

Provincial Grand Lodge of the South Eastern Counties of England



The Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge meetings of the South-Eastern Counties of England were held at Surbiton on Friday the 25th of September 2026.

We gathered in the bar for coffee and biscuits and a catch up with old friends before the meeting.

Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Jack Love, attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Leslie Grout, and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters, Bros. Ian Fraser, Paul Hollebhone and Barrie Selway.



Bro. John Stovell acted as Banner Bearer and Bro. Bill Caughey as Sword Bearer.

The distinguished guests, Bro. James Hilditch, Provincial Grand Master for The Cotswolds and Bro. Chris Jeffery, Secretary of Somerset and Bro. Toby Pratt Senior Warden London Metropolitan were welcomed by the

Provincial Grand Master, who welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that he hoped they would enjoy the Ceremony of Advancement and Promotion for the candidate.

A Ballot for Advancement and Promotion into the Order was held for Bro. James Hendry Brown, which proved in favour of the candidate.



Bro. Brown was admitted into the Chapter and after an explanation of the history of the degree by the Provincial Grand Master he was Advanced to the Degree of Heredom and given the Characteristic of 'Automation'.

The Provincial Grand Master was assisted by the Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. Charles Stoddart, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Leslie Grout and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters Bro. Ian Fraser, Paul Hollebone and Bro. Barrie Selway.



Other brethren assisted with the Questions and Answers as follows: Section X Bros Ian Fraser and Brian Hunter; Section XI Bros. Adrian Mori and John Stovell; Section XII Bros. Ian Fraser and Andrew Banks; Section XIII Bro's. Brian Pulley and Rodney Ramage

Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. Bro. Brown was duly admitted and Promoted to the Degree of the Rosy Cross of the Royal Order of Scotland. Bro. Charles Stoddart obligated the candidate, and the Provincial Grand Master conferred the accolade.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and Invested his Deputy and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters; as Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Leslie Grout; as Substitute Provincial Grand Masters Bro. Paul Hollebone, Bro. Barrie Selway and Bro. David Morrow. He thanked Bro. Ian Fraser for his support as Substitute Provincial Grand Master over the years.

The remaining Officers of the year were obligated by the Provincial Grand Master and invested with their collars in the South.





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The Proposal was seconded by Bro. Brian Hunter and approved by the members present. After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been completed the Provincial Grand Master closed Provincial Grand Lodge and we retired for refreshments.



After refreshments in the bar, with an opportunity to catch up with everyone the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Substitute Provincial Grand Masters were piped into the dining room by the Piper, Bro. Chris Harris. The Haggis was then paraded round the dining room led by the Pipers and the Address to the Haggis was given by Bro. Charles Stoddart. The brethren of the Province of the South Eastern Counties and their guests sat down to a most convivial festive board.



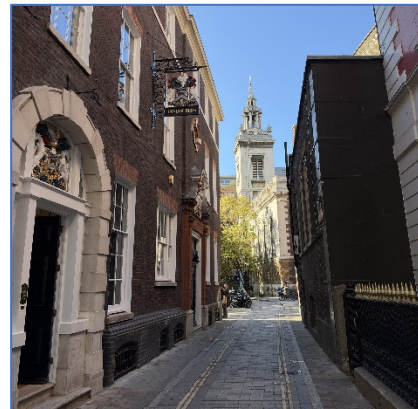
After the meal the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Leslie Grout, proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Master. The RW Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Jack Love, responded accordingly. Bro. Chris Eley proposed the toast to his candidate, Bro. Jim Brown, who said how much he had enjoyed the afternoon.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of The City of London



On Monday the 21st of September some S E Counties brethren attended the Provincial Grand Lodge of the City of London held at Innholders Hall, in the City of London. It was a most enjoyable meeting in quite impressive surrounding.



Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Michael T Holland, attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Jonathan P Wallis, and Substitute Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Vincent J Driver.

The Provincial Grand Master then welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that he hoped they would enjoy the Ceremony of Advancement and Promotion for the candidates.

A Ballot for Advancement and Promotion into the Order was held for four candidates, which proved in their favour.



They were admitted into the Chapter and after an explanation of the history of the degree by the Provincial Grand Master were Advanced to the Degree of Heredom and given their Characteristics.

Provincial Grand Chapter was closed, and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The candidates were duly admitted and Promoted to the Degree of the Rosy Cross of the Royal Order of Scotland

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and Invested his Deputy and Substitute Provincial Grand Master. The remaining Officers of the year were obligated by the Provincial Grand Master and invested with their collars.



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The brethren of the Province of The City of London and their guests sat down to a most convivial festive board in lovely surroundings.



The next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at Chichester on Friday the 4th of December 2026

