



To: All Royal Arch Companions

**1. Message from the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Jim Boughton**

Covid-19 looms large in all our lives and there will be many of you who, like me, have spent the last few days making sure that elderly relatives and neighbours are well looked after. However, it took my 96-year-old mother to point out that not only was she in the 'at risk' category but that her two sons also had that 'honour'! Thanks mum. To be serious it was a timely reminder that we must all take care. As Masons, the very fibre of our being drives us to care not only of our Brothers and their dependents but also those in society in general less fortunate than ourselves. Companions, whilst we strive to practice those lessons taught within our ritual, take care, heed the advice given. This pandemic will pass and we must be ready to re-unite when we can meet again and assist in the rebuilding of society. In the meantime, may the True and Living God Most High watch over you and your loved ones and keep you safe.

**2. Appointments & Promotions to Grand Rank**

The Most Excellent First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, has been pleased to announce the following appointments and promotions in Grand Chapter rank to members of this Province:

**First Appointments:**



E Comp Michael Charles Binsted, ProvGSE to Past Grand Standard Bearer (PGStB). E Comp Mike was Exalted in to the HRA in 2003 with St John's Chapter 3972, progressing and becoming MEZ of St John's in 2013. He became its Scribe E in 2015. He joined Royal Air Force Chapter 7335 (London) in 2009, became its MEZ in 2003 followed by Scribe E in 2014. E Comp Mike was appointed ProvAGSE in 2016 and ProvGSE in 2019. He was appointed PAGDC in the Craft in 2013.



E Comp Norman Edwin Pope, PPSGN to Past Grand Standard Bearer (PGStB). E Comp Norman was Exalted in to the HRA in 1995 with North East Corner Chapter 6461 (London). He became MEZ of 6461 in 2000. In the same year he was a Founder of Buckby Castle Chapter 8932, becoming its MEZ in 2007. He was awarded LGCR in 2006 and SLGCR in 2015, ProvGSwdB in 2010 and PPSGN in 2015. Having joined First Principals Chapter 3422 in 2008, E Comp Norman served as Scribe N in 2013 and became its Scribe E in 2015. A post he holds to today. Of course, E Comp Norman is also well-known in the Craft where he served at ProvAGSec (2003 – 2005), ProvGSec (2005 – 2010) and AsstProvGM (2011 – 2015) and has been PSGD since 2012.

**Promotions:**



E Comp Neil Handley, PGStB, DepGSupt to Past Grand Sword Bearer (PGSwdB). E Comp Neil was Exalted in to the HRA in 1993 with Chapter of Perseverance 213 (Norfolk). He became a Joining Member of Dr Oliver Chapter 3964 in 2002. He served as its Scribe E twice, for a total of 9 years. He was appointed PPGSoj in 1999, ProvGReg in 2014, 2ndProvGPrin in 2018 and DepGSupt in 2019. E Comp Neil received his First Appointment in Grand Rank as PGStB in 2019.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Jim Boughton congratulated all the recipients and for their considerable efforts leading them to be so recognised.

The Annual Investiture scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 having been cancelled, the above are effective from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**DIARY DATES FOR  
2020/2021**

**NORTHANTS & HUNTS  
CHAPTER OF  
FIRST PRINCIPALS 3422**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Sheaf Close



**SCRIBES' E & ALMONERS'  
WORKSHOP**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Corby



**ELEANOR CROSS  
CHAPTER 1764  
CENTENARY CONVOCATION**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Sheaf Close



**ANNUAL PRINCIPALS' &  
SCRIBES E DINNER**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Corby



**GILDENBURG CHAPTER 2533  
CENTENARY CONVOCATION**

June 2021

(Date to be finalised)

Peterborough

### 3. Appointment & Promotions in Provincial Grand Rank 2020

The MEGS, E Comp Jim Boughton, has been pleased to announce a total of 84 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Ranks, viz

- 12 First Appointments in Active Rank
- 5 Promotions in Active Rank
- 13 Reappointments in Active Rank
- 18 First Appointments in Past Rank, and
- 36 Promotions in Past Rank.

Congratulating those honoured, MEGS said “I am delighted I am able to reward the sterling time and effort contributed by those who have justly received the recognition they deserve”.

The full list has been circulated to Chapter Scribes E and appears on the Provincial website.

Whilst the Provincial Annual Convocation has been cancelled as a result of the Coronavirus situation, it is hoped that those honoured will be invited to an Investiture once normal Masonic meetings have been resumed.

### 4. Provincial Grand Chapter Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of PGC scheduled for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 has been cancelled.

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