

Provincial Grand Chapter of Buckinghamshire



ANNUAL CONVOCATION

To be held at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Mole Road,
Sindlesham, Wokingham, Berks RG41 5EA

MONDAY 28th March 2022
at 3.30 p.m.

Companions must appear in full Royal Arch Clothing, Morning Dress or Dark Suit,
White Collar, Black, Royal Arch or Provincial Tie and Black Shoes.

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E. Comp. Graham Dearing, ME Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Executive for the Province of Buckinghamshire, extend a warm welcome to all Companions and Guests to our Annual Convocation at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Sindlesham on Monday 28th March 2022.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

Graham Peter Dearing

Deputy Grand Superintendent

Michael Ralph Stephens, PGSwdB

Second Provincial Grand Principal

John Arthur Stribling, PGStB

Third Provincial Grand Principal

Stanley Trefor Green, PAGDC

Provincial Grand Officers 2021-2022

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| APGP | Richard Lewis | PAGDC, APGP | Princes Risborough | 5203, 3305 |
| APGP | Joseph Le Roi Smith | PPGSoj | Oliver | 2812, 3305 |
| Grand Scribe E | Mehulkumar Shah | PGStB, ProvGSE | Marlow | 2752, 9222, 3305 |
| Grand Scribe N | Bryan Harfield | PPGReg | Inglesfield | 4238, 3305 |
| Grand Treasurer | Alan Clarke | PGStB, ProvGTreas | Wineslai | 2435, 3305 |
| Grand Registrar | Simon Iley | ProvGReg | Cestreham | 6674, 9222 |
| Grand D.C. | Raymond Harrison | PGStB, ProvGDC | Aylesbury Fairway | 8614, 9222, 3305 |
| Grand Swd B | James Blackhurst | PPGSoj | Manor of Swanburn | 8647, 9222, 3305 |
| Deputy Grand D.C. | Stephen Kirby | ProvDepGDC | Aylesbury Fairway | 8614, 9222 |
| Deputy Grand D.C. | Stuart Barnard | PPGSoj | Watling Street | 1639, 9222 |
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| Grand Charity Stwd | David Adams | PPGSoj | Five Points | 8197 |
| Grand Sojourner | Michael Humphrey | PPGStB | Hampden | 6483, 2752, 3305 |
| 1st Asst. Grand Soj. | Anthony Trigg | | Stephens | 3089 |
| 2nd Asst. Grand Soj. | Colin Piper | (deceased) | Hampden | 6483 |
| Asst. Grand Scribe E | Andrew Ludlow | ProvAGSE | Cestreham | 6674, 9222 |
| Grand Std Bearer | Satinder Singh Jaswal | | Inglesfield | 4238 |
| Grand Std Bearer | Malcolm Wearn | | Buckinghamham | 591 |
| Grand Std Bearer | Alan Knowles | | Wineslai | 2435 |
| Grand Organist | David Pickering | PPGReg | Thames Schools | 6216 |
| Asst. Grand D.C. | Mark Wilson | | Marlow | 2752 |
| Asst. Grand D.C. | Robin Galvin (Rule 32A) | | Wineslai | 2435 |
| Grand Steward | James Hunt | | Bourne End | 7943 |
| Grand Steward | Paul Gausden | | Pegasus | 5637 |
| Grand Steward | Keith Noonan | | St Georges | 840 |
| Grand Steward | Paul Dawson | | Cowper & Newton | 2244 |
| Grand Steward | Tejwant Sekhon | | Wexham Park | 8171 |
| Grand Janitor | Joseph Seymour | PProvGStdB, ProvGJan | Pegasus | 5637, 5203, 3305 |

ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

1. To open Provincial Grand Chapter.
2. To read the Dispensations.
3. To call the roll of Provincial Grand Officers.
4. To call the roll of Chapters in the Province.
5. To submit for confirmation the Minutes of the Annual Convocation held on Monday 6th September 2021.
6. To receive the Provincial Grand Scribe E's report.
7. The Treasurer to present his Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.
8. To set the Provincial Annual Dues in respect of the year commencing 1st January 2022.
9. To elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year - there only being one nomination namely:-
E. Comp Alan Clarke, PGStB, ProvGTreas. of Wineslai Chapter No. 2435.
10. To elect the Auditor for the ensuing year - there only being one nomination namely:-
E. Comp Neville Bird, of Shelburne Chapter No. 7719.
11. The M.E. Grand Superintendent will invest E. Comp Stephen Edward Knight, PGStB, as Third Provincial Grand Principal.
12. The M.E. Grand Superintendent will invest E. Comp Phillip Blacklaw, PPGSN, as the Second Provincial Grand Principal.
13. The M.E. Grand Superintendent to announce the re-appointment of E. Comp Michael Ralph Stephens, PGSwdB, as Deputy Grand Superintendent.
14. The M.E. Grand Superintendent will appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
15. The M.E Grand Superintendent will address the Companions.
16. To transact any other business.
17. To collect Alms.
18. To close Provincial Grand Chapter.

**Minutes of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Buckinghamshire Annual Meeting
held on Monday 6th September 2021 at the Berkshire Masonic Centre,
Sindlesham, Berkshire.**

The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch masons of Buckinghamshire was held by Dispensation at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Mole Road, Sindlesham, Berkshire at 2.30pm on Monday 6th September 2021, when there were 248 Companions including invited guests from other Provinces.

Excellent Companion Graham Dearing, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, opened Provincial Grand Chapter with the assistance of E. Comp John Stribling, **PGStB**, Second Provincial Grand Principal, E. Comp Stanley Green, **PAGDC**, Third Provincial Grand Principal and other Provincial Grand Principals.

E. Comp Mel Shah, **PGStB**, Provincial Grand Scribe E. read the Dispensation from the M. E. First Grand Principal authorising the holding of the Convocation at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Sindlesham, followed by the Dispensation from the Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Province of Berkshire.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Graham Dearing, welcomed all the companions to this our much delayed annual convocation and reminded the companions of the very difficult circumstances that we have all been through due to the pandemic.

Proceeding with the agenda, M. E. Grand Superintendent referred to the passing to the Grand Chapter Above of twenty seven of our companions, including E. Companion Eric Deung, Past Grand Superintendent as well as eight other Grand Officers.

The Third Provincial Grand Principal then read the names of those companions who had passed to Grand Chapter Above. The companions then stood to order whilst a prayer was read as a mark of respect to Departed Merit.

The M.E. Grand Superintendent then welcomed the visiting Grand Superintendents, Deputy Grand Superintendents, Principals and other Honoured Guests.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. reported that all the Provincial Grand Officers were present with the exception of those made known to the M.E. Grand Superintendent, having tendered their apologies accordingly.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. reported that all the Chapters in the Province were represented.

The Minutes of Installation Convocation held on 14th September 2020 at Freemasons Hall, London and the Annual Convocation held on 22nd October 2020 at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire had been circulated within the booklet for the convocation. They were taken as read and confirmed by the companions.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E's. report of the activities and progress of the Royal Arch Masonry in Buckinghamshire during the past eighteen months was contained within the booklet.

Additionally, the Scribe E. reported that the M. E. First Grand Principal had been pleased to Appoint to Supreme Grand Chapter E. Comp Alan Clarke, Provincial Grand Treasurer, to the rank of **PGStB**.

E. Comp Alan Clarke, **PGStB**, Provincial Grand Treasurer, presented the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2020, having been audited by E. Comp Neville Bird of Shelburne Chapter no 7719.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. proposed and was seconded by the Assistant Provincial Grand Scribe E that the accounts be approved, adopted and entered in the Minutes.

