



My Beloved Brethren

2018 – “BEST YEAR EVER”

WHAT IS IN THE PLAN?

Implementing the UGLE Strategy for the Future of Freemasonry – New! Provincial Management Structure – New! Board of Provincial Stewards – Supporting the “Membership Pathway” – WATCH THIS SPACE!

Essential “Business as Usual” activities – Great Yorkshire Show – Education & Learning – The Provincial Grand Master’s Fund – Vibrant Lodges – Happy and motivated Members – High standards of ceremonial All members encouraged to play their part – Reduction of resignations - WATCH THIS SPACE!

MY AIMS FOR 2018

On a solid foundation of “Uniting in the Grand Design of Being Happy and of Communicating happiness”

- 1. Increase our involvement in supporting Civic and Community activities***
- 2. Increase our Membership with the “Right” Candidates***
- 3. Increase the participation of Brethren with appropriate skills and expertise in Provincial Activities***
- 4. Retrieval of Brethren who have resigned or no longer attend***
- 5. Proactivity in looking locally to support worthy causes***

Please do not be backwards in coming forward my Brethren! Do let me know what you can do to progress Freemasonry in the 21st Century.

I HAVE INSTALLED A NEW ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

WBro. Alan Elstone, PProvSGW was installed on the 26th of January at Greenhead Masonic Hall, Huddersfield. It was indeed a wonderful occasion that will be long remembered. I paid tribute to WBro. John Gledhill, PSGD now Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master for his outstanding contribution and support over the past five years AND created a new tradition fit for purpose for the 21st Century! I invited WBro. John Gledhill to join is at the Festive Board to demonstrate to the Brethren the Past, The Present and also the Future of Freemasonry.

TERCENTENARY INITIATES' – CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION EVENTS

As planned there are events arranged for each of the 5 Areas.

The first event was held at Hoyle Court, Baildon on the 29th of January. It was an outstanding success and a good time was had by all especially the families and friends of the recipients. It was so very pleasing to see the Brethren of Lodges also in attendance to support our new made "Tercentenary Brothers".

2018 Provincial Honours

The final analysis of Brethren under consideration for Appointment and Promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge is being concluded.

As all will know, we operate a fair, rigorous and transparent assessment process in this Province to ensure that merit is recognised appropriately. As Provincial Grand Master and based on all of the evidence presented to me for my consideration, this is my opportunity to reward and recognise Brethren. It is indeed the case that: "The Buck Stops With Me" concerning anything related to Appointments and Promotions.

Thought! As we are told on our admission – Freemasonry is not about personal honours and I am reminded of those poignant words heard at an Installation Meeting:

"And you Brethren are of too generous disposition to envy their preferment".

OUR WONDERFUL PROVINCE – STILL A LEADER WITH THE MEDIA

We continue to be a leader in the UGLE Provincial League Table for numbers of media entries and more pleasingly, the number of positive entries regarding Freemasonry.

THE 2017/2017 PROVINCIAL TEAM OF ACTING OFFICERS

It is great to the smiling faces of my Acting Officers.

Our next visit will be to:

Harrogate & Claro Lodge No: 1001, Harrogate on the 9th of February.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Tuesday, 8th of May – Royal Hall – Harrogate

Now is the time to start planning to be there. I look forward to welcoming everyone and particularly the Masters and Wardens of our Lodges with as many Master Masons as possible.

Do watch out for details of the booking arrangements and act quickly.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S FUND

We are approaching the closing date for applications for the major grants.

I shall look forward to presenting the cheques to the recipients at our Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting at Harrogate.

Do please look wide in your own Communities for potential worthy Recipients.

My Fraternal Greetings to all my Brethren and their loved ones!

David

Provincial Grand Master