



SPECIAL CONVOCATION

of the

**Provincial Grand Chapter
of
Royal Arch Masons of East Lancashire**

Installation of

EComp Jack Price

as

ME GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

by

THE PAST THIRD GRAND PRINCIPAL

MEComp David Kenneth Williamson

King George's Hall, Blackburn

18 June 2008

**Special Convocation
held at King George's Hall, Blackburn
Wednesday, 18 June 2008**

Registered Present:

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

EComp David K Williamson Past 3rd Grand Principal
EComp Jonathan Spence, PGSN Grand Director of Ceremonies
EComp Nigel Brown, Grand Secretary
EComp James M Long, *TD* Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
EComp Phillip Purves Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
EComp Oliver AW Lodge, *TD*, PDepGDC as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
EComp the Rev'd Bruce D Harry, PGSwdB as Grand Chaplain
EComp Lt Cdr Norman J Nuttall, *RN*, PGSoj as Grand Janitor

ME GRAND SUPERINTENDENT DESIGNATE

EComp Jack Price

GUESTS FROM NEIGHBOURING PROVINCES

Cheshire

EComp Timothy RR Richards, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp Leslie B Ward, PAGSoj, Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals
EComp Peter E Carroll, PGStB, Provincial Grand Scribe E

Cumberland and Westmorland

EComp John Hale, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp Richard Parker, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent
EComp Henry D Hogarth, PAGSoj, Second Provincial Grand Principal
EComp Peter J Lightburn, Third Provincial Grand Principal
EComp W Kenneth Wilson, Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Shropshire

EComp James Hodgson, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp John Williamson, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent
EComp Bernard K Downing, Third Provincial Grand Principal

Derbyshire

EComp Thomas E Briggs, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp Donald R Dodsley, Past Grand Superintendent

Isle of Man

EComp George Peake, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp Charles Craine, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent
EComp David P Downie, Second Provincial Grand Principal
EComp Norris L Mills, Third Provincial Grand Principal
EComp Michael Shimmin, Provincial Grand Scribe E
EComp David Cowell, PGStB, Provincial Grand Treasurer
EComp Howard Kelly, PGStB, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

Yorkshire, West Riding

EComp John Clayton, ME Grand Superintendent
EComp John A Briggs, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent
EComp S Keith Roberts, PGSt
EComp John Rushworth, PGStB, Provincial Grand Scribe E
EComp John Bramley, PAGDC, Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals

West Lancashire

EComp Dr Steven PJ Reid, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent in Charge

Durham

EComp Raymond Snaith, PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent in charge
EComp Eric Heaviside, PGStB, [Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge]

North Wales

EComp Arwyn M Jones, PGStB, Second Provincial Grand Principal

Yorkshire, North & East Riding

EComp Bruce Harrison, PGStB, Third Provincial Grand Principal

Other Distinguished Guests

EComp Bruce D Harry, PGSwdB
EComp Gerald Wilde, PGSwdB
EComp Keith Dalrymple, PGSwdB
EComp Brian A Jackson, PGSwdB
EComp Sydney Ford, PAGSoj
EComp Norman Thompson, PGStB
EComp Christopher Connop, PProvAGSoj
Comp Keith Blackham
Comp Paul Crudge

East Lancashire

EComp A Axford *OBE, TD, DL* PGSwdB
EComp VF Hodgson PGSwdB
EComp SM Blank PDepGDC
EComp DT Bell PAGSoj
EComp Dr NG Bramley-Haworth PAGSoj
EComp WR Davenport PAGSoj
EComp HAJ Garnett PAGSoj
EComp IF Hancox PAGSoj
EComp H Hesmondhalgh PAGSoj
EComp DB Howells PAGSoj
EComp F Kemp PAGSoj
EComp A Rothburn PAGSoj
EComp R Taylor PAGSoj
EComp DJ Walsh PAGSoj
EComp H Woodward PAGSoj
EComp MK Worsley PAGSoj

