

**PROVINCIAL GRAND ASSEMBLY OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.
NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.**

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Assembly held under the Banners of the Middlesbrough 276 and Ryedale 277 Lodges at 11.00 am. on Saturday November 17th 2018 in The Royal Hall, Bridlington Spa.

PRESENT.

R.W.Bro. David Robert Clancey
Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. Clive Copley, R.A.M.G.R.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. Paul David Barham, R.A.M.G.R.
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. Francis George Woolgrove, R.A.M.G.R.
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W.Bro. David Alan Crofts, R.A.M.G.R.
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

W. Bro Allan Cameron Scott, R.A.M.G.R.
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

The Brethren were assembled in the Lodge at 11.00am. to receive R.W.Bro. James Steggles, G.M.R.A.C. Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire.

The Brethren then received W.Bro. Francis George Woolgrove R.A.M.G.R., W.Bro. David Alan Crofts R.A.M.G.R., W.Bro. Allan Cameron Scott R.A.M.G.R., all Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of the Province of North and East Yorkshire.

The Banners of the Host Lodges together with their Worshipful Commanders then entered the Assembly and were escorted to their respective seats.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, escorted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Officers and the Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Ranks of the Year entered the Provincial Grand Assembly in procession.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master invited Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Ranks of the year to take offices within the Assembly, as follows :-

Senior Warden	W. Bro D. Broadhead
Junior Warden	W. Bro G. Dudley
Chaplain	W. Bro M. Hatton
Senior Deacon	W. Bro P. Ellenor
Junior Deacon	W. Bro V. Thompson
Guardian	W. Bro M. Roche
Warder	W. Bro N. Wilson

Opening.

The opening hymn was sung after which Provincial Grand Assembly was opened in due form.

Salutations.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Brother of Grand Mark Lodge were saluted in due form.

Porphyry Stone.

The Porphyry Stone was paraded into the Assembly by the Worshipful Commander of the Allertonshire Lodge and presented to the Provincial Grand Master who received it with pleasure. The PGM requested that all RAM Lodges should take part in “Raids” and claim the Stone for their respective Lodges.

Welcome.

The Worshipful Commander of the Middlesbrough Lodge 276, on behalf of both Host Lodges (Ryedale 277), welcomed the Provincial Grand Master to the meeting. The RWPGM responded with grateful thanks.

Obituaries.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master rose to present the Obituary of those Royal Ark Mariner Brethren who had passed away in the period 4th November 2017 to 16th November 2018

P.J. Hall	Minerva	12TI
P.R. Mann	The Ridings IC	1452
R.T. Parker	Scarborough	95
J.W.C. Hayes	Howdenshire	743
J.H. Loftus	Beacon Centenary	1583
K. Wright	York	TI

The Provincial Grand Chaplain said a prayer and the Memorial Hymn was played.

Welcome to Distinguished Guests and Heads of Orders.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed those who are Rulers or Past Rulers of other Provinces and Past Rulers of the Province of North and East Yorkshire and also Heads of Orders, and were members of Royal Ark Mariner Lodges within the Province.

R.W.Bro. James Steggles – Provincial Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire.

W.Bro. Frank Woolgrove – Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. David Crofts – Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. Allan Cameron Scott-Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

W. Bro Graham Fenwick – Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler-Order of the Secret Monitor and Grand Master Mason- The Operatives. Accompanied By:-

W.Bro. Philip Ellenor- Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler- Order of the Secret Monitor.

W. Bro. Roger Booker -Deputy Grand Master Mason 5th Degree- The Operatives.

W. Bro. Tony Burke- Past Third Grand Principal – Holy Royal Arch.

W. Bro. Michael Graham- Past Inspector General- Rose Croix.

W.Bro. Geoffrey Butler- Past Deputy Intendant General- Red Cross of Constantine.

W. Bro Adrian Jessop – Craft Provincial Secretary – North & East Yorkshire.

Roll of Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Ranks.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that all the holders of R.A.M. Prov. G.R. of the year were present except for W. Bro. B Gregson and W. Bro. C Maltby from whom an apology had been received and had sent their best wishes.

Roll of Royal Ark Mariner Lodges.