E. Comp Alan Clarke, Provincial Grand Treasurer proposed, seconded by the Provincial Grand Scribe E. that annual dues for year commencing 1st January 2022 will remain at £9.00. The proposition was approved by the Companions present.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent announced that only one nomination for the Office of Treasurer for the ensuing had been received, namely that of E. Comp Alan Clarke of Wineslai Chapter no 2435 and therefore declared him elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent also announced that only one nomination for the Office of Auditor had been received, namely that of E. Comp Neville Bird of Shelburne Chapter no 7719 and therefore declared him elected Auditor for the ensuing year.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent then re-appointed E. Comp Stanley Trefor Green, **PAGDC**, as Third Provincial Grand Principal.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent then re-appointed E. Comp John Arthur Stribling, **PGStB**, as Second Provincial Grand Principal.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent then re-appointed E. Comp Michael Ralph Stephens, **PGSwdB**, as Deputy Grand Superintendent.

The M. E. Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers into the Provincial Offices and Ranks to which they had been appointed or promoted. Following the Investiture, the Companions were presented with a Certificate by the Deputy Grand Superintendent. (A full list of recipients of Provincial Honours is included in the booklet.)

The M. E. Grand Superintendent then addressed the Companions.

Alms were collected amounting to £1315.85 of which £1214.75 was Gift Aided enabling an estimated tax recovery of £303.00 with the total sum being deposited in the Provincial Relief Chest.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. reported that greetings and apologies had been received from and on behalf of fifteen Grand Superintendents, together with Deputy Grand Superintendents, and Principals of neighbouring Provinces, together with those of other Distinguished Companions and Companions of the Province all of which had been duly recorded.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. also announced that the next Annual Convocation would be held on Monday 28th March 2022 at the Berkshire Masonic Centre, Sindlesham subject to obtaining the necessary Dispensations.

All other Business of the Convocation being concluded, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form at 4.30pm. Companions sang "Let there be Light", followed by the first verse of the National Anthem.

8th September 2021

Provincial Grand Chapter of Buckinghamshire

Scribe E's Report 2021/2022

ME Grand Superintendent and Companions, it is my privilege and pleasure to submit my report on the activities and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in our Province for the period July 2021 to now.

It is with sadness that in this period we have lost 21 of our members to the Grand Lodge above; whose names are recorded in memoriam within this Annual Provincial Convocation booklet. May all our departed Companions rest in peace; we add our sincere condolences to their families and their Chapters.

Since our last Convocation, all Chapters have resumed meetings and I am pleased to report that all those meetings have had a member of the Executive attend. Such visits are deemed an important part in the process of maintaining effective lines of communication between companions within the Province and the Executive Officers.

On 1st September 2021, we had a team visit to Aylesbury Fairway Chapter and on 2nd September a team visit to Bourne End Chapter. These two visits gave the acting officers of the year an opportunity to accompany the Executive on an official visit. Both these two meetings were well attended.

6th September 2021 saw our postponed Annual Convocation took place when we welcomed our honoured guests from our neighbouring Provinces and the Executive of other orders from Buckinghamshire. The minutes of this meeting are contained in another part of this booklet.

Members of the Provincial Executive have been privileged to attend Annual Convocations of our neighbouring Provinces. We are pleased to welcome our honoured guests from some 24 of our neighbouring Provinces to this our Annual Convocation.

On 9th December, Buckingham Chapter no 591 celebrated its 150 anniversary when the chapter was designated as a Chapter of Masonic Research. The Chapter saw the installation of E. Comp Stanley Cochrane as MEZ when he together with his brother E. Comp Ray Cochrane, a member of Aylesbury Fairway Chapter, was presented with 50th anniversary certificate by the ME Grand Superintendent, E. Comp Graham Dearing. This must be a very unique event when two blood brothers were presented with 50 year certificates at the same meeting.

Oxfordshire hosted a Tri-Provinces fraternal visit by the acting officers of the year from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire when our acting officers had a chance to fraternise and familiarise themselves with their opposite numbers from these other Provinces. A most enjoyable meeting when all our companions were able to see as exaltation carried out under the Oxfordshire working.

A further team visit is also planned for Sunnymeads Chapter no 9313 for 24th March 2022.

The statistics I am presenting in this report covers the period from 1st August 2021 to 15th February 2022.

Unfortunately 36 Resignations, Cessations, or Exclusions occurred during this period, due to health, age and distance of travel to and from meetings and sadly the death of 21 Companions. To whose families and Chapters we express our deepest sympathy.

