

Regional Governor's Report Eastern Region

I convened a Conclave of the Eastern Region at the end of the proceedings of Gippelwich Conclave on Monday 1st September.

In view of the Grand Master's presence I offered to vacate my chair for him; he graciously refused! I immediately offer to vacate my seat in favour of the Grand Master.

My first unhappy duty was to announce the names of Brethren called to the Great Conclave above since the previous regional meeting.

Ill Bro Michael Goffin **Deputy Grand Marshal**, died 12-03-2025 Angles No17

Ill Bro David Price. **Past Deputy Grand Marshal**, died 22-03-2025 Angles N0 17

Bro John Edmonds died 2-09-2024 Gippelwich No20

Bro Morgan Bell died 29-07-2025 Bishops Lynn No 23

Confirmation of Officers

Regional Secretary Ill. Bro. Ray Pascoe, who is regularly updating our regional database.

Regional Treasurer R. Ill. Bro. Chris Burgess, who will be presenting the regional accounts at the end of the year.

Regional Marshal Ill. Bro. Geoff Spencer

Regional webmaster Ill. Comp. Peter Pryke. He has recently updated the site, and I hope to add a regular blog, and encourage Conclaves to add photos comments etc. Let's keep it live!

Grand Ranks – I warmly congratulate all members of the Eastern Region who received, or were promoted to, Grand Rank in June this year.

Especially M. Ill. Comp. David Boswell to Grand Master.

Also,

Grand Registrar Jeffrey Conway

President of the Executive Committee Chris Burgess

Grand Sword Bearer Colin Birkbeck

Deputy Grand Marshal (South) Geoff Spencer

Grand Keeper of the Portal Richard Bowyer

Past Grand Steward Alex Allan

Statistics Total reduction in membership of 4.

Meeting places and times. Pleased to see the variation of times when meetings are held; more and more in Freemasonry we need to accept that we have moved away from the half day closing model of meeting. A number of more elderly Brethren value the morning meeting times.

Around the region we are fairly well spread out. I have no problems in supporting new Conclaves, but petitioners will need to show the need for them, and have a plan to build up and maintain the Conclave.

All Conclaves need new members. Remember a candidate must be a Past Master and Past First Principal. I have a particular target this year; to have a leaflet for the Order on show at every Masonic Centre in the Eastern Region, and for each Conclave to have at least two new Pilgrims.

I encourage you to be on the lookout in your Chapters. Try and get the IPZ interested in the Order and then help him to join.

In my view Conclaves are all carrying out great work. I do, however, ask that when the ritual is read it should be familiar to the reader. Also, if words are difficult to pronounce, ask before you turn up to the meeting – be prepared. It is our duty, and I hope pleasure, to introduce Brethren to an impressive ceremony and a very meaningful Order.

I am here to help. My aim is a happy productive region. We have space for many more members.

We will all benefit in seeing the Order strengthen and grow.