

*Hampshire and Isle of Wight  
Preceptory of Improvement*



Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.00 p.m.  
Kings Court Masonic Centre  
Chandlers Ford

1. Opening and Welcome

Provincial Sub-Prior E.Kt James Colville opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the knights present. 12 Bro.Kt's representing 7 Preceptories in attendance.

2. Apologies:-Bro.Kt's David Coombes, Tony Bargrove, Steve Groeger, Jeff Southwick, Martin Bell, Martin Colley, Neil Ratcliffe, Peter Martin, Ron Mabey, Mike Sanderman and John Simmons

3. Minutes of 2013 AGM.

The minutes having been circulated were, in addition, read for the benefit of those Bro. Kt's who had not received a copy. Approved and confirmed by E.Kt James Colville and entered into the minute book together with the supporting documentation.

4. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Election/confirmation of officers;

The following nominations were put before the meeting, there being no other nominations they were proposed by the secretary, seconded by E.Kt Mike Yorke and duly carried.

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| a. Nominated Chairman           | E.Kt James Colville  |
| b. Nominated Treasurer          | E.Kt. Pete Sanders   |
| c. Nominated Secretary          | E.Kt. Pete Sanders   |
| d. Nominated Eminent Preceptors | E.Kt. Steve Groeger<br>E.Kt. Leon Whitfield<br>E.Kt. Brian Wisbey<br>Kt. John Lemm |

6. Chairman's Report

E.Kt James advised the meeting that the main body of his remarks would be covered under item 9 on the agenda

7. Secretary's annual report for November 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The Secretary thanked those present for their support during the preceding year and made specific reference to information sent to Registrars and Marshalls for distribution to their respective members. A small number did not acknowledge receipt and in some cases the information was not disseminated leaving Bro.Kt's potentially excluded from the PoI meetings and void of additional information relating to regalia.

8. Treasurers Annual Report

Item 9a.

As reported at the 2013 AGM the balance of funds was £230, £180 of which was provided by the Province as a donation towards the running cost of the unit for the hiring of venues, a situation that has not arisen due to the generosity of the centres concerned and the Chapters under whose banners a number of meetings have been held for which grateful thanks are extended. During the year the funds have risen to £253 reflected by the donations of £1 per attendee at the POI's held during the year. This reflects the drop in numbers attending the PoI over the previous year.

Bank statements for the year were presented for approval.

Proposed by E.Kt. Bob Blackman and seconded by Kt. John Lemm

The proposition was carried and the accounts were duly signed and entered into the minute book.

**Item 8b** Proposal for the financial support to the proposed lapel badges for Bro. Kt's was withdrawn.

9. 2015 Programme.

E.Kt James outlined the benefits of the PoI and addressed the importance of encouraging greater attendance. A proposal being that the bodyguard members would act as ambassadors within their respective Preceptories by promoting and encouraging members to attend. All Bro.Kt's of the Province are automatically members of the PoI.

In addition EPs, Marshals and Deputy Marshals are also encouraged to attend with their members.

A very constructive debate followed. The commander of the bodyguard advised that he would continue to encourage the bodyguard to play their part in promoting and attending the PoI's along with members of their Preceptories.

Venues for the PoI's, based on the geographical location of Preceptories was addressed and concluded that for the ensuing year meetings would be held at:-

- Christchurch for Sepulchre and Loveland
- Ryde IoW for Frescewatre and Vectis
- Petersfield for Royal Naval, Pilgrims, Emmaus and William Stuart
- King Court for Royal Gloucester, Excalibur, Parsifal and St Michael & St Mary

Availability dates will be confirmed by the secretary and promulgated with the 2015 program. Bournemouth and Botley will be considered as alternatives for Christchurch and Kings Court for 2016.

The program will be distributed to all Registrars, Marshalls, Commander of the Bodyguard and promulgated on the web site.

It would be appreciated if dates of the PoI's for 2015 could be promulgated on Preceptory agendas.

It was stressed that the PoI would concentrate on the following general topics and would not take the place of individual Preceptories modus operandi.

In addition to the following standard practices additional items, as requested on the evening, will be covered.

- Sword Drill (KT) to include
  - Bro Kt's to Order
  - Prayer
  - Reverse Swords
  - Salutes (without swords)
  - Presentation of sword (to EP during installation)
  - Baton drill
- Arch of Steel
  - Perambulations & Sword drill
  - Guarding sepulchre
  - Heralds / Banner bearers
  - Guard / Captain of Guards
  - admission of companion
  - additional requested items

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to your promotion of the POI within your Preceptory and Priory together with your continuing support in the future.

10. Any notified additional business.

None

11. The meeting was closed at 2005

12. Date of next AGM

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Kings Court Chandlers Ford at 1900

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E.Kt Pete Sanders	Dated
Secretary	

Approved

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E.Kt. James Colville	Dated
Provincial Sub Prior	
Chairman.	