

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the District of North and East Yorkshire
in the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and
Councils Overseas, held at the MH Beverley Road, Hull on Saturday 11th June 2022.

Rulers:

R III Comp Neil T Woodward DistGM, III Comp David R Spivey PGConcC
DepDistGM, III Comp Geoffrey Mankin PGStdB DistGPCW [3]

Members Attending (by Council seniority and alphabetically by surname:

Athelstan 31

III Comps Michael Bunce PGStdB DepDistGDC, III Comp Michael Ogram PGStdB,
III Comp David Roach PGConcC PDistGPCW, III Comp Gordon F Setterfield
PAGDC, V III Comp Thomas J Spinks PGLect DistGRec PDistGPCW and
Comp Peter Taylor [6]

Wm Henry Bound 186

Comp Mark Chafer DistGMan [1]

Middlesburg 221

III Comp Martin T Elwick PGStdB DistGChap, III Comp Robert F Fairbairn PGConcC
DistGTreas, III Comp John H Hemy PGConcC [3]

Howden 273

Comp John S Broughton, Comp Stephen J Kearns,
III Comp Tadeusz W Krawczyk PGStwd DistGCaptGd, Comp Terry C B Mansell,
III Comp Robert J Patrick PGMan DistGLect, III Comp J Stephen Priestley
PGCaptGd PDepDistGM [6]

Wm Wilberforce 334

III Comp Wilf Elliott, DistGSent, III Comp Kenneth R Eyre ADistGDC,
III Comp Michael Graham PDistGLect, Comp Christopher B Lefevre, R III Comp
James H Newman GChan, Comp Malvin Sharpless ADistGRec, III Comp Ian R
Wood DistGStdB [7]

Capt James Cook IM 342

III Comp Neil R Syres DistGMan [1]

Visiting Districts in alphabetical order and attendees listed by surname:

Cheshire & the Marches

III Comp Chris Bellis PGCaptGd DepDistGM, R III Comp Bryan Hughes DistGM [2]

Cumberland & Westmoreland

V III Comp David Kellet GMan PDistGLect, R III Comp Douglas G Sanderson
DistGM, V III Comp Robert Sanderson PGLect DistGRec [3]

Derbyshire

III Comp Stephen W Hardie PAGDC DistGRec, III Comp Jon Lish ADistGDC, III
Comp Brian Terry DistGLect, V III Comp Bryan Tynan PGLect DepDistGM [4]

Durham

III Comp Arthur Clark GMan DistGLect, R III Comp Michael Graham DistGM, III
Comp Bryan Kennedy PGCaptGD DistGPCW, III Comp Neil Marshall PGCaptGd
PDepDistGM, III Comp Stuart Whitaker PAGDC DistGRec, III Comp Len Young
ADistGRec [6]

East Anglia

V III Comp Geoff Spencer PGLect DepDistGM [1]

East Midlands

III Comp Ian R Johnson PAGDC DistGRec, III Comp Ian W Knox PGCaptGd
DepDistGM [2]

Essex

V III Comp Tony Edwards PGLect PDistGPCW, III Comp Colin Innes PGCondC
DepDistGM [2]

Lancashire

III Comp Shaun Higson PGCaptGD DistGDC, III Comp Dennis Schiff [2]

Middlesex

R III Comp Christopher G Lewis DistGM [1]

North Midlands

III Comp Stephen J Bradford PAGDC DistGM Designate, III Comp Graham E Jones
PAGDC DistGRec, III Comp Ray Stokes PGCondC DistGPCW [3]

Northumberland

R III Comp John Harvey DistGM, III Comp Denis Niblett PGCondC DistGPCW [2]

Somerset & Wiltshire

R III Comp Keith R S Surry DistGM [1]

Surrey

R III Comp David J Blackburn DistGM, III Comp Terry Carpenter PAGDC DistGRec,
III Comp I Archie Parsons DistGCaptGd [3]

Warwickshire

III Comp Peter Stokes PAGDC DistGDC, R III Comp Peter Wellings DistGM [2]

West Yorkshire

III Comp Ian F Cotton DistGRec [1]

Wyvern

III Comp George L Brown PGCondC DepDistGM [1]

Totals

Members: 27 Visitors: 36 [63]

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- 1) The Distinguished Companions entered in procession.
- 2) The Right Illustrious District Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and acting Officers of the Year entered.
- 3) With the guest organist somewhere else, exact location unknown, the opening hymn was sensibly abandoned.
- 4) The open District Grand Council was opened in due form.
- 5) The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of District Grand Council held on 5th June 2021 were approved.
- 6) The DistGPCW read names of those Companions who have risen to higher service:

Dennis Slights	Athelstan 31	05/08/2021
Christopher Hairsine	Howden 273	25/08/2021
Robin Whittam	Athelstan 31	20/10/2021
Charles Harold Joel-Chilton	Middlesburg 221	04/01/2022
	Capt James Cook IM 342	
Ian Barry Gregson	Middlesburg 221	06/01/2022

- 7) The DistGRec called the Roll of Councils within the District with members rising when the name of their Council was given.
- 8) The DistGRec called the Roll of District Grand Officers, of whom three had been unable to attend.
- 9) The DistGM welcomed our Distinguished Visitors to the meeting.
- 10) Report of the District Grand Recorder:
 - a) He said that he had nothing further to add to his comments, a copy of which had been sent to members via email prior to the meeting.
- 11) The Accounts were presented for adoption by the DistGTreas. Approved with thanks.
- 12) With only a single nomination for the post, Ill Comp Robert Forbes Fairbairn PGCondC was declared as our DistGTreas.
- 13) Two nominations had been received for position of District Auditors in the names of Ill Comps Phillip Clive Ellenor PGCaptGd and John Henzell Hemy PGCondC. Both were declared in post.
- 14) Ill Comp David Roach and Comp Malvin Sharpless were elected to serve on the District General Purposes Committee.
- 15) The DistGM re-appointed Ill Comp David Ralph Spivey as his Deputy for a further year

16) The DistGM then re-appointed Geoffrey Mankin as his DistGPCW for a further year.

