

Minutes of the Virtual Business Meeting of the Province of Cheshire & North Wales held on Wednesday 16th June 2021

R.Wy.Bro. David Littlewood Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the Province of Cheshire & North Wales welcomed everyone to the meeting including the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler, the Grand Recorder and P.G.S.R.'s from other Provinces accompanied by D.P.G.S.R.'s, Grand Recorders and other distinguished Brethren.

1. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler declared the meeting duly open.
2. The Provincial Grand Recorder read out the letter of Authority granting permission to hold a Provincial Virtual Business Meeting.
3. The Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Wy.Bro. Anthony Stringer gave an In Memoriam report of the Brethren who had passed to higher service during the year namely :-

Wy.Bro. Benjamin Marsh Edwards, P.P.G.G. Chester Conclave No 155

R.Wy.Bro. Alan Eli Smith, P.G.G. Chester Conclave No 155 & Provincial Officers Conclave No 302

Wy.Bro. Samuel Brian Cook, P.P.G.Std.Br. Norton Priory Conclave No 226

Wy.Bro. Keith William Snow, P.G.B.Br. Provincial Officers Conclave No 302

Bro. Anthony George Mathie, Dewi-Sant Conclave No 457 and Provincial Prior of Cheshire & North Wales Knights Templars.

Also mentioned by R.Wy.Bro. Sam Keery:

R.Wy.Bro. Brian Clifford Wareham, P.Dep.G.S.R.

R.Wy.Bro. John Brackley, P.A.G.S.R.

4. The minutes of the meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave held virtually on Wednesday 19th August 2020 having been posted on the Provincial Website and distributed to all members, were on proposition of Wy.Bro. Anthony Stringer D.P.G.S.R. and seconded by Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt Provincial Grand Treasurer approved as a true and correct record.
5. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler took great delight in re-investing Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer as the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and he thanked him for the help and support he had given him over the year.
6. Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the years ending 31st March 2020 and 31st March 2021, copies of the accounts had been available on the Provincial website and forwarded to all members previously.

The Provincial Grand Recorder informed the meeting that Wy.Bro. Ray Whitticombe, account examiner, was unable to be with us today due to a hospital appointment but he had previously confirmed the accounts had been audited and that they were in good order.

The P.G.D.C. Wy.Bro. Paul M. Burton proposed and Wy.Bro. Alan Harrison Provincial Grand Recorder seconded that the Accounts should be approved.

There being no dissension the P.G.S.R. declared the accounts as accepted.

7. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler announced the next item was to elect the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The only nomination received was for Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt and in the absence of any other nominations or any brother requiring a ballot the P.G.S.R. declared Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt as Treasurer for the ensuing year and thanked him for his work in maintaining the Provincial finances.

The Treasurer thanked the Brethren for the continued confidence shown in him.

8. The Treasurer Wy.Bro. Ronald Glyn Hewitt proposed and the P.G.Chan. Wy.Bro. Nicholas Wild seconded that the Provincial Dues for the year ending 31st August 2022 should be set at £5 per member.

The proposal was carried unanimously by show of hands.

9. The P.G.S.R. stated that the only nominations for Account Examiners were for Keith Butterworth and Ray Whitticombe and in the absence of any other nominations or any Brother requiring a ballot he declared them appointed and thanked them for their continued expertise in this role.

10. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Guide James Tang who is suffering from continued ill health the Grand Guides report was read by Wy.Bro. John Owens on his behalf.

This report is now published on the Cheshire & North Wales O.S.M. website.

11. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler asked the Provincial Recorder to read the names of the appointments and promotions for the year which was duly accomplished.

The P.G.S.R. congratulated and thanked all appointees and expressed his disappointment and regret at not being able to personally invest all those who had been appointed but was hopeful that we would be able to hold an Investiture Meeting on 20th October 2021 to correct this anomaly.

The list of appointments and promotions is also available on the website.

12. The D.P.G.S.R. gave a report on the charities and confirmed he had finally been able to present the cheque to Vale of Clwyd MIND and presented donations of £2000 to Parkinson's UK Cheshire branch and Hope House Children's Hospice in Oswestry.

The Charities nominated for 2021/21 are East Cheshire Hospice and St Kentigen Hospice in St Asaph.

The full report has again been published on the website.

13. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler addressed the meeting and stated that his full address would be posted on the Provincial website shortly after the meeting had concluded along with a letter giving notification of the lifting of Suspension with effect from 21st June 2021.

14. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler asked the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler R.Wy.Bro. Llewellyn Gill if he would like to address the meeting.

The Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler responded with some very complimentary comments and mentioned how much he had enjoyed the meeting and being able to see each other again and he hoped it wouldn't be too long before we could start meeting in person.

15. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler asked the Grand Recorder R.Wy.Bro. Ryan Williams if he would like to address the brethren.

R.Wy.Bro Ryan Williams gave a very comprehensive and informative briefing to the Brethren which was well received by all present.

16. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler asked if anyone had any other business but no further items were raised.

17. The R.Wy. Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler declared the Virtual Provincial Meeting duly Closed.