EComp AJ Adler	PGStB
EComp JA Banks	PGStB
EComp H Basger	PGStB
EComp R Batters	PGStB
EComp CJ Bolton	PGStB
EComp DCH Brown	PGStB
EComp JJ Clubbe	PGStB
EComp JD Cook	PGStB
EComp N Cope	PGStB
EComp MB Cuttle	PGStB
EComp DJ Day	PGStB
EComp JG Durnall	PGStB
EComp MB Hill	PGStB
EComp B Horne	PGStB
EComp JF Huddart	PGStB
EComp RG Inskip	PGStB
EComp JE Jackson	PGStB
EComp AC Johnson	PGStB
EComp W Marchant	PGStB
EComp EF Marks	PGStB
EComp PRB Messum	PGStB
EComp RS Norris	PGStB
EComp AH Nuttall	PGStB
EComp WJ Porter	PGStB
EComp DL Pilling	PGStB
EComp DK Pryce	PGStB
EComp N Rayner	PGStB
EComp GH Scaife	PGStB
EComp D Schofield	PGStB
EComp MF Shaw	PGStB
EComp DC Stevens	PGStB
EComp J Sutcliffe	PGStB
EComp T Thomas	PGStB
EComp DH Thompson	PGStB
EComp JE Thompson	PGStB
EComp J Thompson	PGStB
EComp DN Thornhill	PGStB
EComp RT Unsworth	PGStB
EComp J Whitfield	PGStB
EComp R Smith	PAGDC
EComp PJ Swain	PAGDC

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

EComp H Alan J Garnett, PAGSoj.....	ProvGSE
EComp M Landriau.....	ProvGSN
EComp RI Frankl.....	ProvGTreas
EComp AJ Pearson.....	ProvGReg
EComp W Marchant, PGStB.....	ProvGDC
EComp SJ Horridge.....	ProvGSwdB
EComp P Watson.....	ProvDepGReg
EComp C Whitaker.....	ProvDepGDC
EComp HA Lyons, PProvDepGReg.....	ProvDepGDC
EComp A Holland.....	ProvDepGDC
EComp R Gillks.....	ProvDepGSwdB
EComp B Horne, PGStB.....	ProvGAlm
EComp DH Geldard.....	ProvGChStwd
EComp P Cotton.....	Prov1stAGSoj
EComp J Edwards.....	Prov2ndAGSoj
EComp MP Nicholson, PProvDepGSwdB.....	ProvAGSE
EComp L Ashton.....	ProvGStB
EComp RJ Cleeve.....	ProvGStB
EComp A McGovern.....	ProvGStB
EComp FGH Smith.....	ProvGStB
EComp J Smith.....	ProvGStB
EComp DE Hawkins.....	ProvGOrg
EComp G Hodson.....	ProvAGDC
EComp J Kennedy.....	ProvAGDC
EComp J Porter.....	ProvAGDC
EComp AP Sinclair.....	ProvAGDC
EComp J Beecroft.....	ProvGStwd
EComp SG Booth.....	ProvGStwd
EComp P Clark.....	ProvGStwd
EComp N Cooper.....	ProvGStwd
EComp DJ Cowen.....	ProvGStwd
EComp H Dalton.....	ProvGStwd
EComp SG Marlor.....	ProvGStwd
EComp A Renshaw, QPM.....	ProvGStwd
EComp P Smillie.....	ProvGStwd
EComp S Smith.....	ProvGStwd
EComp JA Stahler.....	ProvGStwd
EComp D Williamson.....	ProvGStwd
EComp G Wilson.....	ProvGStwd
EComp S Woolfe.....	ProvGStwd
EComp I Ronson, PProvGSwdB.....	ProvGJan

and the Past Provincial Grand Officers, the Principals, Past Principals, Officers and Companions of private Chapters, the recorded attendance being 595.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the MEComp David Kenneth Williamson, the Past Third Grand Principal, assisted by Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter.

MEComp Williamson addressed the Companions and stated the object of the meeting.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, EComp Jonathan Spence, PGSN, submitted the Grand Superintendent designate's Patent of Appointment to the Installing Officer for inspection.

The Installation Officer having examined the Patent directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a deputation to introduce the Grand Superintendent designate.

The escort was formed of the following Companions, all of whom were the First Principals or Past First Principals of the Chapters named:

EComp Keith M Marsh.....	Empire Chapter No 3803
EComp Philip G Myers.....	Nativity Chapter No 126
EComp Ian Dewar.....	Cana Chapter No 116
EComp John T Grundy	Unanimity Chapter No 42
EComp Robert Collins	Concord Deane Chapter No 37
EComp Steven Barton	Wisdom Chapter No 283
EComp Harry Wildman	St John's Chapter No 221
EComp John Kershaw	Benevolence Chapter No 226
EComp Martin Stott.....	Prince Edwin Chapter No 128

The Grand Director of Ceremonies and the deputation of nine First Principals and Past First Principals, then re-entered the Chapter with the ME Grand Superintendent Designate, EComp Jack Price. He was greeted with spontaneous, but very very sustained applause.

