton Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed and W. Bro. Derrick Silver Provincial Grand Registrar seconded that the sum of £5,000 be donated to the personal list of the Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire in support of the 2017 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival; the proposition was carried. The PGM then presented a cheque to R.W. Bro Richard Olliver who gave a suitable reply.

W. Bro Stephen Fenton Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed and W. Bro. Derrick Silver Provincial Grand Registrar seconded that the sum of £10,000 be donated towards the Metropolitan Air Ambulance appeal; the proposition was carried

Appointment and Investiture of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master

The PGM informed the Brethren that it was his intention to appoint W. Bro Thomas Quinn to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial GDC formed an Escort to escort W. Bro Thomas Quinn accompanied into the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the patent of appointment, after which W. Bro. Thomas Quinn confirmed his acceptance of the duties of the office.

After the Provincial G. Chaplain had offered prayers W. Bro. Tom took his obligation and was then invested by the Provincial Grand Master. After being proclaimed W. Bro Thomas Quinn was saluted with five & gave a suitable reply.

Under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to re-appointment and investiture of V.W. Bro Jeremiah Daniel Gangadeen & W. Bro Hugh Edwin Henry Hobson as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

The PGM informed the Brethren that it was his intention to appoint W. Bro Clifford Mark Sturt and W. Bro Timothy John Joseph MacAndrews to be Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. The Provincial GDC formed an Escort to escort W. Bro's Clifford Sturt and W. Bro Tim MacAndrews into the Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the patent of appointments, after which W. Bro's Sturt & MacAndrews confirmed their acceptance of the duties of the office.

After the Provincial G. Chaplain had offered prayers W. Bro's Cliff and Tim took their obligation and were then invested by the Provincial Grand Master. After having taken their seats W. Bro's Cliff and Tim together with the re-appointed APGM's were saluted with five. W. Bro Cliff Sturt then thanked the Brethren for their salutation on behalf of all the APGM's.

Appointment & Investiture of Provincial Grand Officers

The PGM appointed and invested his Officers for the year, after which he gave promotions and first appointments to Past Rank to a further 117 Brethren. The PGM was also pleased to appoint 6 brethren to PProvGStwd.

Provincial Grand Master's Address

Well Brethren another year in the history of the Province has flown by, and what a year we have had yet again. It has been a busy year for our active Provincial Officers, with full team visits to 20 of our Lodges covering many important occasions. I would like to thank those Lodges for the warm welcome they gave to me and the team and I would also like to thank the active officers of the year

who accompanied me on those visits. I know they enjoyed those visits as they kept coming back for more. Looking at the list of attendees, some of those Officers accompanied me on nearly all of those visits and to those Brethren appointed to active Provincial Rank today, I give fair warning that the schedule of visits planned for next year will be just as extensive.

Once again there have been over 70 delegation visits made by the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and of course our Wardens, who now make a minimum of 4 visits each Season. This year, the Provincial Grand Secretary has also headed a couple of Delegations of his own and I thank you Alan for this further support of the Province on top of everything else you do for London Mark. Brethren these Delegation visits are well supported by our Past and Present Provincial Officers and enjoyed by everybody and if you have not signed up to attend one then you are missing out on a very special aspect of this Provinces activities. Details of all of these visits can be found on the web site.

In terms of recruitment, our Province is still going from strength to strength, and I am delighted to announce this year that we have continued to maintain an upward trend. This is truly remarkable and due in some measure to the efforts of V.W. Bro. Bill Divall, and his Team and of course our Awareness Evenings. As of last night we have advanced a total of 163 new Mark Men and elevated 80 into the Royal Ark Mariner Degree this year, and we have another 40 waiting to be elevated so I guess we must be doing something right! Many of those new Advancees have come into the Mark Degree so that they can be Founders of a Lodge that will be called the Aegean Lodge that I will be Consecrating on the 7th December. Due to the hard work and dedication put in by the Primus Master Bro. Marios Stylianides we now have 70 Founders and I thank him for his endeavours.

