



District Grand Council of Kent

Minutes of the 18th meeting of the District Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees for Kent held at the Franklin rooms, Gillingham, Kent. Saturday 21st February 2015.

The Brethren were called to Order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre and distinguished guests and visitors of the District of Kent were received into the District Council meeting and were seated.

Again, the Brethren were called to Order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies and the District Grand Prefect for Kent, R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Prefect for Kent, W.Bro. Ralph Mannings Apperley and the District Officers of District Grand Council entered in procession.

There were present:

W.Bro. W.Bro. W.J. Balderston P.G.Std.B.–District Grand Senior Warden
W.Bro. W.Bro. C.W. Corder P.G.Std.B.- District Grand Junior Warden
W.Bro. *Rev.* Howard Thomas Pashley P.G.Std.B. –District Grand Chaplain
W.Bro. Philip Charles Clare P.G.Std.B. –District Grand Treasurer
W.Bro. Jason Cameron-Potter, P.G.Swd.B. – District Grand Secretary
V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre, P.D.G.D.C. –District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Kevin Christopher Johnson – Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. David Raymond –District Grand Senior Deacon (acting)
W.Bro. Trevor Marley Sharpe –District Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. David Jordan – Asst. District Grand Director of Ceremonies (acting)
W.Bro. J. Ian Thomas –District Grand Sword Bearer
W.Bro. Alan David Moore –District Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. Jody Alan Townsend –Asst. District Grand Secretary
W.Bro. Peter Basil Torres –District Grand Organist
W.Bro. John Norman Lloyd –District Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. Anthony John Maslin –District Grand Tyler

There were 55 Brethren from the District of Kent and 39 guests present, a total of 94 Allied Masons according to the signing in registers.

The District Grand Council of Kent was then opened in due and ancient form with solemn prayer by the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank at 11.00 a.m.

The Brethren were called to Order by the V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre and R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank was saluted.

The minutes of the 17th District Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees for Kent held on Saturday 15th February 2014 having been circulated to all the Brethren of the District of Kent were confirmed and accepted as a true record.

R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank then welcomed the guests of the District of Kent:

From **Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John Paternoster.
From **Surrey**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Raymond Hussey, the District Grand Director of Ceremonies; W.Bro. Frank Powell, the past District Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Stephen Briney, W.Bro. Paul Fitzgerald and Bro. Alan Zimon, who sadly had to retire to his hotel, due to feeling unwell.
From **Thames Valley**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Ronald Bridger the District Grand Secretary; W.Bro. Richard Skym, and the Assistant District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Paul Rush.
From the **Southern Counties**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Richard Dunleavey and the Deputy District Grand Prefect; W.Bro. David Smith.
From **Essex**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Ray Clare, the Deputy District Grand Prefect W.Bro. David Spring and the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Robin Fagence.
From **East Anglia**, the District Grand Prefect R.W.Bro. Thomas Auber and the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Geoff Keer.
From **London**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Colin Woodcock, and the Deputy District Grand Prefect W.Bro. Steve Warwick.

From the **West Midlands**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W. Bro. Clifford Bull the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. David Ursell, the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Barry Jones and the District Grand Steward, W.Bro. J. Mark Parker.

From **Cumberland & Westmorland**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Eddie Crosby, and W.Bro's. Colin Walker, John Brown and Graham Roberts.

The District Grand Prefect for Kent mentioned the sudden death of the Deputy District Grand Prefect for Cumberland & Westmorland, W.Bro. John Miller.

From **Devon & Cornwall**, the District Grand Prefect R.W.Bro. Tony Vickery and Bro. Ian Grimble.

From **Severn**, the District Grand Prefect, R.W. Bro. Ronald Slater, who confirmed to our DGP that he was in possession of the item for a new DGP!

From **Sussex**, the Deputy District Grand Prefect W.Bro. Toby Pratt, and the District Grand Secretary W.Bro. Gene Earland.

From the **East Midlands**, the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Alan Shearer, W.Bro. Bloss Billin the Past District Grand Senior Warden and W. Bro. Frank Shedden the District Grand Senior Warden.

From **East Lancashire**, the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Trevor Jewitt.

From **South and East Caribbean**, the Inspectorate Secretary, our very own, W.Bro. Ralph Craig.

W.Bro. Lloyd Lloyd of the Grand Masters Council #166

And Bro. John Hughes of the Metropolitan Council TA.

From the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Province of Kent, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master **Very Worshipful Brother David Green**, and both of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, **Worshipful Brother Fredrick Brown** and **Worshipful Brother Ralph Mannings Apperley** who is also the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Summus for Kent in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord and the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent in the Order of the Secret Monitor.

From the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple the Provincial Prior for Kent **Right Eminent Knight Peter John McIntyre** who is also the Past Deputy District Grand Master for the Order of Royal and Select Masters, the Past Depute Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent and the Sub Prior Very Eminent Knight **Colin Paul Tunbridge**.

From the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, the Grand Superintendent for District Number five **Right Eminent Knight Priest Paul Butler** who is also the Past Substitute Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.

From the Order of the Secret Monitor, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent **Right Worthy Brother Peter John Wise** who is also a past Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Kent, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent, **Worthy Brother Trevor Marley Sharpe**.

From the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord **Right Distinguished Companion Lucjon Finnis** the Provincial Grand Summus for Kent, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, **Distinguished Companion Trevor John Harrison**.

And joining the Brethren at the festive board will be the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark degree in Kent, Right Worshipful Brother **Archibald Iain Torrance** and the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in Kent, Brother **Clive Taylor**.

