



## **THE ORDER OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**



### **DISTRICT OF KENT**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Order of Royal and Select Masters, District of Kent, held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Franklin Rooms, Franklin Road, Gillingham, Kent.

#### **PRESENT**

#### **DISTRICT GRAND OFFICERS**

R. III. Comp. John Bonomy OBE	Presiding Officer
R. III. Comp. Terrence Bowler	As Deputy District Grand Master
III. Comp. Raymond Hudson	As District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
V. III. Comp. Noel Grout	As District Grand Chaplain
III. Comp. David Norris	District Grand Treasurer
V. III. Comp. David Viggers	District Grand Recorder
III. Comp. Douglas Bonomy	District Grand Director of Ceremonies
III. Comp. Brian Holland	District Grand Lecturer
III. Comp. Peter Munn	Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies
III. Comp. David Miller	District Grand Captain of the Guard
III. Comp. Mark Woolcott	District Grand Conductor of the Council
III. Comp. Jason Cameron-Potter	As Assistant District Grand Director of Ceremonies
III. Comp. Jake Jackson	As District Grand Sword Bearer
III. Comp. Kevin Johnson	District Grand Standard Bearer
III. Comp. Trevor Harrison	Assistant District Grand Recorder
III. Comp. Michael Bailey	District Grand Organist
III. Comp. David Rogers	District Grand Steward
III. Comp. R. Till	District Grand Manciple
Comp WA.J. Taylor	District Grand Manciple
III. Comp. Brian Meeres	As District Grand Sentinel

Total: 20

#### **GRAND COUNCIL INSTALLING OFFICERS**

M. III. Comp. Kessick J. Jones	Grand Master
R. III. Comp. His Hon. Ian D.G. Alexander Q.C.	Deputy Grand Master
R. III. Comp. Lt. Col. John C. Chambers	Grand P.C.W.
V. III. Comp. Louis M. Keats	Grand Chaplain
III. Comp. John C. Roberts	as Grand Recorder
R. III. Comp. Paul A. Norman	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. III. Comp. Graham D. Seeman	as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
III. Comp. Peter E. Ribi	Grand Captain of Guard
III. Comp. Malcolm Burkett	as Grand Sword Bearer
III. Comp. John H. Hitchen	Grand Organist
III. Comp. Michael C. Newman	Grand Standard Bearer
III. Comp. Brian R. Barden	as Grand Steward
Comp. Leslie Nash	Grand Sentinel

