



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

### INVESTITURE OF TWO NEW APGMs



*W. Bro. David Foot*



*W. Bro. Leon Whitfield*

At the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and in the presence of the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro. Peter Geoffrey Lowndes; the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. Michael John Wilks was pleased to invest W Bros David George Foot and Leon Michael Whitfield as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

#### **W Bro. David George Foot, PAGDC, Solent Area APM**

W Bro. David was initiated into the Wessex Lodge of Fidelity No.8681 in Fareham in 1991 as a Lewis, was installed as Master in 2002 and invested as a Provincial Grand Steward in 2004. In 2008, he was appointed to the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden.

A Past Master of Hampshire & IoW Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No.9263, W Bro. David was appointed as VO to Clarence Lodge No.8167 in 2011 and continued until his appointment as APM.

Appointed to Grand Rank in 2012 as a Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro. David became the 'Ninja' DC in 2012 and presided over 50 clandestine visits with the PGM, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

W Bro. David became Provincial Communications Officer in 2013 and as such, he became a member of the Provincial Cabinet. He found it very rewarding to be involved at that level and to have a say in developing the policies and initiatives which have made our Province so successful.



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W Bro. David was exalted into Daintree Chapter No.2938 in 1992, appointed to the Supreme Grand Chapter Rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in 2016 and became the VGCO of Lee Britten Chapter in 2016. He was perfected into Royal Naval No.9 Chapter Rose Croix in 2009.

W. Bro. David worked at Ordnance Survey in Southampton between 1985 and retired from there in 2009.

He married Heather in 2005, who sadly passed away in 2011. David has two step children. He met Pam in 2014, who he says, "is absolutely amazing and incredibly supportive". He is currently a property landlord living in Fareham with Pam and a greyhound called Pixie.

W Bro David's hobbies include: Copious amount of reading, Astronomy, Science (especially quantum theory and particle physics), Dog Walking, Eating out, Real Ale and Exotic holidays.

### **W Bro. Leon Michael Whitfield, PAGSuptWks, South West Area APMG**

W Bro. Leon was initiated into Lyndhurst Lodge 8012 by his father in October 1982 and was installed as Master in 1991. He is a joining member of New Forest Lodge of Installed Masters 9665 and was founding Junior Warden of Football Lodge 9921.

W. Bro. Leon was exalted into Wilfrid Attenborough Chapter 7672 in April 1987 and joined Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter 9263. He is also a member of the Mark degree, Knights Templar and Royal Order of Scotland.

W Bro. Leon was appointed as Assistant Group representative to the New Forest Group in 2012 and was appointed as Area Vice Chairman With responsibility for Lymington and Brockenhurst in 2014. He received the Grand Rank of Past Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works in 2013 and in 2016 he was appointed as Area Chairman for the South West Area.

A bricklayer by trade, W Bro. Leon still enjoys working in the building industry.

He is a single father of three, Joshua 26 to be married in December, Rebecca 24 to be married in two weeks' time and Joseph 21.

His hobbies include Football, still playing indoor 5 a side and a season ticket holder at St Mary's, Cricket and Social Golf, but his spare time usually revolves around his children and Freemasonry, both of which he is particularly passionate about.

W. Bros Geoffrey Tuck and David Perkis stood down as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and were each presented with the collarette and jewel of a Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master. W Bros Tuck and Perkis will continue to support the Province, working jointly to identify and develop Best Practice across the six Areas and share the results of their work across the Province.