The Roll of Lodges was called by the Provincial Grand Secretary, and confirmed that all Lodges were well represented with the Worshipful Commanders and Brethren of each lodge standing as their lodge name was called.

Minutes of the Thirteenth Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly.

The minutes of the Thirteenth meeting held at The Spa, Scarborough on Saturday, November 4th, 2017 had been published and had been available for inspection today. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had received no additions or amendments.

W. Bro Broadhead proposed, and W. Bro Dudley seconded that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on November 4, 2017, as published and open for inspection at the Secretaries' table prior to this meeting should be adopted.

The proposition was carried and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was pleased to sign the minutes.

Apologies for Absence.

The Provincial Grand Secretary said that he had received and recorded apologies for absence from a number of Brethren, all of whom sent their best wishes for a successful Assembly.

Report of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Secretary advised the brethren that his report had been circulated, was on display at the meeting and was on the website.

W.Bro. Ellenor proposed and W.Bro. Thompson seconded that the report of the Provincial Grand Secretary as printed and circulated be adopted

The proposition was carried.

Lecture

The next business was to receive a lecture by W.Bro. Don Marshall entitled "The Statue of Liberty and Freemasonry, The lecture was well received by the brethren who applauded at its conclusion. The RWPGM thanked the presenter for an excellent lecture and for spending his time in preparing and delivering the same.

Investitures.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then invested those Brethren he had appointed to Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Rank.

Ling Faang Yu	Minerva	12TI
Stanley Grisedale	Scarborough	95
Charles Joel-Chilton	Middlesborough	276

David Gilliat	Ryedale	277
Stephen Kearns	Howdenshire	743
Brian Rigby	Allertonshire	845
James Johnson	St. Peter's	1008
David Simpson	Trinity IC	1428 (Apology)

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master invited the newly invested Officers to act as Officers of Provincial Grand Assembly as follows :-

Senior Warden	W. Bro L. F. Yu
Junior Warden	W. Bro S. Grisedale
Senior Deacon	W. Bro C. Joel-Chilton
Junior Deacon	W. Bro D. Gilliat
Guardian	W. Bro S. Kearns
Warder	W. Bro B. Rigby

The newly invested Officers were saluted in due form. W. Bro Yu responded on behalf of the newly appointed Provincial RAMGR.

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master's Address.

The RWPGM then addressed the brethren explaining the need for the change of venue this year and he thanked the Secretariat and the Directors of Ceremonies for preparing the meeting. The RWPGM went on to report on membership, recruitment and retention and said whilst this year has been encouraging with 17 new members unfortunately this has been nullified by deaths and resignations resulting in a nett gain of 1. He then congratulated W Bro John Broughton, W Bro David Hodgson and W Bro Mike Pegg on their promotion to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank last December and W Bro Roger Booker, W Bro Anthony Clements and W Bro Ernest McGeagh on their forthcoming promotion to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank and thanked all last year's RAM ProvGR Officers for the commitment they gave and congratulated the Officers he promoted this year. He then thanked W Bro Geoff Eastburn and his team from PWRL, Assistant DC's and W Bro's Fila and Helsdon for their contribution to the meeting. The full address will be made available for viewing on the website.

Presentation of the Porphyry Stone.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that the Lodge with the greatest attendance at the meeting was Allertonshire No.845. The WCN Andy Lawton was presented to the RWPGM who congratulated him and his lodge members before presenting him with the Porphyry Stone.

Invitations.

Invitations were received from Howdenshire Lodge No 743 and the Alexandra Lodge No 803 for the Provincial Grand Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners to be held under their Banners at Scarborough on Saturday 2nd November 2019. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master was pleased to accept these invitations.

Further Correspondence.

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that there was no further correspondence to bring before Provincial Grand Assembly.

Collection.

A collection was taken on behalf of Provincial Charities.

Exposition (Gopher Wood) Address.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Paul Barham R.A.M.G.R. delivered the Exposition Address, which was received with acclamation.

Closing.

There being no further business to transact the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master closed Provincial Grand Assembly at 12.31p.m.

Signed.Provincial Grand Master

November 2nd, 2019.