**Total 13.**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

- R. III. Comp. Colin David Hellyer **DGM Hertfordshire**  
R. III. Comp. Vincent J Driver **DGM London**  
R. III. Comp Nicholas Murzell **DGM Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire**  
R. III. Comp. John Harvey **DGM Northumberland**  
R. III. Comp. David JF Rawlins **DGM Warwickshire**  
R. III. Comp. Christopher Gibson Lewis **DGM Middlesex**  
R. III. Comp David John Blackburn **DGM Surrey**  
R. III. Comp. Neil Thomas Woodward **DGM North and East Yorkshire**  
R. III. Comp. David M Cordell **DGM West Yorkshire**  
R. III. Comp. Peter Thomas Coles **DGM East Anglia**  
R. III. Comp. Dr Alan Beckerton **DGM Derbyshire**  
R. III. Comp Gwilym Hayden Jones *OStJ* **DGM South Wales**  
R. III. Comp. Kenneth Leonard Downes, J.P. **DGM Wyvern**  
R. III. Comp. Norman Dunkeld Milburn, **PDGM Cumberland & Westmoreland**  
R. III. Comp. Thomas Frederick Auber **P.G.Coun.**  
V. III. Comp. Desmond C Preece MBE. **G.Lect.** Dist.G.Rec. **South Wales.**  
V. III. Comp. Chris Court **PGlect DepDGM** DistGPCW **Somerset and Wiltshire**  
V. III. Comp. Tony Edwards, **PGlect**, PDistGPCW **Essex.**  
V. III. Comp. Timothy Hancock **PGlect** DepDGM **Oxon, Berks & Bucks**  
III. Comp. John Tomlin **PGCaptGd.**, DistGPCW **Northumberland**  
III. Comp. Geoffrey Frederick Spencer, **P.G.Capt.Gd.**, DepDGM. **East Anglia**  
III. Comp. Jack Love **PGCaptGd.** DepDGM **Surrey**  
III. Comp. Malcolm RS Thomas **PGCaptGd** DepDGM **Warwickshire**  
III. Comp. Ivor Bryan Tynan **PGCondC** DistGPCW. **Derbyshire**  
III. Comp. John A. Loat, **PGCondC.** DepDGM. **West Yorkshire**  
III. Comp. Keith Surry **PGCondC.** DistGPCW **Somerset and Wiltshire**  
III. Comp. John S Priestley **PGCondC.** DepDGM. **North and East Yorkshire**  
III. Comp. F. Jeremy Shaw. **PGCondC.**, DistGPCW **Dorset, Hampshire & IoW**  
III. Comp. Michael Spicer, **PGCondC.** DepDGM. **Middlesex**  
III. Comp. Thomas James Spinks **PAGDC**, DistGPCW **North and East Yorkshire**  
III. Comp. Jeff Bennett, **PAGDC**, DistGPCW **Middlesex**  
III. Comp. Bernard F Marchant **PAGDC** DepDGM, DGM Designate **Sussex**  
III. Comp. David Else **PAGDC.** DGPCW **Surrey**  
III. Comp. Michael Raymond Scanes, **PGSwdB**, Dist.G.Rec. **East Anglia**  
III. Comp. Norman Grant **PGStB** District Welfare Officer **Sussex**  
III. Comp. Frank L Powell **PGStB**  
III. Comp. Kevin Gillespie **PGStwd** DGPCW Designate **Sussex**  
III. Comp. Malcolm John Kidd DGPCW **South Wales**  
III. Comp. Paul Harrison Dist.GDC **Warwickshire**  
III. Comp. Terry Carpenter Dist.G.Rec. **Surrey**  
III. Comp. Gordon MacLean District Grand Manciple. **London**  
Comp. John Berry – Guest of KJJ

Total: 34

## HEADS OF OTHER ORDERS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES OF THE DISTRICT

R. Ill. Comp. Graham Smith	P. Dist. GM, Dist. G. Insp. Cayman Islands	
Comp. Clive Manuel	D. G. M. Allied Masonic Degrees	
Ill. Comp. Roger Odd	Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Craft)	EastKent
Ill. Comp. David Green	Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Mark)	Kent
Ill. Comp. Ralph Apperley	A. P. G. M. (Mark), Dep. D. G. P. (AMD)	Kent
Ill. Comp. Peter Brockbank	District Grand Prefect (AMD)	Kent
Ill. Comp. David Jordan	Provincial Prior (KT)	Kent
Ill. Comp. Paul Butler	Dist. G. Superintendent District No5 (KTP)	Kent
Ill. Comp. Lucjon Finnis	Provincial G. Summus (S.C)	Kent
Ill. Comp. Peter Wise	Provincial Supreme Ruler (OSM)	Kent
V. Ill. Comp. Roland Wade	P. Provincial Grand Master (Mark)	Kent
Total: 11		

