

## **THE HISTORY OF UGLE**

The early evidence of Freemasonry is very scarce. There are some 113 versions of what are now known as the Old Charges dating from circa 1390. These are parchment rolls some of them up to 9 feet in length – these and other notes contain a legendary history of the Mason trade and Charges reciting the duties of a Mason to his God, his Master, his Craft and his fellows. The origins of Freemasonry are the subject of great debate; that there is a connection with the operative stonemasons who built the great medieval cathedrals and castles is generally accepted by Masonic historians – but whether that connection was direct or indirect is the subject of speculation. The first record of the ‘making’ (note making not Initiation) of an English Freemason is one Elias Ashmole, the antiquarian and Herald. Organised Freemasonry became established on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1717 when four London Lodges came together at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House adjacent to St Paul’s Churchyard London and formed themselves into a Grand Lodge.

In 1723 the first rule Book - the Constitutions of Masonry - was published. By 1730 the Grand Lodge had over 100 Lodges in England and Wales under its control.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland was formed in 1725 and the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. In 1799 Freemasonry almost came to a halt. In the wake of the French Revolution a number of Acts of Parliament had been passed in an attempt to curb trade unions, political clubs and other ‘subversive’ organisations. The 1799 Unlawful Societies Act banned any meetings of groups which required their members to take an oath or obligation.

The Earl of Moira (Acting Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge) and the Duke of Athol (Grand Master of the Ancients Grand Lodge) called on the Prime Minister (William Pitt, not a Freemason) and explained to him how Freemasonry was a supporter of the law and a lawfully constituted authority and as such was much involved in charitable work. As a result Freemasonry was specifically exempted from the terms of the Act provided that each Lodge Secretary once a year lodged with the local Clerk of the Peace a list of all members of his Lodge together with their ages, professions and addresses – That provision continued until 1967 when it was rescinded by Parliament.

Suggestions that a Union of the Premier and Antients Grand Lodges was a desirable object began to be made in the 1790s but progress was slow, largely because the Antients feared that they would simply be absorbed by their older rival. The project, however, gained the support of the Prince of Wales and his Acting Grand Master, Francis, Second Earl of Moira and in 1809 Committees of both Grand Lodges were appointed to seek terms for an equitable Union. Little agreement could be reached and the talks had almost foundered when in 1813 the Duke of Sussex and his Brother His Royal Highness Edward Duke of Kent became respectively, Grand Masters of the Premier and Ancients Grand Lodges. In a few short weeks they completed the negotiations and made the arrangements for the great meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1813. Previous to this date Articles of Union (21 in number) were agreed and signed by both Grand Masters and their Committees at Kensington Palace on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1813 and were then ratified by both Grand Lodges. The Article of Union were considered so important that for many years they were carried into every Grand Lodge Meeting by the Grand Registrar in a purse heavily embroidered with the Arms

adopted by Grand Lodge, which did not formally apply for a grant of Arms until 1919.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1967 over 6000 Freemasons from all over the world and from other Grand Lodges gathered at the Royal Albert Hall in London to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, central to this celebration was the installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as the Grand Master, a position to which he has been annually elected ever since.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1992 over 12500 attended a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge at Earls Court London to celebrate the 275 Anniversary of the formation of Grand Lodge and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as the Grand Master. For the first time, in addition to English Freemasons and delegations from 94 other Grand Lodges, ladies and non-masons (representing the many charities which Freemasonry has supported over the years) and the press and television attended the meeting.

Since 1919 the United Grand Lodge of England has been situated in London in the area of, Great Queens Street, Drury Lane and the area called Long Acre. The foundation stone, for the third and present building, was laid in 14<sup>th</sup> July 1927 by remote electricians from the Royal Albert Hall. The building was opened by HRH the Duke of Connaught Grand Master on the 19th July 1933. This was the third Freemasons building to be built on the site. It is called the Masonic Peace Memorial Building and is dedicated to the Brethren who fell during the First Great War and in honour of them a great Tower stands above the entrance. That is the reason why we wear Black Ties and why many of us even to this day continue to wear Black Ties, despite the legality of both the Provincial and the Craft tie. The United Grand Lodge of England recognises about just less than 200 other Grand Lodges, or Grand Orients as some are known by, throughout the world. The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Grand Lodge of Ireland to name but two. There are basic, but mandatory principles for Grand Lodge Recognition which have been accepted by the United Grand Lodge of England since 4<sup>th</sup> September 1949.