Since the resumption of masonic activities following the pandemic, we have seen 17 exaltations and 12 joiners and rejoiners. Our net numbers have decreased by 7 in this period. On a happier note we have some 50 candidates awaiting to be exalted.

The Provincial Challenge set by our ME Grand Superintendent at the last annual convocation is well under way with the official launch happening on 13th November at Bletchley. With this Challenge and the enthusiasm of our Provincial Executive the target set by the Province of 50% of Craft members to be members of the Royal Arch is certainly achievable within the timeframe of the Challenge.

Companions, you have noticed that we now have an online booking system which we used for the first time for this meeting. We also now have a generic email system for the administration team for the Royal Arch as well as a new revamped website. I would like to convey my most sincere thanks to our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, E. Comp Hugh Douglas-Smith and E. Companion Paul Brissenden-Hemstock for taking on this task and making it happen.

In my last report, I mentioned project Hermes which is the chapter administrative software being introduced by SGC. We now have a fixed date as to when the system will be operational. The trainers start their training on 1st March 2022. The chapter scribes will start their training on 1st April 2022 and we 'go-live' on 1st May 2022. I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to all the trainers who have volunteered to train the scribes.

In organising our Annual Convocation here at Sindlesham the whole process is made so much easier by the enthusiastic support and willing co-operation received from a number of Companions from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire. We are particularly grateful to their Grand Superintendent, E. Comp Ian Hopgood and his Executive Team for allowing us once again to use the splendid facilities of Sindlesham Court.

I would like to thank my Assistant, E. Comp Andrew Ludlow and my Registrar, E. Comp Simon Iley for their help throughout the year and in the preparation and organisation of today's Convocation and Banquet, along with many other companions. I would also like to thank all the Scribe Es throughout the Province for their assistance and support they have given me and my team in carrying out the duties of our Office.

I would like to report that the Province is happy and in good fettle and keenly looking forward to what I am sure will prove to be another successful year for the Royal Arch in Buckinghamshire, under the guidance, leadership and enthusiasm of our ME Grand Superintendent, E. Comp Graham Dearing.

Mel Shah, PGStB,
Provincial Grand Scribe E

28th March 2022

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Membership Summary by Chapter: as at 15th February 2022

| Lc no | Lc name | Mships | sta | Mships | em | Difference | Resigned | Honorary | Cessation | Deceased | Other | Initiate | exal | Joiner | Rejoinder |
|-------|---|-------------|-----|-------------|----|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C591 | Buckingham | 17 | | 16 | | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C631 | Methuen | 33 | | 33 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C840 | Saint George's | 31 | | 31 | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| C948 | Bowen | 20 | | 20 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C1501 | Wycombe | 16 | | 16 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C1639 | Watling Street | 21 | | 17 | | -4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C1787 | Addington | 26 | | 23 | | -3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C1894 | Herschel | 27 | | 29 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| C2244 | Cowper and Newton | 27 | | 28 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2420 | Ferdinand de Rothschild | 19 | | 17 | | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2435 | Wineslail | 41 | | 36 | | -5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2458 | Bevan | 29 | | 25 | | -4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2752 | Marlow | 21 | | 25 | | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C2812 | Oliver | 44 | | 44 | | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C3062 | Nelcus | 19 | | 19 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| C3077 | Grenfell | 20 | | 16 | | -4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C3089 | Stephens | 13 | | 13 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C3305 | Buckinghamshire First Principals | 161 | | 145 | | -16 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| C4238 | Ingfield | 17 | | 16 | | -1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C5126 | River | 16 | | 16 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C5203 | Princes Risborough | 34 | | 32 | | -2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C5254 | Iver | 17 | | 17 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C5637 | Pegasus | 20 | | 21 | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C5950 | Denham | 26 | | 28 | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| C6216 | Thames Schools' | 21 | | 20 | | -1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C6483 | Hampden | 25 | | 23 | | -2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C6674 | Cestreham | 28 | | 27 | | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C7181 | Old Paludians (Erased) | 4 | | 0 | | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C7719 | Shelburne | 19 | | 18 | | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C7917 | Wolverton Trinity | 21 | | 19 | | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| C7943 | Bourne End | 22 | | 21 | | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C8171 | Wexham Park | 29 | | 27 | | -2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C8197 | Five Points | 20 | | 22 | | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| C8480 | Hall Barn | 30 | | 30 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C8614 | Aylesbury Fairway | 35 | | 33 | | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C8628 | Thames Mariner | 19 | | 19 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| C8647 | Manor of Swanburn | 28 | | 28 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C8974 | Marlow Valley | 15 | | 13 | | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C9222 | Buckinghamshire Provincial Grand Stewards | 70 | | 75 | | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| C9313 | Sunnymeads | 16 | | 16 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C9322 | Longueville | 24 | | 24 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C9361 | Windsor End | 31 | | 31 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C9533 | Roman Way | 47 | | 44 | | -3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 1205 | | 1153 | | -52 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 4 | 16 | 37 | 17 | 2 |