## ATTENDING COMPANIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Ill. Comp. R.D. Jakes <b>PGCaptGd</b>	Ill. Comp. E.J. Head <b>PGCondC</b>
Ill. Comp. D. Edge <b>PGCondC</b>	Ill. Comp. W.E.J. Sparkes <b>PAGDC</b>
Ill. Comp. I.W. Tough <b>PGSwdB</b>	Ill. Comp. T.M. Sharpe <b>PAGDC</b>
Ill. Comp. A. Taylor <b>PGSwdB</b>	Ill. Comp. E.G. Plaistowe <b>PGSwdB</b>
Ill. Comp. B. Meeres <b>PGStB</b>	Ill. Comp. J.S. Allan <b>PGStB</b>
Ill. Comp. J.N. Lloyd <b>PGStB</b>	Ill. Comp. R.G. Hartley <b>PGStB</b>
Ill. Comp. D.W. Miller <b>PGStB</b>	Ill. Comp. B. Holland <b>PGStwd</b>
Ill. Comp. M. Turner P. Dist. G. Cond. C.	Ill. Comp. C.P. Tunbridge P. Dist. G. Swd. B.
Ill. Comp. C.D. Boak P. Dist. G. St. B.	Ill. Comp. D.A. Griffiths P. Dist. G. St. B.
Ill. Comp. D.S. Waters P. Dist. G. Stwd.	Ill. Comp. A.J. Dive P. Dist. G. Stwd.
Ill. Comp. D. Edwicker P. Dist. G. Man.	Ill. Comp. M.D. Stevens M.B.E., P. Dist. G. Man.
Ill. Comp. P.B. Waters	Ill. Comp. A.L. Lipscombe
Ill. Comp. T.I. Lundegard	Ill. Comp. J.A. Townsend
Ill. Comp. V.B. Parrott	Ill. Comp. A.G. Boaler
Ill. Comp. R.J. Howlett	Ill. Comp. T. Willis
Comp. J.A.H. Andrews	Comp. A. Baker
Comp. D. Bond	Comp. A.J. Gillespie
Comp. M.F. Hearn	Comp. J. Rudd
Comp. T.G. Russell	Comp. R. Short
Comp. C. Smith	Comp. A.J. Waspe

Total: 40

This gives a total of 118 which is in agreement with the signing in sheets.

R. Ill. Companions entered in procession and took their seats in the Temple.

The Presiding Officers entered and assisted by Officers of the District opened the District Grand Council in due form at 10.45 hrs.

Following a report the Grand Director of Ceremonies was admitted and announced that the Installing Officer, M. Ill. Comp. Kessick John Jones Grand Master, was without and demanded admission.

The Grand Master entered in procession accompanied by the Assisting Officers and accepted the gavel.

The Installing Officer appointed his officers as listed above.

The Grand Master, M. Ill, Comp. Kessick J. Jones, was saluted with eleven times nine under the direction of the GDC.

The Installing Officer called on the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Councils within the District; all were well represented.

The Installing Officer addressed the companions on the objects of the meeting, he described the major contribution that the outgoing District Grand Master, R. Ill. Comp. Roger JE O'Brien, had made to the Order in General and to the District of Kent in particular. Roger was standing down after 9 years and as the second most senior District Grand Master. He had been tireless in enthusiastically promoting the Order within the District, had presided over the introduction of the Silver Trowel degree to the District with the formation of the Kings of Kent Council and was highly regarded throughout the constitution. He would be a hard act to follow. The Grand Master wished him well in his retirement.

The M. Ill. Grand Master announced that he had appointed Ill. Comp. Trevor M. Sharpe to be District Grand Master for Kent and directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that the District Grand Master Designate was in attendance.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then formed a deputation to escort the District Grand Master Designate into the District Grand Council.

The District Grand Master Designate and his escort entered in procession attended by Ill. Comps J.A. Townsend and K.C. Johnson as Cushion Bearers and Ill. Comps A.G. Boaler (14), A.L. Lipscombe (38), A.J. Dive (39), R. Till (180), R. Howlett (185) and T. Willis (239) as Escorts

The Grand Recorder read the District Grand Master's Patent of Appointment.

The Installing Officer addressed the District Grand Master Designate, Ill Comp Trevor M Sharpe, is a lecturer in Marketing with an interest in gardening and the guitar he is married with two children. He is well known in other masonic orders, as is evidenced by today's attendance of over 100. The Provincial Supreme Ruler OSM received apology for "poaching" his Deputy. The new District Master must now regard himself as his representative, leading, guiding and continuing to set an example to the Companions of the District. To be aware of the standard of work within his District and to continue to strive to maintain the high reputation of the Order within the other masonic bodies in Kent.

The District Grand Master Designate knelt and prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The District Grand Master recited his obligation and was then invested and installed by the Installing Officer.

The District Grand Master was proclaimed by and saluted with seven times nine under the direction of, the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The District Grand Master thanked the companions for their salutation and greeted them well.