### **The Structure of the United Grand Lodge of England**

The Management system of the United Grand Lodge of England looks like this:-

#### **Key Officers 2007 - 2008**

**Grand Master** - His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

**Pro Grand Master** - Peter Geoffrey Lowndes.

**Deputy Grand Master** – Jonathon Spence.

**Assistant Grand Master** – Sir David Hugh Wootton.

*(If the Grand Master is of Royal Blood then he can appoint a Pro Grand Master. Like wise if the Worshipful Master of a Private Lodge is of Blood Royal then he can appoint a Deputy).*

They will have the following Grand Officers to assist them in the running of Grand Lodge – some of the titles you will be familiar with, others may not be so well known. The description of their Jewels has also been included.

**Grand Officer Rank Structure in accordance with  
Book of Constitutions Article 5 dated 2012**

- 1. The Grand Master** – The Compasses extended over an arc of 45 degrees with a segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye within a triangle both irradiated.
- 2. The Pro Grand Master** – The same as the Grand Master.
- 3. Past Grand Masters** – A similar Jewel as above but without the gold plate.
- 4. Past Pro Grand Masters** – A similar Jewel as above but without the gold plate.
- 5. Deputy Grand Master** – The Compasses and Square united, with a 5 pointed star in the centre.
- 6. Past Deputy Grand Masters.**
- 7. Assistant Grand Masters** – The Compasses and the Square.
- 8. Past Assistant Grand Masters.**
- 9. Metropolitan Grand Masters** – The Compasses and Square with the 5 pointed star within a double circle with the name of the Metropolitan area engraved thereon.
- 10. Past Metropolitan Grand Masters** – The Compasses and Square only, on a blue enamelled oval medal with the name of Metropolitan Area engraved thereon.
- 11. Provincial and District Grand Masters** – As for the Metropolitan Grand Master but with the Province / District engraved thereon.
- 12. Past Provincial and District Grand Masters** - As for the Past Metropolitan Grand Master but with the Province / District engraved thereon.
- 13. Senior Grand Warden** – Level.
- 14. Past Senior Grand Wardens.**
- 15. Junior Grand Warden** – Plumb Rule.
- 16. Past Junior Grand Wardens.**
- 17. President of the Board of General Purposes** - Arms Crest and Supporters of the Grand Lodge.
- 18. Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes**
- 19. Grand Chaplain** – Open Book surmounting a Glory
- 20. Past Grand Chaplains.**
- 21. Grand Registrar** – Scroll with seal appended – He is in charge of all the Seals.
- 22. Past Grand Registrars.**
- 23. Grand Secretary** – Two Pens in \*Saltire tied with a ribbon.
- 24. Past Grand Secretaries.**
- 25. Grand Chancellor** – Two hands formed in a conventional hand shake across a map of the world.
- 26. Past Grand Chancellors.**
- 27. President of the Grand Charity** - Arms and Crest of the Grand Lodge and underneath a ribbon with the word ‘Benevolentai’.
- 28. President of the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys** - Arms and Crest of the Grand Lodge and underneath a ribbon with the word ‘Benevolentai’
- 29. President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution** -Arms and Crest of the Grand Lodge and underneath a ribbon with the word ‘Benevolentai’
- 30. President of the Masonic Samaritan Fund** - Arms and Crest of the Grand Lodge and underneath a ribbon with the word ‘Benevolentai’.