Brethren there is never room for complacency and with that in mind we are about to launch a further initiative for the 2016/17 season to try to ensure that we nurture the interest and enthusiasm of our new Advancees by offering them opportunities for further involvement in our Mark Lodges. Look out for an announcement on our website and through our London social media page in the next few days. Also look on the website for details of a proposed London Mark Scouting Lodge, W. Bro. Tony Harvey is leading this project of which the prime purpose is to create closer ties between Mark Masonry and Scouting in London. It may be that with the support of the members they take over one of our weaker Lodges, its early days but I am confident that it will happen in the near future.

I would now like to congratulate all of those Brethren who have received Provincial Honours today. These honours are recognition for the service you have given to your own Lodges and the Province in general and I am confident that you will continue that loyal service for many years to come.

I am pleased to say that amongst those who received a first appointment or promotion today, 87 have decided to join the Provincial Grand Officer's Mess. The Mess meets twice a year - once at lunch time and once in the evening. These are informal occasions and give Mess Members the opportunity to listen to some interesting and often humorous talks, and to meet and mix in a relaxed, social atmosphere with members of the Executive and other Provincial Officers.

I was delighted to see so many of this year's Advancees here today taking part in their Procession, and whilst I know that I was present at several of your advancements and welcomed you into your Lodges at the time, I would now like to welcome you to Provincial Grand Lodge. Brethren, you have joined a beautiful and important Degree in Freemasonry and I wish every one of you a long and happy association with us. This year we have continued our tradition of presenting you with a commemorative lapel pin that has been produced solely for those Advancees who are able to attend the Provincial Meeting in the year of their Advancement. Brethren, look after those pins and wear them with pride they are unique to London Mark.

It was also pleasing to see so many of our Masters and Commanders process into Provincial Grand Lodge, Brethren, do enjoy your year in office and remember it's fun. Do not be afraid to ask for help with such matters as the ritual; and whilst a good standard of ritual is something to be aimed at, support of your fellow Members, your Lodge, and its many activities by regular attendance and general contribution at Meetings is just as important. I am sure that you have already been invited to

join the Installed Masters and Commanders Lodges. Please give this some serious thought as these meetings are also most enjoyable and a further opportunity to mix with your peer group and the Executive.

What a delight it was to see our Nonagenarians process in, we all owe them a great deal of thanks, as they have been a huge part of the development of this Province, this procession is now a regular highlight of today's proceedings and Brethren on your behalf I wish them all many more years of attending and enjoying this Meeting.

Brethren I would now like to give some recognition for service to the Province. Each year outstanding contribution to the work of our Province is recognised by the Provincial Grand Master's Award for Service Token.

This is given to only one of our members and is always a tricky one to call as we have so many who contribute so much to the success of the Province. I have decided this year to present the token to someone who is well known by all of you as he attends the majority of the official visits as well as our other functions to take the photographs; and I don't know how he does it but they appear on the web site within 24 hours. He has been the driving force behind the Hope for Tomorrow CD that is now on sale at £10-00. And along with his team, he has also been responsible for the production of the Year Book. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will you please escort W. Bro. Chris James of Henniker Lodge to me so that I can present him with his token as well as one of the special lapel badges.

It is a tradition in our Province that the extraordinary charitable efforts of the late Very Worshipful Brother Desmond Bowditch are remembered, each year the Executive, after taking into account the size of membership of a particular Unit decides which Lodge has made the greatest contribution to charity. This year the Desmond Bowditch Purse is awarded to the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 4, Bro. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will you please escort W. Bro. Terry Cover-White, Secretary of the Lodge to me so that I can present him with the purse.