The District Grand Master announced that he was appointing Ill. Comp. Jamie S. Allen as his Deputy and requested the DeputyGDC to form an escort and to introduce the Deputy District Grand Master Designate into the Temple.

The Deputy District Grand Master Designate and his escort entered in procession attended by Ill. Comps J.A. Townsend and K.C. Johnson as Cushion Bearers and Ill. Comps A.G. Boaler, A.L. Lipscombe, A.J. Dive and Roland Till as Escorts

The Grand Recorder read the Deputy District Grand Master's Patent of Appointment.

The District Grand Master addressed the Deputy District Grand Master Designate. He recorded that Jamie (not James) had been initiated in 1970 and was a member over many orders over a wide geographical range.

The Deputy District Grand Master Designate knelt and prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Deputy District Grand Master Designate recited his obligation and was then invested and installed.

The Deputy District Grand Master was proclaimed by and saluted with five times nine under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The District Grand Master announced that he was appointing Ill. Comp. Mark C. Bassant as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and to introduce the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Designate into the Temple.

The Deputy District Grand Master Designate and his escort entered in procession attended by Ill. Comps J.A. Townsend and K.C. Johnson as Cushion Bearers and Ill. Comps A.G. Boaler and A.L. Lipscombe as Escorts.

The Grand Recorder read the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Works' Patent of Appointment.

The District Grand Master addressed the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Works' Designate. Mark who has a Financial Planning business has long held office a masonic treasurer and secretary, he is Chief Executive of the Cornwallis Charity. His hard work had been rewarded by his appointment as AGDC at the Grand Council Meeting in April. The District Grand Master recorded his delight that Ill Comp Mark had agreed to continue as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

The District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Designate knelt and prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work recited his obligation and was then invested and installed.

The District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was proclaimed by and saluted with five times nine under the direction of, the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Grand Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council and Steward were replaced by their District equivalents.

The District Grand Master confirmed the District By-laws.

The District Grand Master addressed the Installing Officer.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present Ill Comp Douglas Millegan Bonomy to him. He then described Ill Comp Bonomy's long service to the District, as ADC in 2006 and then as DC from 2007 until today's meeting. During that time he had been zealous in discharging his duties throughout the District and in addition to his input to the ritual had been the District Grand Master's de facto chauffeur. He was therefore acknowledging this effort by making a field appointment to the rank of Past Grand Lecturer. He congratulated V. Ill. Comp. Bonomy on his promotion and reminded him that field appointments are free of fees of honour. (*Applause*)

The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers retired from the Temple.

**ITEM 41:** Following a Eulogy the Companions stood to order in respect of departed merit for the passing of Ill. Comp. W.J. Balderston (38), Comp. E.R.J. Tunbridge (239), Ill. Comp. L Warne (167), Ill. Comp. M.E. Cheeseman(14) and Ill. Comp J.A. Dalley (38).

**ITEM 42:** The minutes of the previous meeting of District Grand Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 having been made available to all Companions were approved and signed by the District Grand Master.

**ITEM 43:** The District Recorder's report having been circulated prior to the meeting was taken as read.

**ITEM 44:** The accounts having been made available to all members, together with the Treasurer's Report (and following the report by the Account Examiners) were duly adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and the Account Examiners. They were Proposed by Ill. Comp. D.M. Miller and seconded by Ill. Comp. C.P. Tunbridge.

**ITEM 45:** Ill Comp. David Norris was re-elected as District Grand Treasurer

**ITEM 46:** Ill. Comps. P.T. Munn and Dr J.H.A. Andrews were elected as Account Examiners for the ensuing year.

**ITEM 47.** R. Ill. Comp T.A.D. Bowler and V. Ill Comp. D.G. Viggers were re-elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

