

GRAND LODGE
of
ANTIEN, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF IRELAND
ST. JOHN'S DAY COMMUNICATION - 27th December 2001

at
FREEMASONS' HALL, DUBLIN

Present:

M.W. Grand Master	Eric N. Waller, on the Throne
R. W. Deputy Grand Master	George Dunlop
R.W. Assistant Grand Master	William Mawhinney
R.W. Senior Grand Warden	Alan S. Watt
R.W. Junior Grand Warden	R. Stanley Johnston
R.W. Grand Secretary	Michael W. Walker
R.W. Senior Grand Chaplain	Ven. E. Brian Snow
R.W. Junior Grand Chaplains	Very Rev. Philip J. Knowles
	Rev. Canon George N. Little
V.W. Senior Grand Deacon	Harvey F.J. Heavener
V.W. Junior Grand Deacon	George B. Crooks
V.W. Grand Superintendent of Works	David T. Young
V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies	Michael J. Ward
V.W. Assistant Grand Treasurer	Cecil Taylor
V.W. Assistant Grand Secretary	D. Barry Lyons
V.W. Assistant Grand Secretary	Michael R. McWilliam
V.W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Cecil D. Burns
V.W. Grand Steward	Adam J. McKinley
V.W. Grand Sword Bearer	Norman Humes
V.W. Grand Stewards of Charities	Charles A. McCullough
	Samuel J. Patience
	Dennis R. Millen
V.W. Grand Almoners	John F. Kerr
	Victor Whyte
V. W. Grand Organist	John N. Rowden
V.W. Grand Lodge Standard Bearer	Richard H. Gray
V.W. Grand Master's Standard Bearer	Donald H. Finlay
As V.W. Grand Inner Guard	Robert G. Quigley
V.W. Grand Secretary for Instruction	Michael J. Ward
V.W. Assistant Grand Secretary for Instruction	Robert J. Arms trong

There were also present:- R.W. Brother R. Eric Fenelon, Past Deputy Grand Master; the Provincial Grand Masters of Antrim, North Connaught, Down, Meath, Midland Counties, North Munster, South Eastern, Tyrone & Fermanagh and Wicklow & Wexford; the Provincial Deputy Grand Masters of Antrim, Armagh, North Connaught, South Connaught, Down, Londonderry & Donegal, Meath, Midland Counties, North Munster, Tyrone & Fermanagh and Wicklow & Wexford; R.W. Brother Daniel B. Fincher, Past Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Brothers Rev. Charles McCurdy, Rev. Canon Richard H. Bertram and the Rev. W. Warren Porter, Past Junior Grand Chaplains; V.W. Brothers Albert Topping, Terence O. Read, William J. McElwaine, Leslie V. Johnston, John McLean, John N. Millar, John R. Hadden, John S. Dunlop and Charles R. Knipe, Past Grand Deacons; V.W. Brother Ralph B. McGuckin, Past Grand Superintendent of Works; V.W. Brothers David McKee and Alan G. Megarry, Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies; V.W. Brothers Arthur W. White, Stanley McIlroy, Trevor Monteith, J. Ardle Agnew, Samuel H. Boyle, William J. Johnston and Richard J. Reid, Past Grand Stewards of Charities; V.W. Brothers Bernard V.A. Woods and David A.R. Lovesy, Past Grand Almoners; V.W. Brothers Norman Jackson, S. Gordon Leathern and Samuel A. Mackenzie, Past Grand Master's Standard Bearers; and R.W. Brother Henry M. Robinson, Past Grand Representative.

