

## **Seating Message from the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent**

At the Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation on 9 April I informed the Companions present that during the year I had set up a working party to review the role of the Provincial Representative.

As a result I have taken steps to enhance the role and status of the Provincial Representative. They are my Representatives at Chapter meetings and whilst I am sure that they are given the respect due to their status I felt that I should clarify an area which I think has caused some confusion in the past ie where they should be seated both in the Chapter and at the festive board.

I therefore wish to issue the following guidance which I would request Chapters to observe.

### **At meetings where there is no Provincial Ruler present (MEGS, DGS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prov Principal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prov Principal)**

In the Chapter – at the immediate right of Haggai.

At the festive board – at the immediate right of Haggai or, if there is an Exaltee, at the immediate right of the Exaltee.

### **At meetings where a Provincial Ruler is present**

In the Chapter – at the immediate right of the Ruler(s) unless invited by the Ruler to sit on his left (and therefore at the immediate right of Haggai).

At the festive board – at the immediate right of the Ruler(s).

Obviously if a Ruler is undertaking another Office in the Chapter the above does not apply.

### **At Installation meetings**

No precedence is given to Provincial Representatives