



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE



Southampton Guildhall as brethren assemble for the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Annual General Meeting of the Province was convened at the Guildhall Southampton. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Michael John Wilks and shortly afterwards, the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro. Peter Geoffrey Lowndes was admitted, escorted by 13 visiting Provincial Grand Masters, 4 other Right Worshipful brethren and Officers of Grand Lodge. Representatives of 22 Provinces attended as official guests.

Over 1100 brethren assembled in the Guildhall to witness the Provincial Grand Master invest over four hundred brethren with first appointments or promotions.

VW Bro. Graham Williams was reappointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. W Bros Geoffrey Tuck and David Perkis stood down as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

following their terms of office of 7 and 5 years respectively and were presented with Past APGM's collarettes. The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed W Bros Jonathan Whitaker, Mark Mills-Goodlet, William Withers and Roy Quin as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and then proceeded to invest W Bros David Foot and Leon Whitfield as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters responsible for the Solent and South West Areas respectively.

Following the AGM, over 500 brethren joined the Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master to dine at the Novotel, the dining room being at full capacity.

The Tercentenary banner, which had been publicly paraded around the Guildhall prior to the start of the AGM was formally presented by the Provincial Grand Master, to the Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, RW Bro. Philip Bullock at the conclusion of the evening's events.