SISTER CONSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

The following Grand Lodges were represented:- Scotland, Canada in Ontario; Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Western Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Croatia, France, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Spain, District of Columbia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Cuscatlan of El Salvador, Argentina, Grand Orient of Brazil, Ecuador, Sao Paulo, Burkina Faso, the Ivory Coast, Mali, South Africa, China, Japan, the Philippines and the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Ohio.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for non-attendance were received from M.W. Brother Lord Donegall, Past Grand Master; R.W. Brother Rt. Rev. Samuel G. Poyntz, Past Senior Grand Chaplain; the R.W. Grand Treasurer; the R.W. Grand Registrar; the V.W. Grand Inner Guard; the Provincial Grand Masters of Armagh and South Connaught; R.W. Brothers Rev. Canon Kenneth W. Cochrane and Rev. Walter Herron, Past Junior Grand Chaplains; R.W. Brothers Robert J. Thompson, John Greer and Noel Bownes, Past Provincial Grand Masters; V.W. Brother Arnold J. Cooke, Honorary Past Grand Deacon; V.W. Brother Herbert A. Walsh, Past Grand Steward of Charities; V.W. Brother Cecil G. Oakes, Past Grand Almoner; V.W. Brothers Thomas A.D. Martin and Robert Bashford, Past Grand Master's Standard Bearers; the Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Victoria, Portugal, Arkansas, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio and Guinea; and R.W. Brothers Douglas Wakefield and Harold Ross, Past Grand Representatives.

WELCOME BY THE GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master welcomed the Brethren saying how pleased he was to see so many present; and, in particular, he welcomed W. Brother Peter Shortland, Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Surrey (EC), brother of the Provincial Deputy Grand Master of South Connaught, R.W. Brother William W.T. Shortland, who was saluted.

OBITUARY The Grand Master then referred to the recent death of R.W. Brother Valentine R. McCormack, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, whose memory was saluted in accordance with ancient custom.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 2002

The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Eric N. Waller, was proclaimed and saluted.
The Deputy Master, R. W. Brother George Dunlop, was proclaimed and saluted.
The Assistant Grand Master, R.W. Brother William Mawhinney, was proclaimed and saluted.

APPOINTMENT OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND INSPECTORS

The Grand Master then announced his appointment of Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Inspectors Overseas as follows:

Munster	Alan J. Campbell
Antrim	Adam J. McKinley
North Munster	Geoffrey G. Ashton
Londonderry & Donegal	Robert G. Quigley
Down	John F. Kerr
Armagh	George Miskimmins
North Connaught	George F. Ginnelly
South Connaught	Hugh Milling
Meath	John F. Wood
Midland Counties J.	Kenneth Dunne
South Eastern	R. Arthur Keppel
Tyrone & Fermanagh	W. James Dukelow
Wicklow & Wexford	Harvey F.J. Heavener
New Zealand	Roland J. Whyte
South Africa, Northern	George W.G. Moir
Southern Cape	Wyndham G. Morgans
Zimbabwe	Peter A. Birkett
Natal	Petrus J. Marx
Ireland in India	Lahu C. Chogle
Nigeria	Alabo T.O. Graham-Douglas
Ghana	Nana Herman A. Mould
Zambia	Hiralal J. Bodalia
Bermuda	Ralph D. Seligman
The Far East	Chamson Chan
Jamaica	James S. Moss-Solomon
Chairman of the Metropolitan Board	Selwyn Davies
Grand Inspectors	
South East Asia	Koh Thian Swee
Sri Lanka	Isaac N.S. Samson
Malta	Joseph Cordina
Sierra Leone	Kenneth A.B. Fergusson

Gibraltar

Joseph Chiara

The Grand Master announced that he would instal R.W. Brother Alan J. Campbell as Provincial Grand Master of Munster when Grand Lodge met in Cork on Saturday March 2nd 2002. He also indicated his intention to instal R.W. Brother Ralph D. Seligman as Provincial Grand Master of Bermuda on the same date.

INVESTITURE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN The Grand Director of Ceremonies formed a procession and presented R.W. Brother R. Stanley Johnston to the Grand Master for investiture and installation as Senior Grand Warden. R.W. Brother Johnston was conducted to his seat and was saluted.

INVESTITURE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

In like manner the Grand Master invested and installed R.W. Brother James Kirk, Past Provincial Grand Master of Down, as Junior Grand Warden. R. W. Brother Kirk was conducted to his seat and was saluted.