Treasurers Report 2021

M.E. Grand Superintendent and Companions I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st December 2021.

As the world began to reopen and Masonry recommenced, we managed to have a restricted Convocation in September 2021 at which the belated accounts for 2020 were presented. This generated income of £5,720 towards the event cost of £10,306.

During 2021 we managed to hold various Provincial meetings and in general life started to return to some form of normality. The 2021 accounts show payments being made for escorts and other Provincial meetings and events at £1,775 and £1,366 respectively against £80 for the previous year.

During the year there was a surplus of nearly £1,400 against a prior year surplus of £2,200. We did, however, make a donation of £1,000 to the Relief Chest to enable a payment of £5,000 to be made to the Craft Provincial Festival from the Relief Chest.

During the year a payment of £377 was made for special events with part of this going towards an inaugural meeting of the Royal Arch Vision Club at Bletchley, further meetings are planned to ensure the RAVC continues to encourage our newer members and funding will be in place to ensure that this initiative is successful.

All expenditure is closely monitored, and approval processes are in place to ensure that we, as a Province are able to deal with the requirements of our agreed strategies. To ensure that the Province can continue to support the Chapters in the Province the fees were increased from the 1st January 2020 and it is proposed that an increase is not required for 2023.

I would also like to remind all those companions that pay INCOME TAX to take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme and complete fully the Gift Aid envelopes provided at the Convocation (please ensure you sign and date and enter the amount being donated on the form). We are then able to recover an additional contribution through the Grand Charity which in 2021 amounted to £297.44.

Finally, I would like to thank E Comp Neville Bird for his continued work as the Accounts examiner.

Alan Clarke FCMA CGMA
Provincial Grand Treasurer
18th February 2022

Buckinghamshire Provincial Grand Chapter
Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | |
| ANNUAL CONVOCATION | 5,720.00 | 400.00 |
| ANNUAL DUES | 11,365.50 | 12,226.40 |
| REGISTRATION | 110.00 | 225.00 |
| INTEREST | 44.65 | 103.41 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 597.00 | 1,412.00 |
| | <u>17,837.15</u> | <u>14,366.81</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| ANNUAL CONVOCATION | 10,306.70 | 2,586.70 |
| POSTAGE & STATIONERY | 1,229.36 | 1,505.96 |
| RENT & OFFICE EXPENSES | 202.07 | 1,240.85 |
| WEBSITE | 50.00 | 614.40 |
| SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER | 143.28 | 0.00 |
| ESCORTS PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS | 1,775.00 | 80.00 |
| PROVINCIAL VISITS | 1,366.00 | 0.00 |
| SPECIAL EVENTS | 377.60 | 0.00 |
| DONATIONS | 1,000.00 | 6,100.00 |
| REGALIA | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | <u>16,450.01</u> | <u>12,127.91</u> |
| SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD | 1,387.14 | 2,238.90 |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| CASH AT BANK | 27,071.38 | 27,079.24 |
| DEBTORS | 0.00 | 105.00 |
| ACCRUALS & PREPAYMENTS | 0.00 | -1,500.00 |
| | <u>27,071.38</u> | <u>25,684.24</u> |