- 31. Past Presidents of the Grand Charity, the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Masonic Samaritan Fund.**
- 32. Grand Director of Ceremonies -Two Rods in Saltire tied by a Ribbon.**
- 33. Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.**
- 34. Grand Sword Bearer - Two Swords in Saltire with a Ribbon across the Centre.**
- 35. Past Grand Sword Bearers.**
- 36. Grand Superintendent of Works – A semicircular Protractor.**
- 37. Past Grand Superintendents of Works.**
- 38. Grand Inspectors – A Pair of Compasses extended to 45 degrees within a double circle with the name of the Group of Lodges.**
- 39. Past Grand Inspectors.**
- 40. Grand Treasurer -A Chased Key.**
- 41. Past Grand Treasurers.**
- 42. Deputy Grand Chaplain.**
- 43. Past Deputy Grand Chaplains.**
- 44. Deputy President of the Board of General Purposes.**
- 45. Past Deputy Presidents of the Board of General Purposes.**
- 46. Deputy Grand Registrar.**
- 47. Past Deputy Grand Registrars.**
- 48. Deputy Grand Secretary.**
- 49. Past Deputy Grand Secretaries.**
- 50. Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.**
- 51. Past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.**
- 52. Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.**
- 53. Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearers.**
- 54. Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works.**
- 55. Past Deputy Grand Superintendents of Works.**
- 56. Grand Orator – Scroll of Vellum with an Olive Branch Wreath.**
- 57. Past Grand Orators.**
- 58. Senior Grand Deacon – Dove with an Olive Branch.**
- 59. Past Senior Grand Deacons.**
- 60. Junior Grand Deacon. – Dove with an Olive Branch.**
- 61. Past Junior Grand Deacons.**
- 62. Assistant Grand Chaplains.**
- 63. Past Assistant Grand Chaplains.**
- 64. Assistant Grand Registrars.**
- 65. Past Assistant Grand Registrars.**
- 66. Assistant Grand Secretaries.**
- 67. Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.**
- 68. Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.**
- 69. Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.**
- 70. Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.**
- 71. Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.**
- 72. Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.**
- 73. Past Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.**
- 74. Grand Organist – A Lyre.**
- 75. Past Grand Organists.**

- 76. Grand Standard Bearers** – Two banners, the \*dexter bearing the Arms of the Grand Lodge, the \*Sinister bearing the Arms of the Grand Master for the time being and the staves being in Saltire and tied by a Ribbon.
- 77. Past Grand Standard Bearers.**
- 78. Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.**
- 79. Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.**
- 80. Deputy Grand Organist.**
- 81. Past Deputy Grand Organists.**
- 82. Grand Pursuivant** – Arms of the Grand Lodge surmounting a crossed Sword and Rod.
- 83. Past Grand Pursuivants.**
- 84. Assistant Grand Pursuivants.**
- 85. Past Assistant Grand Pursuivants.**
- 86. The Grand Stewards for the Year.**
- 87. Grand Tyler** – A Sword.
- 88. Past Grand Tylers.**
- 89.** Such Past Grand Stewards as are Masters or Past Masters qualified under Rule 9 of the Book of Constitutions of Private Lodges.
- 90.** The Master, Past Master qualified under Rule 9 of the Book of Constitutions, and Wardens of the Grand Stewards Lodges and of every other Private Lodge.

\*Saltire – Ordinary in form of St Andrews Cross in Heraldry dividing the shield into four compartments.

\*dexter – From Heraldry, the right hand side of the shield from the Bearers point of view.

\*Sinister – From Heraldry, the left hand side of the shield from the Bearers point of view.

### **A Board of General Purposes.**

The Title ‘Board of General Purposes’ is limited to *Grand Lodge* and to those bodies chosen by the *District Grand Lodges* so entitled. This Board deals with every aspect relating to the Craft. It has the administration and control of the property of Grand Lodge, and the control of all its finances. The Book of constitutions Rule 81a states that that in every District of less than seven Lodges there may be, and in every District of seven or more Lodges there shall be a Board of General Purposes. The District of Cyprus is fortunate enough to have its own Board of General Purposes.

The Board of General Purposes is the policy making body but it has no authority to rule or enact legislation. It may report or make recommendations but its reports and decisions have to be ratified by a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

### **Appeals Court.**

Like any Man Management system we have an **Appeals Court** and a **Panel for Clemency** so that any Brother or Lodge feeling aggrieved by a local decision has the right to make an appeal.

