Seating Arrangements for Provincial Representatives

Message from the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

At the Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation on 9 April, I informed the Companions present that during the year I had set up a working party to review the role of the Provincial Representative.

As a result I have taken steps to enhance the role and status of the Provincial Representative. They are my Representatives at Chapter meetings and whilst I am sure that they are given the respect due to their status, I felt that I should clarify an area which I think has caused some confusion in the past i.e. where they should be seated both in the Chapter and at the festive board.

I therefore wish to issue the following guidance which I would request Chapters to observe.

At meetings where there is no Provincial Ruler present

(MEGS, DGS, 2nd Prov Principal, 3rd Prov Principal)

In the Chapter: At the immediate right of Haggai.

At the festive board: At the immediate right of Haggai or, if there is an Exaltee,

at the immediate right of the Exaltee.

At meetings where a Provincial Ruler is present

In the Chapter: At the immediate right of the Ruler(s) unless invited by the Ruler to

sit on his left (and therefore at the immediate right of Haggai).

At the festive board: At the immediate right of the Ruler(s).

Obviously if a Ruler is undertaking another Office in the Chapter, the above does not apply.

At Installation Meetings

No precedence is given to Provincial Representatives.