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| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS B/F | 25,684.24 | 23,445.34 |
| SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD | 1,387.14 | 2,238.90 |
| | <u>27,071.38</u> | <u>25,684.24</u> |

RELIEF CHEST AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| OPENING BALANCE | 4,678.00 | 4,655.83 |
| ALMS | 1,189.75 | 0.00 |
| INTEREST | 7.77 | 20.92 |
| OTHER RECEIPTS | 141.85 | |
| TRANSFERS | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| GIFT AID TAX RELIEF | 297.44 | 1.25 |
| DONATIONS MADE | -5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | <u>2,314.81</u> | <u>4,678.00</u> |

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

Graham Peter Dearing

Deputy Grand Superintendent

Michael Ralph Stephens, PGSwdB

Second Provincial Grand Principal

Philip Bernard Blacklaw, PPGSN

Third Provincial Grand Principal

Stephen Edward Knight, PDSdB

Appointments and Promotions to Active Rank 2022

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Assistant Provincial Grand Principal | Joseph Le Roi Smith | APGP | Oliver | 2812, 3305, 9222 |
| Assistant Provincial Grand Principal | Christopher Swinhoe-Standen | PPGSN | Thames Schools | 6216, 3305 |
| Grand Scribe E | Melhulkumar Shah | PGStB, ProvGSE | Marlow | 2752, 9222, 3305, 591 |
| Grand Scribe N | Michael Watson Lockie | PPDepGDC | Roman Way | 9533, 3089, 3305 |
| Grand Treasurer | Alan Clarke | ProvGTreas | Wineslai | 2435, 3305 |
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| Grand Charity Steward | David Adams | ProvGChStwd | Five Points | 8197 |
| Grand Sojourner | Stephen Philip Smirthwaite | Bucks Provincial Grand Stewards | | 9222 |
| 1st Asst. Grand Soj. | John Terence Cooley | | Neleuss | 3062, 3305 |
| 2nd Asst. Grand Soj. | Neville Winston Few | | Pegasus | 5637 |
| Asst. Grand Scribe E | Andrew Ludlow | ProvAGSE | Cestreham | 6674, 9222 |
| Grand Standard Bearer | Luke Crowther Stacey | | St Georges | 840 |
| Grand Standard Bearer | David Curtis Welsted | | Watling Street | 1639 |
| Grand Standard Bearer | Steven John Matthews | | Hall Barn | 8480 |
| Grand Organist | David Pickering | ProvGOrg | Thames Schools | 6216 |
| Asst. Grand D.C. | Simon Wilson Baines | | Wolverton Trinity | 7917 |
| Asst. Grand D.C. | Samuel Lewis Everett | | Longueville | 9322 |
| Grand Steward | Leslie John Hampson | | Roman Way | 9533 |
| Grand Steward | Andrew Ian Campbell Sutton | | Hall Barn | 8480, 9222 |
| Grand Janitor | James Robert May | PPGSoj | Wycombe | 1501 |

FIRST APPOINTMENTS - PAST RANKS - 2022

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourner

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------|------|
| Terry Stuart Meek | Hampden | 6483 |
| David Leonard Farthing | Five Points | 8197 |
| Paul Victor Lonsdale | Five Points | 8197 |

Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|------|
| John Sheldon Reeves | Marlow | 2752 |
| Nigel Beavan (Rule 32) | Oliver | 2812 |

PROMOTIONS - 2022

Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Richard George Millington, OBE | PPGReg | Wycombe | 1501, 3305 |
| Michael Griffith | PPGReg | Iver | 5254 |
| Brian James Bruton | PPGReg | Ferdinand de Rothschild | 2420 |
| William Morgan Thomas | PPGReg | Hall Barn | 8480 |
| David Raymond Gregory | PPGReg | Grenfell | 3077,3305,9222 |
| John Leslie Sims | PPGSwdB | Sunnymeads | 9313, 948 |
| Guy Richard Farrow | PPGReg | Buckingham | 591 |
| Joseph Seymour | ProvGJan | Pegasus | 5637,5203,3305 |
| David Michael Wall | PPGSwdB | Stephens | 3089, 3305 |