The Patent was read by the Grand Scribe E, EComp Nigel Brown.

The Installing Officer then addressed the Grand Superintendent Designate and said: "Companion Price, you are fitted by your Masonic experience for the task that lies ahead of you in this Province and I know that it will flourish under your guidance as before, but I must now ask you formally whether you can conscientiously undertake the duties of the Office to which you have been appointed?"

The ME Grand Superintendent Designate, EComp Price, having replied in the affirmative, and after prayer, was then Obligated, Robed, Invested and Installed by the Installing Officer, who was then conducted to a seat on the right of the ME Grand Superintendent.

The ME Grand Superintendent then appointed EComp Roy Taylor, PAGSoj, as the Second Provincial Grand Principal and EComp Rev'd Donald Keith Pryce, PGStB as the Third Provincial Grand Principal.

ME Grand Superintendent: "Companion Roy Taylor thank you so much for agreeing to accept the important office of Second Provincial Grand Principal, I must now ask, do you formally and conscientiously agree to accept the duties of the Office of Second Provincial Grand Principal?"

EComp Taylor having replied in the affirmative, was then Obligated, Robed, Invested and Installed by the ME Grand Superintendent.

ME Grand Superintendent: “Companion Pryce you were invested for the first time as Third Provincial Grand Principal by my predecessor and I thank you so much for agreeing to continue in office. We have enjoyed many happy evenings in both the Craft and the Royal Arch. I know that you will continue to bring those qualities to the Royal Arch, but I must ask do you formally and conscientiously agree to accept the duties of the Office of Third Provincial Grand Principal?”

EComp Pryce having replied in the affirmative, was then Obligated, Robed, Invested and Installed by the ME Grand Superintendent

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the ME Grand Superintendent and the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals.

The ME Grand Superintendent then appointed EComp Allan Bennion, PAGSoj as Deputy Grand Superintendent.

ME Grand Superintendent: “Companion Allan Bennion, who unfortunately is unable to be with us today due to holidays. I will be delighted to invest him at the next meeting of the East Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers’ Chapter No 3747 on 9 October 2008.”

The ME Grand Superintendent then confirmed the appointment of the following Companions as Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals:

- EComp David H Thompson, PGStB
- EComp William J Porter, PGStB
- EComp Peter RB Messum, PGStB
- EComp Trevor Thomas, PGStB
- EComp Donald Simpson, PGStB [to be invested later]

The ME Grand Superintendent confirmed the appointment of the other Provincial Grand Officers.

The By-Laws of the Province were presented to the Grand Superintendent.

The ME Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions.

ADDRESS BY THE ME GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ME Grand Superintendent: “Most Excellent Companion Past Third Grand Principal, Distinguished Guests and Companions, it is my belief that today is not for making pronouncements about policy, nor about strategy.

Suffice to say, that the vision of my predecessor has my support, though doubtless the “style” may differ.

What I do wish to say, in simple terms, is that I have derived immense pleasure during the last three and a quarter years serving as your Deputy Grand Superintendent, with a team that is second to none. I am immensely proud of them and equally proud of you.

My message is – please encourage membership of the Royal Arch amongst Brethren in your Lodges – Be patient with new Companions; allow them to feel at home. Don’t expect too much

too soon. Share the work – to be actively involved successfully in a small portion of the work is greatly uplifting to newer members.

Remember the pressures on younger and the not so young men today – the concept of a “job for life” no longer exists, so time is not always available and we have to recognise and allow for this. Above all make sure that new Companions are never left to feel isolated or ill at ease but are supported and cared for. I have found in good measure, that our Chapters are havens of warm companionship where Masonic development and genuine friendship are fundamental to enjoyment and participation.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your presence here today. You Sir, and our friends from the Supreme Grand Chapter, our Distinguished Guests, the Provincial Grand Scribe E, members of the Secretariat and the many volunteers who have looked after all the arrangements. The ProvGDC and his Deputies and Assistants and all those unnamed Companions who have worked tirelessly for our welfare and protection.

Companions, I look forward with the help of the True and Living God Most High to sharing a bright future with you, throughout our wonderful Royal Arch Province.

[APPLAUSE]

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in solemn and antient form, after which all joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

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