

*Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk*  
*General Purposes Committee Meeting*  
*11<sup>th</sup> May 2017*  
Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary

**Executive Summary**

Once again the year has been busy but rewarding with my grateful thanks to the Provincial Executive all the Office staff, including those of the Royal Arch, who continue to help in so many ways, All Lodge secretaries past and present who provide valuable support and assistance and to Team DC with whom we work so well; and finally to the other responsible Office holders within the Province who work with the Secretariat to ensure that the Brethren are kept up to speed on every aspect the Province is involved with.

This year has been a busy one for the Office and also for the Executive and Wardens with representation at a large number of events, ranging from visiting other Provinces, Tercentenary, Special presentations, Certificate presentations, Three Provincial visits and the visits to Grand Lodge for quarterly communications and Investitures as well as the day to day Installations and Provincial managerial meetings.

Our March visit to Grand lodge saw 189 make the journey, probably our best support at this event, and with over 600 at the last PGL and almost 500 dining these two events are **a must** in our Provincial Calendar, "selling" out almost as fast as a music concert.

This year saw two very successful Charity Donation Lunches, which looks set to be replicated again next year across the Province.

Appointments and Promotions, Provincially we are set for another good year with 131 Appointments & Promotions taking place at PGL and with Grand Rank promotion for WBro Bob Riches and first appointments for Julian Harrison and Barry O'Leary at the recent Annual Investitures its already a busy Tercentenary year .

A full programme of Seminars and meetings for Grand Officers, Secretaries, DCs, Almoners, Charity stewards, New Masons, Potential Masons and Active Officers etc. has taken place.

In conclusion, I look forward to an equally challenging and rewarding year and would remind all brethren that the Provincial Office is there to help and support and that we are always on hand to offer advice and guidance.

Provincial Grand Secretary

## **Provincial Grand Secretary's Report 2016-17**

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, I am pleased to be able to submit my report for 2016-17 on a very full year in the Province. This has presented new challenges that I am pleased to report the Provincial Team has embraced.

May I therefore from the outset record my grateful thanks to all the Office staff, including those of the Royal Arch, who continue to help in so many ways. Likewise the Lodge secretaries past and present who provide valuable support and assistance in keeping the Province on an even keel and to Team DC with whom we work so well; and finally to the Executive and other responsible Office holders within the Province who work with the Secretariat to ensure that the Brethren are kept up to speed on every aspect the Province is involved with.

**Executive** have been very active on many fronts and have continued to represent the Province far and wide.

Visits to other Provinces have included Provincial Grand Lodges of East Kent, Bedfordshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Hertfordshire. Representation at Group 7 Rulers Forum held twice a year. A large number of committees and other such meeting and of course, the Tercentenary planning and briefings along with Charity communication and other such like events. Grand Lodge for quarterly communications and annual investitures have all been attended.

Added to those above the usual attendance at Lodges for Installations, 60 & 70yrs certificate presentations, special anniversaries or other suchlike presentations means that there is always plenty to organise and co-ordinate. I extend my thanks to the Wardens who have not spared themselves either in their full support at these and other Provincial events and I would therefore ask that you forgive any last minute changes that you may have been involved with as a result of their busy schedules and will treat us all kindly if we don't get back to you as quickly as we would like or the Provincial visitor is not that whom you were first advised off.

**Grand Lodge** quarterly communications in March once again saw the numbers increase with 189 travelling to London. This is our second biggest non family even of the year. The popularity is such that as number continue to increase we are looking at other dining possibilities. A few Master Masons, who otherwise are not yet eligible were able to attend the June and September meetings, when Grand Lodge allows this to happen under a special arrangement. Any brother who is not yet qualified but would like to know more should contact their Secretary for details.

**Provincial Grand Lodge**, last year was again a meeting to remember which combined with the end of the 2016 Festival. No doubt our biggest meeting of the year and with more and more wanting to attend its always going to be a sell out. I know from figures already in and the planning already underway that this years PGL will be again at maximum capacity. May I also at this point offer congratulations to all who will be receiving honours on that day.

**Appointments and Promotions.** The Provincial panel sat in late October and reviewed over 190 (175) submissions, with 114 (109) Appointments and Promotions and a further 17 (20) reappointments being accepted (*last Years figures*)

**Grand Lodge Appointments** took place recently at the Investitures and again our recipients were well supported with a good number of Norfolk masons present to see. WBro Bob Riches Promoted to PJGD  
WBro Julian Harrison *ProvGReg* and WBro Barry 'Bolly' O'Leary *ProvAGSec* both receiving first appointments as PAGDC

**Other Events** this year have seen a number of seminars for:- Secretaries, DCs, Grand Officers, Almoners, Charity Stewards, Wardens, New Masons, Potential candidates and Active Officers. To all those who were involved in the planning, preparation and delivery on behalf of the Province I thank you all for your continued commitment. If I have not mentioned a specific meeting or seminar, please accept my apologies.

**Three excellent Provincial Visits** were very well supported at Joppa Lodge 1114, (150yrs) St Benet Lodge 4485 (Banner Dedication), East Norfolk Lodge 5496 ( Banner dedication). and I would like to thank all those involved at Lodge and Provincial for their support and hospitality and for the friendship at each event.

**Charity Presentation Lunches**, at Kings Lynn and Gt. Yarmouth, hosted by the PGM were also well attended and it is envisaged to do this again across the Province next year

In conclusion, I look forward to an equally challenging and rewarding year and would remind all brethren that the Provincial Office is there to help and support and that we are always on hand to offer advice and guidance.

**Diary date: Provincial Grand Lodge 2018. May 24th**

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