



# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Holocaust Memorial Service

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Mike Wilks attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at Havant Cemetery.

The Service was attended by many civic dignitaries, including the Mayors of Havant, Winchester and Gosport.



*Provincial Grand Master in conversation with the Mayor of Havant*

A number of readings were given, including one by our Provincial Grand Master who also laid a wreath on behalf of all Freemasons who suffered during the Holocaust. It is estimated that between 80,000 and 200,000 Masons perished in concentration camps.

Holocaust Memorial services are held every year on 27<sup>th</sup> January to remember victims of the Holocaust and genocides from around the World. This year it is exactly 72 years since the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp by the Russian army on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1945

*The Province was also represented at a service in Southsea where Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Noel Voice, PSGD gave a reading.*

