

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 1400 hrs

There were 263 Brethren present at the Meeting with numerous apologies from Provinces and Essex Provincial Members. Names have been recorded for all those in attendance, along with those who gave apologies.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 1400 hrs after receiving the various processions of distinguished guests and brethren.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master welcomed all those attending from other Provinces, as well as his personal guests.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, held as a virtual business meeting on Saturday 5th June 2021, having been circulated and also published on the Provincial website, were put to the Brethren for adoption.

This was Proposed by W. Bro. Ray McKerron and Seconded by W. Bro. Norman Eastbrook and confirmed by the Brethren.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Memory of the Brethren of the Province who have Passed to Grand Lodge Above in the past year to be Honoured. The list of departed Brethren was read by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. John Finlay. The Provincial Grand Chaplain W. Bro. Roger Smith said the prayer on behalf of the Province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for Letters & Communications to be read and was informed by the Provincial Grand Secretary that a number of letters and communications of Apologies have been received from Brethren and Distinguished Guests, all of whom send their best wishes to you and all the Brethren for a happy and enjoyable Meeting.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Roll of Mark and RAM Lodges to be read and was informed by the Provincial Grand Secretary that all Essex lodges are represented here today.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Report of the Committee of General Purposes to be presented. This was proposed for acceptance by W. Bro. Robin Hall and seconded by W. Bro. Andrew Cuthbertson and duly adopted.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Provincial Grand Treasurer to present the Provincial Accounts. The Provincial Grand Treasurer informed the Provincial Grand Master that the Accounts are detailed in the Agenda Booklet and he has nothing to add.

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master asked for the Auditors to comment, W. Bro. David Wilson commented that he along with his fellow Auditor had examined the Books and other Records of the Province and found them satisfactory and has the pleasure in Proposing their acceptance. W. Bro. Paul Busby, in the unavoidable absence of the Second Auditor, seconded the proposal. The Accounts were then approved and adopted.

Election of four Members of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes. The following having been nominated W. Bro. C.R. Dunnico, W. Bro. R. Kaye, W. Bro. P.A. Maloney and W. Bro. D. Wilson. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

Election of two Provincial Auditors. There being only two nominations received that of W. Bro. R.M. Sandy and W. Bro. D.A.J. Wilson. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

Election of six Trustees of the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund. The following having been nominated R.W. Bro. T.D. Sheern, W. Bro. J. Finlay, W. Bro. P.A. Maloney, W. Bro. R. Kaye, W. Bro. C.R. Snell and W. Bro. P. Busby. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

Election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer. There being only one nomination received that of W. Bro. C.R. Snell. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared him elected.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Almoner to submit his report W. Bro. Roy Kaye said his report was in the Agenda Booklet and that he had nothing further to add.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Provincial Grand Charity Steward W. Bro. Peter Maloney said his report was in the Agenda Booklet and had nothing further to add.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master proceeded to appoint and invest the Provincial Grand Officers and those Brethren receiving Past Ranks and Promotions, as per the list in the Booklet.

Provincial Grand Lodge Officers were saluted.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed the Brethren.

A collection was taken for the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master asked if there was anything to bring before Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed there was nothing to add.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in antient and solemn form.