

The Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England & Wales and Districts & Councils Overseas.



District Grand Council of Kent

District Grand Secretary's Report 2015

Right Worshipful District Grand Prefect and Brethren, it is my pleasure to present my seventh report as District Grand Secretary for the District of Kent.

Like last year - I will start with an on this day fact. On this day, Saturday 21st February 1952: The British Government, under Winston Churchill, abolished identity cards in the UK; with a view of "setting the British public free".

As usual, I shall start again with the Statistical Report for this District. During the last twelve months the District has seen seven new members Introduced, Received and Admitted into our Order. This again is an increase on last year by one – however may I again quote as I always do at this point – "Quality – not quantity". Sadly our number was reduced by the death of four of our members, W.Bro's. Michael Pain and Frank Rosser and Bro's. John Field and John Stanton along with two resignations from the same Council. In 2014 - I reported the Order in Kent had remained static at 178 for the years 2013 & 2014. The Order in Kent, this past year has slightly increased. We now stand with a membership figure of 179.

The District website continues to grow and has turned up another "cold caller" who has used it to enquire about the Order in Kent. That cold caller has now entered the warm and been admitted to the Paddock Wood Council only last month, something our District Grand Prefect is very happy about. The gateway to the Allied in Kent is shared with the Royal and Select Masters for Kent. It continues to be updated on a quarterly basis.

The Councils within the District are promoting their stock of ties, cufflinks and lapel badges, and these are selling very well. If you would like to be properly dressed at our Allied meetings in Kent – then please see your Council Secretary. These are also again on sale here today at the continued reasonable price of £14.50 for a silk tie. Along with the District cufflinks, designed and marketed by our District Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Phil Clare at the super price of only £10.00 with jacket lapel pins selling at £5.00 each.

Today we have on sale books on the History of the Order they are on sale today at the reasonable price of £5.00.

You are also able to take away with you today District of Kent pens. This is a personal gift from our District Grand Prefect.

My personal continued gratitude and thanks again go to the seven Council Secretaries within our District for their assistance and prompt responses to my requests. Their attention to submitting the annual returns back to me by the due

date again this year was very much appreciated not only by me, but by the Grand Secretary as well.

Again this year, heartfelt thanks must also go to my new Assistant District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Jody Townsend for his help and assistance, not only with this meeting but throughout his first year in the job and to W.Bro's Peter McIntyre, William Balderston, Paddy Langdown, Trevor Harrison and David Raymond their assistance so far at the last four District meetings. A big thank-you also, must go to our District Photographer today – Bro. Mark Bassant who has helped with recording the memories of these wonderful meetings.

Visiting other Districts across the country remains an important and great duty for the District Grand Prefect, the Deputy District Grand Prefect and the District Grand Secretary. Between R.W.Bro. Brockbank and W.Bro. Apperley - the District of Kent has been represented at 17 of the 19 other Districts within the Order.

Again, as in previous years, my thanks at this point also go to the District Grand Secretaries of the other Districts. I have recently been reminded that I am now the most senior District Grand Secretary in the Order. Since I took over from V.W.Bro. Roger O'Brien. I have seen many, many changes across the other Districts. But still their help, support and friendship remains an added comfort and I too thank them for that.

I submit my great personal appreciation for the large number of Kentish Brethren that attended Grand Council last October. Congratulations must also go to those Brethren who received Grand Rank appointments, re-appointments and promotions. My congratulations also to the Brethren receiving promotion re-appointment and first appointments in District Grand Rank today.

Finally, I look forward to the working relationship and friendship I have with both the District Grand Prefect and the Deputy District Grand Prefect over this, my eighth and final year as the District Grand Secretary for the District of Kent.

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District Grand Secretary for Kent.