I would now like to update you about our Provincial Charities. Both the Benevolent Fund and the Provincial Grand Master's Discretionary Fund have been well supported by you all, and both have been quietly working away bringing relief and support where needed. Do not forget Brethren that the money in these funds is only there because of your generosity so please contact one of the Provincial Almoner's if you know of any Brother that needs support. Brethren when our members are in distress and need support, the Mark Benevolent Fund moves swiftly to aid them. This Fund relies on its income from our festivals and the generosity of our members. I am proud that 10 members and 15 Lodges of this Province have this year attained MBF Honorifics and I am delighted that we have the President of the MBF R.W Bro. John Wright with us today and he has kindly agreed to make the presentations Provincial Grand Sec. would you please read the names of the recipients.

Individual Awards

Michael Melia	Henniker	Grand Patron Gold
Wes Hollands	Euclid	Grand Patron Gold
Meharban Jutla	Keystone	Grand Patron
Norman Mindel	Prince Leopold	Grand Patron
Ron Venn	FitzRoy	Grand Patron
MC Black	University of London	Grand Patron
Nigel Harris	Woodard	Patron
Thomas Quinn	Semper Fidelis	Patron

Lodges

Old Kent	OKTI	Grand Patron Gold	Clive Cooper
Prince of Wales	4	Grand Patron Gold	Richard Maggs
Commemoration	1091	Grand Patron Gold	Aby Obadiah
Drury Lane	1228	Grand Patron Gold	Colin Brookman

Bon Accord	BATI	Grand Patron	Stuart Henderson
Thistle	8	Grand Patron	David James
Keystone	107	Grand Patron	Vincent Hunt
Grafton	415	Grand Patron	John Cooper
FitzRoy	815	Grand Patron	Michael Mullally
Prudence & Verity	932	Grand Patron	Ron Bateman
Lapis Lapsus	987	Grand Patron	David Ashbolt
Piscator	1336	Grand Patron	Brian Wright
Mahajan	1856	Patron	John Palmer
Euclid	1748	Vice Patron	Ken Benjamin
Equator	1889	Vice Patron	Rohit Pattni

I am sure you all know about the current MBF major project which is to supply 10 mobile Chemotherapy Units before 2018, no mean feat at a cost of over £260,000-00 each. Before I tell you about our Mini Bus Appeal W. Bro. Trevor Bond the Chairman of the Friends of Zetland Court wishes to address us for a few minutes.

Following the completion of our Mini Bus Appeal, where we managed to purchase no less than 6 buses in just over 2 years for the RMBI Homes as listed on the web site, we have, because of requests from many of our Lodges decided to let the Appeal continue under the title

The London Mark MBF Appeal supporting Hope for Tomorrow.

This is so that Lodges can continue to achieve the various levels of Patronage like the Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates as well as the Platinum (the Axe) it would not be fair to say to Lodges, you almost made the level but sorry you have now "missed the Bus"!

Any monies now donated to the Appeal are ring fenced in our Benevolent Fund and then periodically forwarded to the MBF where they count towards the donating Lodge's MBF Honorifics. Since the rebranding of the Appeal no fewer than 11 Lodges have managed to top-up their donations to the Platinum level and have, or soon will be presented with their Axes Once again many thanks to W. Bro. Charlie Newman of Drury Lane Lodge who is producing the axes and donating them to the appeal. To date he has produced 52 and he tells me that he now has enough sustainable hard wood in stock to produce another 50, so if you want one, you know what you have to do. There is one on display on the Junior Wardens pedestal this afternoon and it will also be on display at the dinner tonight so that you can see what you are aiming for.

The last item under Charities is for me to tell you of two new initiatives with reference to the MBF and the Annual Provincial Festivals. As most of you know when a Province is in Festival, a Festival Jewel is produced to help with promoting the Festival. Many of the Provinces have volunteered to take a stock of the 2017 Berkshire Jewels to sell in their own Provinces to give additional support to Berkshire in the year of its Festival. Last year in London we sold over 1200 of the 2016 Devon Festival Jewels which resulted in another £12,000 towards the Devon MBF final total, which by the way was over £1,000,000, a truly magnificent sum.

