

Secretary's Notes for the Meeting of Old Kimboltonians' Lodge held on Friday, 24th March, 2017

The Worshipful Master, W Bro Michael Herbert accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro David Burton entered the Saloon at 8.10 p.m. and after Grace the assembly dined on Mulligatawny Soup followed by roasted bacon loin with vegetables and gravy and a dessert of homemade trifle. Coffee with mints was then served.



The Worshipful Master took wine with the Assistant Provincial Grand Master followed by his Wardens, the Grand Lodge Officers, the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, our guest organist for the evening, W.Bro Mike Durrant, the candidate, Bro David Burton, those who took part in the ceremony and the visitors.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master then invited the Worshipful Master to join him in taking wine with all those present who were members or past members of the executives of all orders, many stood!

After the nine o'clock toast and when Grace had been sung the W.M. proposed the formal toasts to The Queen and the Craft, The Grand Master and to Grand Lodge. The Senior Warden, W.Bro Rob Mallett proposed the toast to the Provincial Grand Master, Rt.W. Bro Max Bayes.

The Junior Warden, W.Bro Martin Wilson proposed the toast to Province making special mention of our most welcome visitor, W.Bro David Burton, The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, thanking him for coming to visit us and expressing our gratitude for all his hard work and dedication.



The Assistant Provincial Grand Master replied with enthusiasm thanking the Lodge for its very warm welcome to him and his D.C., W.Bro Paul Slater. Worshipful Brother David gave us an update on Provincial matters and was delighted that the Old Kimboltonians were to be so well represented at the Provincial Visit to Grand Lodge the next day mentioning W.Bro Stephen Kingan, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer who would be in the procession of the Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro John Hitchin who was the 'official' reserve organist for the day.



The toast to the Worshipful Master was proposed by V.W. Bro Derek Young who spoke fondly of their days at School which had begun in 1942, there ensued a continuing debate between V.W.Bro Young and the recipient of the toast as to whether one had been run out at cricket by the other (seemingly to be continued!!). The W.M.'s glittering Masonic career was referred to in great detail and it was clear that our W.M. continues to be a very active and senior mason.





The W.M. replied with thanks to all for their support in what he felt was one of his most enjoyable masonic experiences. He also took 'time out' to present W.Bro John Hitchin with his certificate of having taken the degree of Excellent Master in the Order of Royal & Select. The W.M. thanked all of those who supported his Musical Lunch held in February and encouraged all to attend the Summer Dinner to be held on Saturday the 17th June.

The toast to the visitors was proposed by Bro John Hunt (the first time that John had given a toast) and gave the visitors and members alike a very interesting reminder of the history of Kimbolton Castle and it's impressive historical masonic connections , most notably the 4th Duke of Manchester having been Grand Master in the late 18th century. This was received most enthusiastically.

Worshipful Brother Peter Barnes replied on behalf of the visitors expressing his delight on behalf of the visitors as to what a wonderful evening he been treated to.



After singing 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony and the Tyler's toast the assembly left the castle after yet another wonderful evening at The Old Kimboltonians Lodge.