17) The District Grand Officers of the Year were Appointed and Invested as follows:

District Grand Chaplain	III Comp M T Elwick (R)
District Grand Treasurer	III Comp R F Fairbairn (R)
District Grand Recorder	V III Comp T J Spinks (R)
District Grand DC	III Comp N Webster (R)
District Grand Lecturer	III Comp R J Patrick (R)
Deputy District Grand DC	III Comp M Bunce (R)
District Grand CaptGd	III Comp T D Krawczyk (R)
District Grand CondC	III Comp B Lewis (P)
District Assistant Grand DC	III Comp K Eyre (F)
District Grand SwdB	III Comp M A Richardson (P)
District Grand StdB	III Comp I R Wood (P)
District Assistant Grand Recorder	Comp M Sharpless (R)
District Grand Steward	III Comp N Syres (P)
District Grand Manciple	Comp M Chafer (P)
District Grand Sentinel	III Comp W L Elliott (F)

18) A certificate for the Degree of the Silver Trowel was presented to III Comp Taj Krawczyk but, unfortunately, III Comps Peter Audin and Adie Rounce were unable to attend.

19) III Comp Geoff Mankin was acknowledged by the DistGM as having the Degree of Excellent Master conferred upon him since our last AGM. The other recipient, III Comp Denis Stuble, was unable to attend the meeting.

20) The only new member of the District able to attend the meeting was Comp Terry Mansell, and the DistGM welcomed him with the hope that membership of the Order would bring him great enjoyment.

21) A collection was taken for the North & East Yorkshire District Grand Council Relief Chest raising £222.10. The Treasurer promised at lunch that he would boost it to £230.00

22) The District Grand Master proposed that a charity payment be made to the North Tees & Hartlepool Mission to Seafarers in memory of III Comp Charles Joel-Chilton. This was approved.

23) The District Grand Master's Address:

- a) Companions welcome back and you don't look a day older. Where do I begin? I'll start by congratulating all the District Officers I appointed and re-appointed today I look forward to working with you all during the year ahead.

At the recent meeting of Grand Council, I was pleased to see our District Grand Recorder promoted to Past Grand Lecturer, and Ill Comp Tadeusz Krawczyk receive a first appointment to Past Grand Steward. Congratulations to you both.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Memorial Service at Howden Minister on the 3rd November 2021, to commemorate the passing of all of our loved ones during the pandemic. It was a sad but memorable occasion.

You may remember that last year, in conjunction with the Mark PGM, we paid the registration fee for the men and women from the Scarborough and York pharmacies, who took part in the Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge to raise funds for the refurbishment of the Fatal neo natal unit at York Hospital. Well, I am pleased to tell you that they raised £1100 towards the fund.

During the lock-down it was decided that it was time that the District should have a new Banner. A competition was opened to all the companions of the District, and I'm pleased to tell you that Martin Elwick's design was chosen. The dedication will take place at the next meeting of our Combined Council. Congratulations to you, Martin.

It is vital that we all promote and support our Cryptic Masonry during the lock-down. To that end, I was invited to address the Red Cross via Zoom and to write a piece for the Mark Cleveland Flyer on the history and background of our wonderful Order, which I was very happy to do.

Our Sesquicentenary will be celebrated in October of next year. One of the features will be a new Ark of the Covenant made of English wood. I have agreed to pay a small sum to MMH for our our logo to be placed on the Arc. More details to follow as regards to the celebration.

Our District remains in good fettle, and I thank all of the companions for their

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loyalty and support. I may be the DGM, but the District is yours.

We must support our Craft Chapter and Mark for without them we have no recruits. With this in mind I, have agreed to support all the Heads of Orders in N&E Yorkshire in attending the Investiture of our new Provincial Grand Master (Craft), Dr David Chambers on 30/7/2022.

These meetings do not happen on their own, it takes time and effort and I would particularly like to thank Malvin Sharpless and Tom Spinks for all their work behind the scenes and Stephen Priestley - what would we do without those pork pies?

I thank you all again for attending this meeting particularly in the current climate especially our visitors some of whom have travelled substantial distances and I also thank all the District Officers who deputised this morning to help the meeting progress.

Companions, I can smell dinner so I will end with a thank you to all, and take care. God Bless you all

24) An invitation to hold a District Grand Council Meeting in 2023 under the banner of Athelstan 31 was happily received.

25) Closing of the District Grand Council:

- a) the first verse of the National Anthem was sung. The Right Illustrious District Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Principal of the Work, the acting District Grand Council Officers of the Year and Distinguished Visitors, retired.