

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF HERTFORDSHIRE**



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Dear Brother Secretary,

I am circulating this newsletter to all secretaries, treasurers, directors of ceremonies, almoners and charity stewards who have confirmed their email addresses with me, as there are items that concern them. I hope this is of value as more members of the Lodge are aware of Provincial Initiatives. Your Charity Steward will have received the attached letter if he has email. If not will you please print a copy for him (**Action Required**).

Letters offering a First Appointment to or Promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge will be posted to the recipients during the week starting 6<sup>th</sup> April.

I am this year writing to the Worshipful Master and Wardens who will be in office at the time of the Annual Provincial Meeting, which this year will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to invite them to attend as representatives of your Lodge. You are aware of by law No 8 which states

“8. The Provincial Grand Lodge shall meet annually on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Provincial Grand Master to transact its business. Every Lodge shall be represented by its Master and Wardens, who shall attend unless he has submitted an acceptable explanation for his absence from the meeting”.

I have attached the invitation to your WM and his wardens and ask you to pass these on to them, should they be in office on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (**Action Required**). I will again be writing later in the year to those who are not yet in post (because of the date of your Installation Meeting), and I am sure in that way we will again have an excellent attendance at the major event of the year.

**(Action Required)** – Although I have sent this on two previous occasions I am still receiving Form Ps with a variety of fees. Please note that any Form Ps for Initiation received in the Provincial Office in 2009, (even if the Brother was Initiated in 2008) must be accompanied by a cheque made out to the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) for £46.50 (plus VAT at 15%) total £53.48. Again may I ask all secretaries to destroy Form Ps with a code (back page, bottom left), 06-03. Forms will only be accepted with codes 07 and 08.

Please note the cost of a Dispensation is £10.00 plus the VAT at the time. Hence, for the moment it will cost £11.50.

**(Action Required)** – Although I have sent this on two previous occasions, I have only had replies from 72 Lodges. As a further reminder, I have again attached the letter from the Provincial Grand Master concerned with the Royal Arch. After considering its contents with your General Purposes Committee, if you have not done so already, will you please act upon it at your earliest convenience. Once you have decided the best way to progress, please let me know your intentions so that I may report to the PGM and the Grand Superintendent.

**(Action Required)** – I again attach a form for those secretaries from whom I have not heard about Lodge of Instruction arrangements. To date I have only heard from 143 Lodges and would be pleased to complete the list requested of me by the PGM.

Please outline the details from the Grand Charity Circular attached.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE READ IN THE FIRST RISING:**

**GRAND HONOURS:**

At the Annual Investiture on the 29th April 2009 the following Brethren are to be honoured by the Grand Master with promotion in or appointment to Grand Rank:

**Through Hertfordshire**

**Promotions:**

Name:	From	To
David Ferris	PAGDC	PSGD
Brian Blanchard	PAGDC	PJGD
Ken Carbin	AGStB	PAGDC

**First Appointments:**

Name	Rank
Michael Imeson	AGStB
Jay Patel	PAGDC
Malcolm (Willie) Wilson	PAGSuptWks
Charles Ager	PGStB

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE READ IN THE SECOND RISING:**

**2009 FESTIVAL BANQUET- NEW CONNAUGHT ROOMS JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Although I anticipated that we would be over-subscribed for the available tickets at the Festival to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009, this has not been the case. So far only 485 tickets for Brethren, wives and partners have been purchased. The Grand Dining Hall holds 510 comfortably, but unless at least 650 Brethren and their Partners attend the use of the other room is impracticable. As it appears we will not have that number wishing to attend, it has been agreed that we will place a ceiling of 510 places on the event. We already have a comfortable number for the Grand Dining Room. If a Brother wishes to take up any of the last 25 places, please send to the Provincial Office a cheque for £60 per person, stating names of guests and Lodge with whom you would wish to be attached.

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING 3.00 PM SUNDAY JULY 19<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST ALBAN**

A reminder of a date in your diary! Again the congregation as a whole will be invited to share refreshments in the Dean's garden after the Service. Application forms for tickets (which are free), will be included in the May edition of the Provincial News.

**FLEET HOUSE REGALIA SERVICE**

Our thanks are due to all of you who have let us have items of used regalia. Many members of Craft, Royal Arch, Mark and other orders have benefited from your generosity and the Province has already banked in excess of £5,500.00 thereby assisting you all. We now also have a large quantity of new Provincial Craft, Royal Arch and Mark regalia for all ranks. In due course we will be able to provide new regalia for all other orders.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

*Keith*

Distribution: Lodge Secretaries:

cc: Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Almoner, Provincial Grand Charity Steward.