**ITEM 48** The District Grand Master then invested those Officers he had been pleased to appoint:

Ill. Comp. The Rev. Howard Pashley	District Grand Chaplain *	<i>re-appointment</i>
Ill. Comp. David Norris	District Grand Treasurer	<i>elected</i>
Ill. Comp. Andrew J Dive	District Grand Recorder	
Ill. Comp. Colin Tunbridge	District Grand Director of Ceremonies	
Ill. Comp. Royston Hartley	District Grand Lecturer	
Ill. Comp. Peter Munn	Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies	<i>re-appointment</i>
Ill. Comp. Chris Boak	District Grand Captain of the Guard	
Ill. Comp. Tor Lundegard	District Grand Conductor of the Council	
Ill. Comp. Anthony Lewis	District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	
Ill. Comp. Jody Townsend	District Grand Sword Bearer	
Ill. Comp. Roy Skelton	District Grand Standard Bearer*	
Ill. Comp. Jason Cameron-Potter	District Grand Assistant Recorder	
Ill. Comp. Michael Bailey	District Grand Organist	<i>re-appointment</i>
Ill. Comp. Peter Waters	District Grand Steward	
Ill. Comp. Ralph Ransom	District Grand Manciple*	
Ill. Comp. Michael Hearn	District Grand Manciple	
Ill. Comp. Mark Woolcott	District Grand Sentinel	

\*Appointed but not present to be invested.

Promotion in Past District Grand Rank

Ill. Comp. Perri Ahmet to P.Dist.G.Cond.C.

**ITEM 49;** The District Grand Master addressed the assembled Companions who responded with hearty applause. *A copy of the District Grand Master's Address is attached to these minutes.*

**ITEM 50:** Alms to the sum of £352.00 were collected as the Companions left the Temple.

**ITEM 51:** The outgoing District Grand Recorder reported on apologies:-

District Grand Council of **Lancashire**

District Grand Council of **North Midlands**

District Grand Council of Essex

District Grand Council of **Durham**

District Grand Council of **Cheshire and North Wales**

Ill. Comp. George Deacon. **DGM Dorset, Hampshire & IoW**

R. Ill. Comp. James H. Newman **GCoun**

R. Ill Comp. S. John Barlow **PGCoun.**

Ill.. Comp. S. Turner **PGCondC, Dep,DGM Wyvern**

V. Ill. Comp. R.A. Ayling **PGlect. Dist.GPCW Wyvern**

V. Ill. Comp. Gerald AG Barker **PGlect PDistDGM West Yorkshire.**

Ill. Comp. Ronald J Murtagh **PGCaptGd DistGPCW West Yorkshire**

Ill. Comp. PeterJ Wellings **PGCondC DistGPCW Warwickshire**

Ill. Comp. David J Roach **PAGDC Dist.G.Rec. North and East Yorkshire**

Ill. Comp. Malcolm J Kidd Dist.GPCW **South Wales**

Ill. Comp. Brian Collier Dep.DGM **Derbyshire**

Ill. Comp. Michael Cullen Dist.G.Rec. **Derbyshire**

Ill. Comp. John Edwards Dist.G.Rec. **Middlesex**

- III. Comp. Fraser McPherson **PAGDC** Dist.G.Rec **West Yorkshire**
- III. Comp. Ted Belcher **PAGDC** Dist.G.Rec Warwickshire
- III. Comp. David James Hickinbottom, **PAGDC**, Dist.GPCW. **East Anglia.**
- III. Comp. George Paskins Dist.G.Rec. **Somerset and Wiltshire**
- III. Comp. Glen Coneley DGDC **Sussex**
- III. Comp. Paul Ackland-Snow **PAGDC DGRec Oxon**
- R. III. Comp. Roger J.E. O'Brien
- III. Comp. David Green
- III. Comp. Alan Eadie
- III. Comp. David Milne-Leith
- III. Comp. Thomas Lewis
- Comp. Andy Mahony

**ITEM 52:** District Grand Council was closed in due form at 12.47.

**ITEM 53:** The National Anthem was sung.

The District Grand Master, accompanied by the District Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests retired in procession.

The Companions then retired to an excellent festive board, at which 106 were present.

These are the minutes as I recorded them.

**SIGNED .....DISTRICT GRAND RECORDER**

**SIGNED .....DISTRICT GRAND MASTER**