I look upon this initiative as an investment, as I am sure that the next time we in London are in Festival we can rely on the same kind of support. Everybody helps everybody. If just 50% of the Mark membership bought one of these jewels at just £10 each the Fund would raise enough money each year to purchase one of the Chemotherapy Units out right. As these Jewels are current for a year the true cost is less than 20p a week and of course the sooner you buy one the more value for money you get. If like me you buy your suits from the Oxfam Charity Shop you may not want to pin a badge on the jacket lapel, if so I suggest you purchase one of these inserts, you can get them from Lisa in the shop at Mark Masons Hall, they are £1-50p each and should last you a life time.

Honest Paul Cutts and his persuaders have a supply of the jewels and will be outside the Temple as we leave for those not dining and will be moving around the tables at the Dinner. Please support this initiative if you can. In addition, you might want to consider becoming a Festival Steward of the year, all of the monies given count towards your personal MBF Honorific, and in the first year you will

qualify as a Life Subscriber which entitles you to wear one of the special lapel badges, this is a wonderful way to get on the Honorific ladder, paperwork will be on the tables tonight, please do not leave them there, rather put them in your pocket and when you sober up tomorrow you can give it some serious thought.

I will never forget the generosity of those 1300 plus members who bought the tie slide, myself, the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters starting in the new season will continue to take wine with you at the festive boards, going forward however it will be taking wine: -

With those wearing the Tie Slide and or the 2017 MBF Festival Jewel

The other initiative is one started by the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, R.W. Bro Archie Torrance, that is the wearing of MBF collarets and Jewels at the Festive Board. I think this is a wonderful idea and so I have decided that London members can follow suit if they wish. It is not compulsory but rather up to the individual. Both of these initiatives will hopefully raise the profile of the MBF even higher. I am sure we are all proud of our MBF so let's continue to demonstrate our support for all of the good work it does.

Today V.W. Bro. Bill Divall has because of family and work commitments, stood down as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bill's input into the success of the Province over the last 15 years has been of tremendous importance, He carried out the duties of Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary for 2 years; 4 years as an APGM and for the last 5 years has been my valued and trusty Deputy. Whilst we will miss his input to and supervision of Provincial matters, he has promised to continue his support of the various projects that he has generated in recent years. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies please escort V.W. Bro. Bill to me so that I can present him with his jewel and collarets as a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

I now look forward to working with Tom Quinn as my Deputy, and I am confident that he will contribute the same high level of commitment and enthusiasm to this role, as his predecessors have done before him. I also had the pleasure of reappointing V.W. Bro. Jerry Gangadeen and W. Bro. Henry Hobson as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, both of whom have given sterling service during the year. It was a special delight for me to appoint W. Bros. Cliff Sturt and Tim MacAndrews as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and I wish them well in their new roles.

V.W. Bro Paul Muston has today retired by rotation as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master and I would now like to thank him for his term in Office. He is another Brother who has served us well, 5 years as Provincial Grand Secretary and then 4 years as an APGM. During that time his enthusiasm and dedication has contributed to the success story of the Province. I know we all wish him well with his retirement plans in East Anglia. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will you please escort V.W. Bro. Paul to me so that I can present him with his Past APGM's jewel and collaret.

Brethren a Province of our size needs a lot of helping hands and I am grateful for all of the hard work put in by so many of you throughout the year, especially W. Bro. Alan White and the Secretariat, W. Bro. Wes Hollands and his Ceremonial team and our Treasurer W. Bro. Stephen Fenton, all of them have worked tirelessly on our behalf.

Our outgoing Chaplain W. Bro Howard Markham who is stepping down after 5 years of leading the Spiritual aspects of our ceremonies - I wish him well for the future and I know we have not seen the last of him.