Also present were: **Right Worshipful Brother, John Bonomy** the past Provincial Grand Master for the United Grand Lodge of England, Province of East Kent, a past Deputy Intendant General of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine Division of Kent, who is also a Past Grand Senior Warden in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Right Worshipful Brother, Noel Alfred Brian Grout, the past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Kent of the Order of the Secret Monitor a past Provincial Sub Prior for Kent of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple, who is also a Past Grand Senior Warden in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Worshipful Brother, John Alfred Edmondson, the Past Grand Superintendent for District Number five for the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, past Intendant General for Kent of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine and a past Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Kent.

Worshipful Brother, Roger William Odd the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the United Grand Lodge of England, Province of East Kent.

Worshipful Brother, Peter David Williams an Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the United Grand Lodge of England, Province of East Kent, who is also the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Kent and the Past Intendant General for Kent in the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Worshipful Brother, Roland John Wade the Past Provincial Grand Master for Kent for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Worshipful Brother Peter Basil Torres a past Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Kent.

Right Distinguished Companion John Alfred Dalley the Past Provincial Grand Summus from the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord for Kent who is also the past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Order of the Secret Monitor in Kent.

Worshipful Brother, Frank Lucas Powell the Deputy Intendant General for Surrey of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine.

The Deputy District Grand Prefect rose and read the names of Brethren who had passed to higher service. They were: W.Bro. Michael Kenneth Pain, Invicta Council 54 - DOD: Saturday 19th April 2014, W.Bro. Frank William Rosser, West Kent Council 66 - DOD: Monday 23rd June 2014, Bro. David William Field, Paddock Wood Council 88 – DOD: Friday 4th July 2014 and Bro. John Dennis Stanton, Paddock Wood Council 88 - DOD: Saturday 13th September 2014.

The District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Jason Cameron-Potter called the roll of Councils in the District of Kent. All were represented. This was followed by his report for the year, a copy which forms part of these minutes.

The District Grand Secretary's report for the District Grand Council of Kent having been circulated, was proposed and seconded by the District Grand Wardens and adopted by all the Kent Brethren.

The District accounts for the District Grand Council of Kent having been circulated were presented by the District Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Philip C. Clare in a very swift manner. Account examiners W.Bro Paul Butler and Raymond Hudson both rose to confirm the accounts were correct. These were proposed and seconded again by the District Grand Wardens and adopted by all the Kent Brethren.

The newly admitted brethren admitted to the Order in Kent since the last annual District meeting were invited, yet unable to attend except: Frederick Brown – The White Cliffs of Dover Council 210, whom the District Grand Prefect received and welcomed, presented Bro. Brown with a Grid Iron lapel badge.

The District Grand Prefect announced that he had received only one name for Treasurer, W.Bro. Philip Charles Clare of the Hartley Council who was prepared to stand for re-election, declared him elected as the District Treasurer for the ensuing year.

W.Bro's Paul Butler and Raymond Hudson were both re-elected District account examiners for the ensuing year. W.Bro's. Butler and Hudson both rose and again, accepted the duties of the post.

W.Bro's David Raymond and Tony Lewis were both elected to serve on the Executive Committee of District Grand Council. W.Bro's Raymond and Lewis both rose and accepted the duties of the post.

The District Grand Prefect for Kent, R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank, then reappointed the Deputy District Grand Prefect for Kent, W.Bro. Ralph Mannings Apperley.

The Brethren were called to Order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre and W.Bro. Ralph Mannings Apperley was saluted.

Appointments were read by the District Grand Secretary as follows:

W.Bro. W.Bro. Jamie Allan P.G.Std.B.–District Grand Senior Warden
W.Bro. W.Bro. Roland Till P.G.Std.B.- District Grand Junior Warden
W.Bro. *Rev.* Howard Thomas Pashley P.G.Std.B. –District Grand Chaplain
W.Bro. Philip Charles Clare P.G.Std.B. –District Grand Treasurer
W.Bro. Jason Cameron-Potter, P.G.Swd.B. – District Grand Secretary
VW.Bro. Peter John McIntyre, P.G.Reg. –District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Kevin Christopher Johnson – Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. David Raymond –District Grand Senior Deacon
W.Bro. Anthony Lewis –District Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. Colin (Jake) John Jackson – Asst. District Grand Director of Ceremonies (absent)
W.Bro. David Miller –District Grand Sword Bearer
W.Bro. Paul Hutchinson –District Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. Jody Alan Townsend –Asst. District Grand Secretary
W.Bro. Peter Basil Torres –District Grand Organist
W.Bro. Brian Ward –District Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. Geoff Whale –District Grand Tyler
R.W.Bro. John Bonomy P.G.S.W.– Past District Grand Senior Warden
W.Bro. John Edmondson P.G.Std.B.– Past District Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Mark Bassant – Past District Grand Junior Deacon

The District Grand Prefect then gave his address to the District Grand Council of Kent, a copy which forms part of these minutes.

Alms were collected and amounted to £313.65.

The District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. J. Cameron-Potter rose and reported the apologies of four District Grand Prefects, fourteen Deputy District Grand Prefects, twelve District Grand Secretaries, twelve Men of Kent and ten Kentish men.

He then went on to announce that the next District Grand Council meeting for Kent will be held on Saturday 20th February 2016 again at the Franklin rooms.

District Grand Council was closed in due and ancient form at 12.30 p.m.

The national anthem was sung.

The Brethren were called to Order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre and the District Grand Prefect for Kent, R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Ralph Mannings Apperley and the District Officers of District Grand Council retired in procession.

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W.Bro. J. Cameron-Potter. P.G.Swd.B.
District Grand Secretary for Kent.

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R.W.Bro. Peter Christopher Brockbank
District Grand Prefect for Kent.

There were 108 brethren dining at the festive board.