Whenever the Grand Secretary shall receive a report under Book of Constitution Rule 76, which states – The Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Master has no

power to erase a Lodge or expel a Brother; when, therefore, a case is such as in his judgement, to require the erasure of a Lodge or the expulsion of a Brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall thereupon cause the matter to be laid before the Appeals Court. A recommendation that a Lodge be erased or a Brother be expelled or invited to resign shall take effect as a penalty of suspension until such time as the question of erasure or expulsion shall have been considered by an Appeals Court or the Brother shall have resigned. The Appeals Court will deal with the case in one of the following ways:-

**A.** If the Appeals Court shall be of the opinion that the recommendation should proceed it shall direct the Grand Secretary to inform the Master of the Lodge or Brother concerned by letter that after the expiration of the relevant period from the date of posting the letter such Lodge shall be thereupon erased or the Brother expelled from the Craft. However, if during that stated period the Grand Secretary receives notice that such Lodge or Brother desires to make a plea for Clemency, which notice shall include or be accompanied by a written summary of the matters which will be relied on in support of the case.

**B.** If at the expiration of the stated period the Grand Secretary shall have received no such notice as aforesaid, the finding of the Appeals Court shall thereupon take effect as the erasure of the Lodge or the expulsion of the Brother, and the name of the Lodge or the Brother and the reason for the erasure or expulsion shall be reported to the Grand Lodge at the next convenient Quarterly Communication.

**C.** If the Grand Secretary shall within the said relevant period receive notice that the Lodge or Brother desires to make a plea for Clemency, he shall report the matter to the Panel for Clemency, and if after due consideration they grant the plea they may substitute any penalty authorised by Book of Constitutions Rule 179.

**D.** If the Panel for Clemency shall consider that the plea should not be granted, the finding of the Appeals Court shall thereupon take effect as the erasure of the Lodge or the expulsion of the Brother, and the name of the Lodge or Brother and the reason for the erasure or expulsion shall be reported to the Grand Lodge at the next convenient Quarterly Communication.

**E.** If the Panel for Clemency shall consider that the plea ought to be heard in the Grand Lodge, they shall grant the Lodge or the Brother concerned leave to make the plea in Grand Lodge, in which case they shall direct the Grand Secretary to inform the Board of General Purposes.

**F.** For the purpose of this Rule the relevant period shall be 30 days in the case of a Lodge situated or a Brother resident within a Metropolitan Area or a Province and 90 days in all other cases (90 days for a District).

The appeals Court may substitute any penalty authorised by Rule 179 or a direction that a Brother be invited to resign from the Craft pursuant to Rule 277A.

Like wise the Appeals Court may dismiss the case.

#### **A Panel for Clemency.**

The Panel for Clemency shall be constituted on each occasion as hereinafter mentioned. All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding Brother in case of equality having a second or casting vote.

The Assistant Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master shall preside.

There shall be not less than three Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Masters chosen by the presiding Brother from a list of eight appointed annually by the Grand Master; the

Metropolitan, or Provincial Grand Masters so appointed may so long as they remain eligible be re-appointed as often as the Grand Master may see fit. The Grand Master may appoint an eligible Brother to fill any vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation or disqualification.

There shall be no less than three members chosen by the presiding Brother from a list of eight which shall comprise the President and Deputy President of the Board of General Purpose and six other members (not being Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Masters or Grand Superintendents) of the Rulers Forum Groups elected annually by the Rulers Forum.

### **The Structure of Metropolitan Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, District Grand Lodge and Overseas and Unattached Lodges.**

#### **London Lodges**

In 1970 London Lodges were defined as those Lodges being within 10 miles of Great Queen Street which basically put all Lodges on the outside of the M25 as London Lodges. Now, and in accordance with Rule 128 of the Book of Constitutions London Lodges are defined as within 5 miles of Great Queens Street, putting them all in an area inside the M25 circuit.

#### **Metropolitan Areas**

We only have one Metropolitan area which is called London. If you go back to the early 1940's there was talk then of dividing London itself into many Metropolitan areas but this never came to fruition. We now have a Metropolitan Grand Lodge and within its Honours system the **London Rank, London Grand Rank and Senior London Grand Rank**. The London Rank was set up in 1909 to allow Brethren of London Lodges to receive Honours for meritorious work. Past Masters were appointed to London Grand Rank and then it was a Promotion to Senior London Grand Rank. London Rank was for Brethren who had not passed through the Chair. Once they had then they automatically received London Grand Rank There is a London Grand Rank Fund and a London Grand Rank Association and this allows all Holders of London Rank to be members.

The Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London and the Metropolitan Grand Chapter were consecrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003 and currently consists of circa 1400 Lodges.

At the founding of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge the Right Honourable Lord Millett *PC* was made Metropolitan Grand Master, Russell Race *DL* (The London Management Chairman) became Deputy Metropolitan Grand Master and is now, since February 2009, the second Metropolitan Grand Master. The responsibility of the Assistant Grand Master for London Freemasonry passed to the Metropolitan Grand Master on his Investiture, which is why in Rule 5 of the Book of Constitutions a Metropolitan Grand Master takes precedence over all Provincial and District Grand Masters. Initially the Metropolitan Management system was for a Metropolitan Grand Master, a Deputy Metropolitan Grand Master and such numbers of Metropolitan Group Chairman as there were 'Groups' initially there were 20 Groups. A Group Chairman was considered equivalent to an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

In circa 2007, after 4 years of experience the structure was reformed so that the Metropolitan Group Chairmen and Assistant Group Chairmen were basically replaced by Assistant Metropolitan Grand Masters to rank immediately after the Deputy Metropolitan Grand Master and Metropolitan Grand Inspectors to rank immediately after the Assistant Metropolitan Grand Masters. The structure completes with Senior Visiting Officers and Visiting Officers.

### The Provinces

These are based as near to as possible the old County Borders within England and Wales. There are currently 47 Provinces within England and Wales. Each Province will have a number of Lodges. To name but a few - Bedfordshire 55 Lodges. Berkshire 93 Lodges. Hampshire and Isle of Wight 250 Lodges. Hertfordshire 202 Lodges. Jersey 11 Lodges. East Kent 187 and so on and we end up with circa 6149 Craft Lodges within the Provinces.

Each Province will be set up as follows and this example is the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with 250 Craft Lodges.

#### **Provincial Grand Master**

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

6 x Assistant Provincial Grand Master (so you can see depending on the number of Lodges the Provincial Grand Master can appoint a number of Assistant Grand Masters to assist him in running the Province).

Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Almoner

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

And in most cases now an Information Officer.

Each Province will have a team based on our own Lodge rank Structure to assist in the smooth and correct running of the Province. I will not detail here but wait until we describe our own District. However, suffice to say that these Brethren who would assist the Provincial Grand Master in the day to day running of the Province would be known as **Active Provincial Grand Officers** for example - Worshipful Brother John Smith **Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies (ProvGDC)** or **Provincial Senior Grand Deacon (ProvSGD)**. When they were no longer required they would be known as Worshipful Brother John Smith **Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies (PProvGDC)** or **(PPr GDC)**. At the same time as electing these worthy Brethren the Provincial Grand Master would appoint some Brethren who had shown particular support to Freemasonry and the Province immediately to a Past Rank; for example Worshipful Brother John Grady **Past Provincial Grand Senior Deacon (PPrSGD)**. Notice the small difference here **PPrSGD** and not **PProv SGD**, this allows us to differentiate between those who were active whilst holding the honours and those who were not.

## Districts

Districts are those elements overseas and currently there are 33 districts broken down as Europe, Asia, Africa, Americas and Oceania.

For example Cyprus, Bermuda, Eastern Archipelago, Hong Kong and the Far East. Districts are formed much the same as Provinces and as an example our own District of Cyprus. Within the Districts in total there are 749 Craft Lodges.

### District Grand Lodge of Cyprus.

In our District of Cyprus we have 17 Private Lodges (includes one Masters Lodge) and we hold one District Grand Lodge.

St Pauls Lodge Number 2277 EC.  
St Georges Lodge Number 3135 EC.  
Lord Kitchener Lodge Number 3402 EC.  
Othello Lodge Number 5670 EC.  
Lusignan Lodge Number 7435 EC.  
Apollo Lodge Number 7886 EC.  
Agapinor Lodge Number 8905 EC.  
Cyprus Masters Lodge Number 9655 EC.  
Dionysos Lodge Number 9716 EC.  
King Tefkros Lodge Number 9786 EC.  
Phenix Lodge Number 9817 EC.  
Zenon 18 Lodge Number 9818 EC.  
Bellapais Lodge Number 9847 EC.  
St Hilarion Lodge Number 9851 EC.  
Peace and Harmony Lodge Number 9852 EC.  
Allegoria Lodge Number 9865 EC.  
Lakeside Lodge Number 9869 EC.