INVESTITURE OF GRAND OFFICERS The following Brethren were then invested, or proclaimed, and saluted as the Grand Officers for 2002:

R.W. Grand Treasurer	Charles W. Olden
R.W. Grand Registrar	Arthur D.S. Moran
R.W. Grand Secretary	Michael W. Walker
R.W. Senior Grand Chaplain	The Ven. E. Brian Snow
R.W. Junior Grand Chaplains	V. Rev. Philip J. Knowles
	Rev. Canon George N. Little
V.W. Senior Grand Deacon	Allen G. Megarry
V. W. Junior Grand Deacon	Norman Humes
V.W. Grand Superintendent of Works	David T. Young
V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies	Cecil D. Burns
V.W. Assistant Grand Treasurer	Cecil Taylor
V.W. Assistant Grand Secretaries	D. Barry Lyons
	Michael R. McWilliam
V.W. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	Marcus O. Steenson
V.W. Grand Steward	Richard H. Gray
V.W. Grand Sword Bearer	William G. Manning
V.W. Grand Stewards of Charities	Charles A. McCullough
	Samuel J. Patience
	Dennis R. Millen
V.W. Grand Almoners	Alan R.G.R. Patterson
	William M. Lee
V.W. Grand Organist	John N. Rowden
V.W. Grand Lodge Standard Bearer	Winston Patterson
V.W. Grand Master's Standard Bearer	William J. Dixon
V.W. Grand Inner Guard	Alan R. Crowe

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND RANK CERTIFICATES The following Brethren were then presented with their Certificates of Past Grand Rank:

R.W. Bro. Alan S. Watt	-	Past Senior Grand Warden
V. W. Bro. Harvey F.J. Heavener	-	Past Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. George B. Crooks	-	Past Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Michael J. Ward	-	Past Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Adam J. McKinley	-	Past Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John F. Kerr	-	Past Grand Almoner
V.W. Bro. Victor Whyte	-	Past Grand Almoner
V.W. Bro. Donald H. Finlay	-	Past Grand Master's Standard Bearer

ANNUAL RETURNS

The Grand Secretary submitted the returns of Officers of subordinate Lodges for approval, confirming that only one Annual Return was outstanding and that the remainder had been checked and found to be correct. Grand Lodge approved the returns of Officers and empowered the Grand Secretary to issue Leave to Instal to the outstanding Lodge provided the Annual Return was submitted, found to be correct, and that all dues and fees had been paid by the end of January 2002.

WARRANTS RETURNED

The Grand Secretary reported, for noting by Grand Lodge, the decision of the Brethren of Lodges Nos. 351, Monaghan; 412, Dublin; 526, Belfast; and 797, Belfast, to return the warrants to Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then presented his annual report on the progress of Irish Freemasonry during 2001. The Grand Master's address will be printed in the Annual Report of Grand Lodge for the year 2001; and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY GRAND RANK

The Grand Master, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, conferred the following Honorary Ranks:

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies

V.W. Bro. André Paul Kruger - Past Master of Lodge No. 368, Cape Town.

Past Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. Samuel Scott - Past Master of Lodge No. 725, Hollywood.

V. W. Bro. Bomi R. Umrigar - Past Master of Lodge No. 319, Bombay.

V.W. Bro. Parthasarathy Sampathkumar - Past Master of Lodge No. 648, Bombay.

V. W. Bro. Sam H. Dotiwalla - Past Master of Lodge No. 319, Bombay.

Past Grand Sword Bearer

V. W. Bro. George F. Van Tonder - Past Master of Lodge No. 610, Cape Town.

V.W. Brother Scott being in attendance, the Grand Director of Ceremonies formed a procession and presented him to the Grand Master for presentation with his Certificate of Honorary Grand Rank. The Grand Master thanked V.W. Brother Scott for his many years of service in acting as Assistant Grand Steward at Installation Ceremonies etc. saying how pleased he was to be able to recognize this contribution in this way.

CHARITY COLLECTION

The Grand Master announced that the Charity Collection which amounted to £830 would be donated to the Samaritans.

GRAND MASTER'S 2000 APPEAL

The Grand Master asked that all Brethren make every effort to ensure that monies held at Lodge level on behalf of the Grand Master's 2000 Appeal be sent in as soon as possible so that this Appeal could be finalized and the monies disbursed to the beneficiaries.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

Grand Lodge closed following which some 125 Brethren lunched in Freemasons' Hall where the Deputy Grand Master proposed a toast to the health of the Grand Master.