To all of the members of our committees I am indebted, our Care Committee has a very important role to play and they have served our Province well, I must in particular thank our Provincial Almoner W. Bro. Gavin O'Sullivan who has worked diligently in his role, keeping the Executive informed of any problems or hardships within our Lodges.

The Communications Committee has continued to excel. The online Newsletters are fun to read, and the year book continues to be a most popular publication not only with our members but also the other

orders in London who contribute to the cost of it. I am indebted to W. Bros. Henry Hobson, Cliff Sturt, Chris James, Andy Bull, Ian Shepherd, Richard Criddle and the rest of the team for the hard work they have put in to their respective offices. I am grateful to our Photography Team who generate, so promptly, the visual records of our Official Visits, if you attend one of these Official Visits you will normally be able to view the photographs taken within 24 hours on the website. Brethren we are never complacent regarding the image of our Province and we always strive to keep up to date with developments in technology and with this in mind the Communications Team is at an advanced stage regarding the redesign and refurbishment of our web site. Watch out for a re-launch of our site in the coming months.

Brethren a lot of hard work goes into the organisation of this meeting and I am grateful to all of those Brethren who attended early this morning to set up the Temple and the dining room. Without their efforts, today would not have been as successful as it has been.

Once again thank you to all of our distinguished guests who have honoured us with their presence today. I am sure we are all delighted to see R.W. Bro. David Williams our Past Provincial Grand Master with us today. It is a special delight for us to have my predecessor R.W. Bro. Ray Smith now the Deputy Grand Master with us, he tells me that he only turns up to keep an eye on me. and of course he has brought along R.W. Bro. John Prizeman the Assistant Grand Master as "shot gun". I know we all wish you both well in your new roles in our order.

A special thank you and welcome to the members of the Ancient Order of Mowing who are here today in large numbers, their support for the Province is quite unique and I wish them happy mowing for years to come. As promised there will be fresh pineapples on the Mowers table tonight, but I am sorry the chef could not organise the baked hedgehog.

I must give our musicians a bumper thank you for their input into our meeting, they have now become an essential part of the proceedings and their music is I am told enjoyed by you all. I am sure we are all looking forward to the London Medley which they have agreed to play during the collection. And of course a mention for our organist W. Bro. David Cresswell.

Finally, Brethren my greatest thanks goes to you the members of this wonderful Province who have turned out in huge numbers yet again to support this Provincial Meeting. We have 570 members dining tonight which is a record. Your support not only at this Meeting but at all of the other events that take place during our Masonic year is magnificent, and it really makes my role as PGM so satisfying and enjoyable.

God bless you all, Mark Well and thank you.

To Collect Alms

Alms were collected and raised £3,377.00p (plus Gift Aid where appropriate) in aid of the Provincial Benevolent Fund.

To consider any other business

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had received apologies from a number of Provincial Grand Masters, Brethren from other Provinces and Brethren of this Province, all of whose names has been duly recorded. All have sent their best wishes to you and all present.

Brethren, I am delighted to report, that in my first year as Provincial Grand Secretary we have a record number of Brethren booked in to dine! We are dining in the Grand Hall of the Grand Connaught Rooms. Dinner will commence at 6:00 pm. Seating plans have been placed at the entrance of the hall. The main Reception will be in the Balmoral Suite, where there is a wine reception and a cash bar. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will receive his invited guests to a **TICKET ONLY** reception in the Drawing Room. If there are any brethren who have not booked to dine, but now wish to do so, will they please book in at the Help Desk, which is situated outside the Dining Hall.

There being no further business to be brought before Provincial Grand Lodge, it was closed in due form at 16:50hrs. All present then joined in singing the National Anthem followed Jerusalem the closing Hymn, where after the PGM retired in Procession.

After the Receptions were finished more than 560 Brethren dined together in the New Connaught Rooms, where the customary toasts were honoured.

Alan J White
Provincial Grand Secretary
July 2016