At St Paul's Lodge Number 2277 on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1980 the Pro Grand Master Most Worshipful the Right Honourable the Earl Cadogan read the following message from the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent *'Brethren in accordance with Rule 62 of the Book of Constitutions I have decided to form a District of Cyprus and have appointed Very Worshipful Brother George Meikle OBE who has been Grand Inspector for thirteen years as the first District Grand Master'*.

At this time there were only 7 Lodges within Cyprus.

Our District for 2013 – 2014 is made up as follows:-

**District Grand Master - Right Worshipful Master Theodosios S Theodossiou**  
**Deputy District Grand Master – Very Worshipful Brother Eric Williams**  
**Assistant District Grand Master - Worshipful Brother Andrew Theocharous**

The District Grand Master will then appoint a team of those Brethren so qualified to assist him in running the District.

The Book of Constitutions Rule 68 states - A District Grand Master (DGM) is empowered to appoint annually such acting District Grand Officers as are specified in that column of the schedule to this Rule which is appropriate to the number of Freemasons in his District registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the preceding year and in addition to make appointments to any Past District Grand Rank which he is empowered to confer as an acting office, except that of Deputy or Past Assistant District Grand Master; but so that the aggregate number of first appointments to acting offices and past ranks shall not in any one year exceed the number of Lodges in his District registered on the 1<sup>st</sup> September of the preceding year, subject only to the proviso that no District Grand Master shall be prevented thereby from appointing the number of acting ranks indicated in the relevant column of the Schedule. The Schedule is reproduced below in full. Those not allowed due to our own total numbers have been ~~Struck out~~. In Cyprus we therefore come in to the first column of the Schedule which equates to about 999 Freemasons on the Books.

Other rules state that in every District of less than seven Lodges there may be, and in every District consisting of seven or more Lodges there shall be a Board of General Purposes (we are a District of 17 Lodges). Like wise in every District there **may** also be a District Board of Benevolence. **In the District of Cyprus we have a District Board of General Purposes and a District Board of Benevolence.**

In addition the District Grand Master may appoint a President of the District Board of Benevolence **INSTEAD** of either a District Grand Almoner or a District Grand Charity Steward. In the District of Cyprus we have a President of the Board of Benevolence and in doing so we have opted to surrender the post of District Grand Almoner in favour of the District Grand Charity Steward.

**Therefore in accordance with the Book of Constitutions in the District of Cyprus we are allowed the following Grand Officers:-**

District Grand Master.  
Deputy District Grand Master.  
Assistant District Grand Master.  
District Senior Grand Warden.  
District Junior Grand Warden.  
District Grand Chaplain.  
District Grand Treasurer – *Elected Annually, Book of constitutions Article 68 (d).*  
District Grand Registrar.  
District Grand Secretary.  
President of the District Board of General Purposes. *New Rank position in accordance with UGLE Quarterly communications dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.*  
President of the District Board of Benevolence. *New Rank position in accordance with UGLE Quarterly communications dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007*  
District Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
District Grand Sword Bearer.  
District Grand Superintendent of Works.  
~~District Deputy Grand Chaplain.~~  
~~District Deputy Grand Registrar.~~  
~~District Deputy Grand Secretary.~~  
District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