Past Provincial Grand Registrar

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| Roger Colin King | PPGStwd | Princes Risborough | 5203 |
| Glenwyn Mark Evans | PPGSwdB | River | 5126 |
| John Eaton Bellamy | PPGSwdB | Pegasus | 5637 |
| Alan Leonard McCartney | PPGSwdB | Windsor End | 9361 |
| Kevin Paul Ell | PPAGSoj | Iver | 5254 |
| Richard Anthony Florio | PPGSoj | Thames Schools | 6216 |
| Graham Rodger Thorn | PPGSwdB | Hall Barn | 8480 |
| Alan Etienne Payen | PPGSoj | Marlow Valley | 8974, 3305 |
| Alexandar Muncan | PPGSwdB | Oliver | 2812,3305,9222 |
| Peter James Akitt | PPGSoj | Oliver | 2812 |
| Ian Philip Bamsey | PPGSwdB | Addington | 1787, 1639 |
| Jeffrey Frank Dubberley | PPGSwdB | Manor of Swanburn | 8647 |
| David James Hawkins | PPGSoj | Wolverton Trinity | 7917 |

Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| Glenn James Whittaker | PPAGSoj | Five Points | 8197 |
| Martin Alfred Wing | PPGSoj | Five Points | 8197 |
| Victor Paul Green | PPGStdB | Aylesbury Fairway | 8614 |
| George Denver Lynn | PPGStdB | Bowen | 948 |
| Jonathan Charles Callaly | PPGSoj | Neleus | 3062, 9222 |
| Eugene Reynold Patrick Matthias | PPProvAGSoj | Manor of Swanburn | 8647, 3305 |
| John Joseph Mellor | PPGStdB | Sunnymeads | 9313 |
| Paul West | PPGSoj | Sunnymeads | 9313 |
| Russell Kenneth Breedon | PPGStdB | Longueville | 9322 |

Past Provincial Grand Sojourner

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|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| Robert Willaim Howe | PPGStdB | Bevan | 2458 |
| Peter Nunn | PPAGSoj | Aylesbury Fairway | 8614 |
| Michael John Gregory | PPGStdB | Shelburne | 7719 |
| Christopher Robert Clark | PPGStdB | Herschel | 1894 |
| Andrew Thomas Campbell | PPAGDC | Addington | 1787 |
| Neil David Barrett | PPAGSoj | Cowper & Newton | 2244 |
| John King | PPGStwd | Wineslai | 2435,3305,9222 |
| Graham Alexander | PPGStwd | Iver | 5254, 9222 |

Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourner

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| Douglas Anthony Redington | PPAGDC | Hampden | 6483 |
| Colin Hunt | PPGStwd | Ferdinand de Rothschild | 2420, 9222 |
| David Haynes | PPGStwd | Thames Mariner | 8628, 922 |
| Daniel Cunningham | PPGStwd | Thames Schools | 6216, 9222 |

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Membership by Age

| Age Range | Membership | Exaltees | Joiner | Resigned | Honorary | Cessation | Exclusion | Deceased | Other |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 18 < 30 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 < 40 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 41 < 50 | 76 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 51 < 60 | 181 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 61 < 70 | 308 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 71 < 80 | 406 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4 |
| 80 + | 183 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 |
| No DoB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1169 | 17 | 17 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 3 |

IN MEMORIAM

The following Companions passed to the Grand Lodge Above
31st July 2021 to 15th February 2022