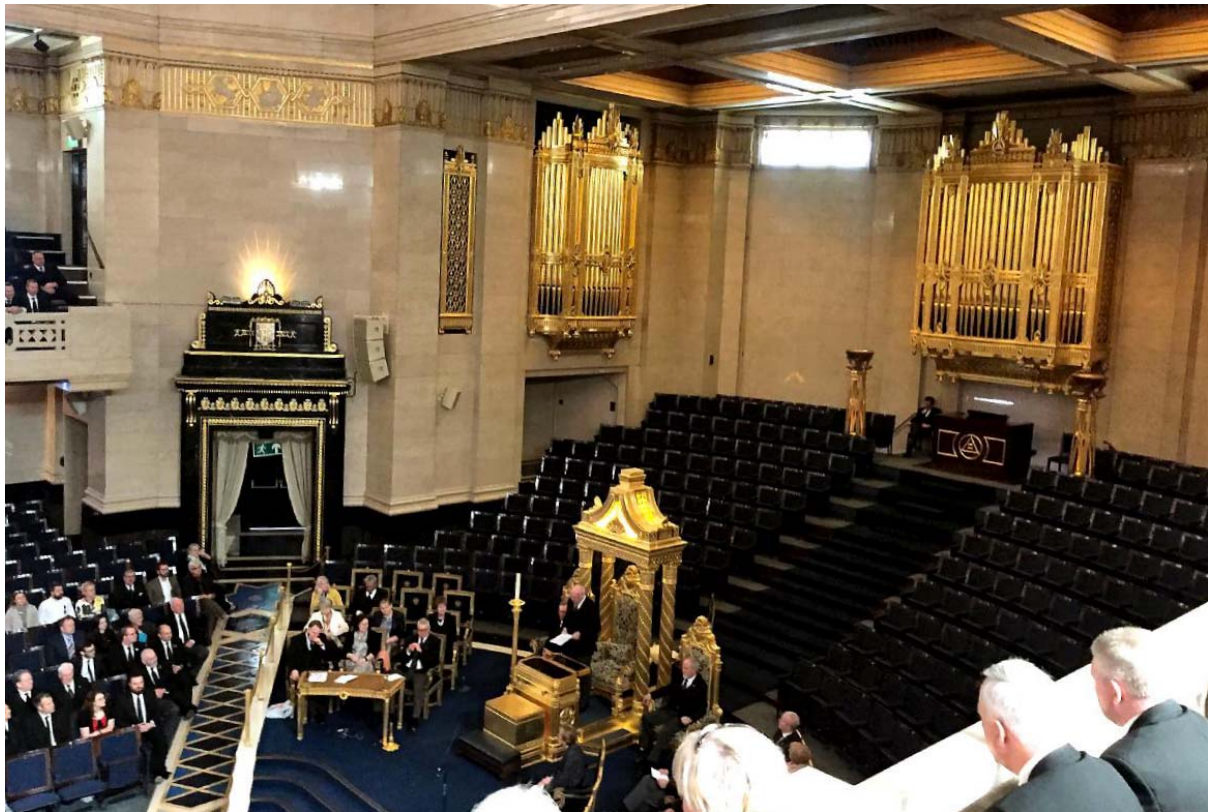
W.Bro Robert Venn, PPrDGDC, Provincial Grand Scribe E Bedfordshire, W.Bro Martin Wilson PPrJGW, Provincial Grand Secretary for Mark in Bedfordshire and W.Bro John Morrow, PAGDC, Provincial Grand Secretary (Craft) for Bedfordshire.

**THE OLD KIMBOLTONIANS taking part in the PROVINCIAL VISIT to GRAND LODGE,
Saturday March 25th 2017.**

On Saturday the 25th March (the day after our Lodge Meeting) over 1,000 members of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire and their families visited Grand Lodge where a ceremony of passing was conducted. We had many members present including :

W.Bros Stephen Kingan, Richard Anderson, Mark Constant, Simon Mighall, Martin Wilson, Jeff Chambers, Fred Dudley and John Hitchin along with Bros John Hunt and Bruce White and of course our Honorary Members, The Provincial Grand Master, Rt. W.Bro Max Bayes and the Past Provincial Grand Master, Rt.W.Bro William Barrington Hall making a total of 12 Old Kimboltonians present.

W.Bro Martin Wilson took part in his role as Junior Deacon for the Three Counties Lodge, W.Bro Stephen Kingan was the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, W.Bro John Hitchin acted as Deputy Organist and of course our Honorary Member, Rt.W Bro Max Bayes presided and opened the lodge. (The Past Provincial Grand Master, Rt.W.Bro Barrie Hall also assisted by giving useful advice to W.Bro Stephen Kingan who seemed to have a bit of a wobble when wielding his sword!!)





W. Bro John Hitchin on the Grand Organ!!



Above: W. Bro Stephen Kingan, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer with the Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro Andy Adamson and the Candidate.



Left: Old Kimboltonians with the Provincial Grand Master.