~~District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.~~  
~~District Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works.~~  
~~District Grand Almoner.~~ *We have to surrender either this Post or the Post of District Charity Steward in favour of the President of the District Board of Benevolence, Book of Constitutions Article 68 (c) refers. We have elected to keep the position of District Charity Steward and surrender the post of District Grand Almoner.*  
 District Grand Charity Steward.  
~~District Grand Orator.~~ *New Post in accordance with UGLE Quarterly Communications dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007.*  
 District Grand Mentor.  
 District Senior Grand Deacon.  
 District Junior Grand Deacon.  
~~District Assistant Grand Chaplain.~~  
~~District Assistant Grand Registrar.~~  
 District Assistant Grand Secretary.  
~~District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.~~  
~~District Assistant Grand Sword Bearer.~~  
~~District Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works.~~  
 District Grand Organist.  
 District Grand Standard Bearer.  
 District Grand Standard Bearer.  
~~District Assistant Grand Standard Bearer.~~  
~~Deputy Grand Organist.~~  
 District Grand Pursuivant.  
~~Assistant Grand Pursuivant.~~  
 District Grand Steward.  
 District Grand Steward  
 District Grand Tyler.

Every year circa May we hold our Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Cyprus with a Festive Board. A District Grand Lodge is Opened in **due form** in the Third Degree. During this communication the District Grand Master will Re-appoint, Appoint, Promote and invest the District Grand Officers. You will find that the Opening and Closing of a District Grand Lodge is slightly different to the Opening and Closing of a Private Lodge. For those Brethren who have never attended a Provincial or District Grand Lodge you will find it a very exciting Ceremony. You will recognise the District Senior Grand Warden and the District Junior Grand Warden, however, there will another Officer who you may not have seen before and he is called the **District Grand Pursuivant** he is rather like the Inner Guard and his duty is to give a due report of all approaching Brethren, and to see that they are properly clothed and ranged under their respective Banners. The definition of a **Pursuivant** is a Junior Heraldic Officer, ranking below a Herald, a Royal, or State Messenger with power to execute Warrants, a Follower or an Attendant. The earliest record of the regular appointment of **Pursuivant** in the United Grand Lodge was in 1833 when it was a paid appointment. At the District Grand Lodge we will all assemble under our Banner and the Worshipful Master and his Wardens are allowed to wear their Lodge Collars, this being the only time that they can so do outside of their Lodge.

## Overseas

Areas outside of the Metropolitan areas, Provinces and Districts are called 'Overseas' they are those collection of Lodges not big enough to form Districts and currently they consist of Greece, Malta, Montreal and Halifax, Portugal and South West Pacific. In total they make up about 14 Lodges.

Now these individual organisations are headed by a man called the Grand Inspector. His Jewel is a pair of Compasses extended to 45 degrees within a double circle. Before June 1980 Cyprus would have been classed as Overseas.

## Unattached Lodges in England and Wales

Unattached Lodges are Lodges that are under the direct Jurisdiction of the Grand Master himself.

**The Grand Stewards Lodge.** (Note that this is the only Lodge without a Number).

**Lodge of Antiquity Number 2 EC.**

**Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge Number 4 EC.**

**Lodge of Fortitude and old Cumberland Number 12 EC.**

**Royal Alpha Lodge Number 16 EC.**

**The Lodge of Antiquity Number 2** *this was the Goose and Gridiron Ale House Number 1.*

**The Royal Somerset and Inverness Lodge Number 4** *was the original Rummer and Grapes Number 4.*

**The Lodge of fortitude and Old Cumberland Number 12** *was the original Number 3 The Apple Tree.*

**Royal Alpha Lodge Number 16.** The late Duke of Windsor 1894 – 1972 joined this Lodge in 1932. These were called 'Time Immemorial Lodges' – Ancient beyond time. Note - The Book of Constitutions Article 101 states that no Lodge may meet without a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master except under the provision of Article 95 which is by a Provisional Warrant. However, this does not apply to the first three Lodges mentioned as they act under Immemorial Constitutions.

Even today they have special privileges of being allowed to wear special Collars – of the standard light blue ribbon 4 inches wide but with a stripe of garter blue about one third of the Collar width in the centre.

So there you have it.

What you should do at the next Lodge Meeting you attend is to look around and see if you can identify Grand Officers, District Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers and London Rank.

See if you can identify any Brethren from other Constitutions and what is different from our own Regalia. You should be able to identify all the Breast Jewels and what they represent. If in doubt ask and I am sure the Brother concerned will be only pleased to answer your questions – Never forget that all Past Masters were once Entered Apprentices!

*Worshipful Brother Dave Hubbard MBE DistGDC.  
January 2014*