| Given name | Family name | Date of death | Chapter | RA grand rank | Oth prov ra rank |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| Arthur | Tulip | 21-Nov-21 | Herschel C1894 Bucks First Principals C3305 | PGStB | |
| John | Rayner | 19-Sep-21 | Ferdinand de Rothschild C2420 | | PPGSN |
| Thomas | McGrath | 03-Jan-22 | Roman Way C9533 | | |
| Michael | Tobin | 17-Sep-21 | Aylesbury Fairway C8614 | | |
| Denis | Melhuish | 10-Oct-21 | Shelburne C7719 | | PPGSN |
| Hugh | Aitken | 15-Jan-22 | Shelburne C7719 | | |
| Wilfred | Mayes | 22-Dec-21 | Bucks First Principals C3305 | PGStB | PPGSN |
| Colin | Armstrong | 17-Aug-21 | Addington C1787 | | SLGCR |
| Peter | Tinley | 07-Nov-21 | Windsor End C9361 | | |
| George | Sanderson | 13-Sep-21 | Neleus C3062 | | PPGReg |
| Neil | Effemey | 06-Aug-21 | Wolverton Trinity C7917 Bucks First Principals C3305 Watling Street C1639 | | PPGReg |
| Robert | Urie | 31-Jul-20 | Buckingham C591 | | |
| Vaughan | Davies | 22-Dec-21 | Cestreham C6674 | | PPGSwdB |
| Alexander | Lai Tan | 07-Oct-21 | Neleus C3062 | | |
| Donald | Doe | 25-Oct-21 | Five Points C8197 | | PPGSN |
| Brian | Wells | 24-Dec-21 | Wineslai C2435 | | PPGSoj |
| Robert | Smith | 07-Aug-21 | Aylesbury Fairway C8614 | | PPGSoj |
| Eric | Wickham-Ruffle | 11-Aug-21 | Ferdinand de Rothschild C2420 Bucks First Principals C3305 Buckingham C591 | | PPGSN LGCR |
| Roger | Columbine | 15-Dec-21 | Bucks First Principals C3305 | | PPGSN |
| Colin | Piper | 05-Nov-21 | Hampden C6483 | | Prov2ndAGSoj |
| Michael | Garey | 08-Nov-21 | Wineslai C2435 | | |

Roll of Chapters of the Royal Arch Province of Buckinghamshire

| Chapter Name | Number | Location |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Buckingham | 591 | Aylesbury |
| Methuen | 631 | Marlow |
| St Georges | 840 | Wolverton |
| Bowen | 948 | Beaconsfield |
| Wycombe | 1501 | Marlow |
| Watling Street | 1639 | Stony Stratford |
| Addington | 1787 | Buckingham |
| Herschel | 1894 | Slough |
| Cowper & Newton | 2244 | North Crawley |
| Ferdinand De Rothschild | 2420 | Aylesbury |
| Wineslai | 2435 | Winslow |
| Bevan | 2458 | Marlow |
| Marlow | 2752 | Marlow |
| Oliver | 2812 | Bletchley |
| Neleus | 3062 | Beaconsfield |
| Grenfell | 3077 | Slough |
| Stephens | 3089 | Beaconsfield |
| Bucks First Principals | 3305 | Beaconsfield |
| Inglefield | 4238 | Slough |
| River | 5126 | Slough |
| Princes Risborough | 5203 | Thame |
| Iver | 5254 | Slough |
| Pegasus | 5637 | Aylesbury |
| Denham | 5950 | Denham |
| Thames Schools | 6216 | Marlow |
| Hampden | 6483 | Aylesbury |
| Cestreham | 6674 | Beaconsfield |
| Shelburn | 7719 | Marlow |
| Wolverton Trinity | 7917 | North Crawley |
| Bourne End | 7943 | Marlow |
| Wexham Park | 8171 | Marlow |
| Five Points | 8197 | Beaconsfield |
| Hall Barn | 8480 | Beaconsfield |
| Aylesbury Fairway | 8614 | Aylesbury |
| Thames Mariner | 8628 | Marlow |
| Manor of Swanburn | 8647 | Bletchley |
| Marlow Valley | 8974 | Marlow |
| Bucks Provincial Stewards | 9222 | Beaconsfield |
| Sunnymeads | 9313 | Slough |
| Longueville | 9322 | Bletchley |
| Windsor End | 9361 | Beaconsfield |
| Roman Way | 9533 | Winslow |

Let There Be Light

John Marriott (1816)

THOU, Whose Almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray;
And, where the gospel's day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou, Who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
Oh, now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth, and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!



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