

Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia
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XXX Annual Assembly

Saturday 24th February 2024

Gran Hotel Bali, Benidorm

Report Booklet

R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell
Provincial Grand Master

W. Bro. Matthew James
Provincial Grand Secretary



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Tribute - Gala Dinner

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Saturday 6th April 2024

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This is a Premier Event at 75€ p.p.
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Dear Brethren,

The XXX Annual Assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia is being held on SATURDAY 24th February 2024 at 11 am. (CET).

Brethren are reminded that the DRESS CODE is Short Morning Dress or Dark suit, White Shirt, White Gloves and Tie of the Order.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our Assembly and now introduce you to our Reports Booklet. This is the result of many hours, throughout the year, from our dedicated team of Officers and I commend it to your attention.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell
Provincial Grand Master

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia

Annual Assembly Saturday 24th February 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Running Order of the day

1. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will address the Brethren of the Province.
2. To Receive: -
 - a. Grand Lodge Representatives.
 - b. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand lodge.
 - c. Distinguished Visitors.
3. The Opening Hymn.
4. To Open Provincial Grand Lodge.
5. To Give Salutations to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.
6. To Receive the Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Masters.
7. To Give Salutations to the Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Masters.
8. To Receive the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
9. To Give Salutations to the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
10. To Parade the Lodge Banners.
11. To Welcome Visitors and Distinguished Guests.
12. To Call the Roll of Lodges.
13. To Call the Roll of Active Provincial Officers.
14. To Honour the Memory of Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above since 25th February 2023.
15. To confirm the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge Assembly held on Saturday 25th February 2023.
16. To Receive a report from the Provincial Grand Secretary.
17. To Receive a report from the Provincial Grand Treasurer.
18. To Receive the Auditors report and approve the accounts for 2023.
19. To Receive and vote on the Budget for 2024.
20. To Elect two auditors for the ensuing year.
21. To vote on the Amendments to the Provincial By-Laws.
22. To Elect the Provincial Grand Orador.
23. To confirm the Appointment of R.W. Bro. Paul Brighton to be the Representative of Spain in Norway.
24. To Re-appoint the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R.S. Hales.
25. To give Salutations to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
26. To Re-appoint the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J.S. Hyde.
27. To give Salutations to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
28. To Re-appoint the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro. J.J. Prieto-Cueto.

29. To give Salutations to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
30. To Re-appoint the Provincial Grand Inspectors.
31. To Appoint, Obligate, and Invest W. Bro. Frank Wallace as Provincial Senior Grand Warden.
32. To Appoint, Obligate, and Invest W. Bro. Ian Bullock as Provincial Junior Grand Warden.
33. To Appoint Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
34. To Appoint and Invest Active Provincial Grand Stewards.
35. To Appoint and Invest Past Provincial Grand Officers.
36. To Appoint and Invest Past Provincial Grand Stewards.
37. To Present the current Worshipful Masters of the Province to the Provincial Grand Master.
38. To Present all Initiates, since the last Provincial Assembly, to the Provincial Grand Master.
39. To Appoint Members to the following Provincial Committees:
 - a. Learning and Development Committee
 - b. Membership Committee
 - c. Events Committee
 - d. Charity Committee
 - e. Almoner's Fund Committee
 - f. Justice Committee
 - g. Funeral Plan Committee
 - h. Festival Committee
40. Presentation of Certificates for Distinguished Service.
41. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will address Provincial Grand Lodge.
42. To present the 'Mason of the Year' award.
43. To collect For Charity.
44. The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master will retire from Provincial Grand Lodge.
45. To close Provincial Grand Lodge.
46. The Closing Hymn.

The Provincial Grand Master will retire from Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell

would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the Brethren
who have supported this prestigious event today.

Active Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Valencia 2024-25

Provincial Grand Master	R.W. Bro. R.C. Bignell
Provincial Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. R.S. Hales
Provincial Assistant Grand Master	R.W. Bro. J.S. Hyde
Provincial Assistant Grand Master	W. Bro. J.J. Prieto Cueto
Provincial Grand Inspector	R.W. Bro. D.C. Wynn
Provincial Grand Inspector	R.W. Bro. P.A. Gibson-Daw
Provincial Grand Inspector	V.W. Bro. F.C. Miller
Provincial Grand Inspector	W. Bro. I.M. Beckett
Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. F.H. Wallace
Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W. Bro. I. K. Bullock
Provincial Grand Orador	W. Bro. J. de Valle (to be elected Feb 2024)
Provincial Grand Chaplain	W. Bro. P.I. Bowick
Provincial Grand Treasurer	W. Bro. I. Brown (elected Feb 2023 for 3 yrs.)
Provincial Grand Secretary	W. Bro. M.J. James
Provincial Grand DC	W. Bro. P.N. Nicholls
Provincial Grand Archivist	W. Bro. R. Lumley
Provincial Grand Sup. of Works	W. Bro. M.P. March
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	W. Bro. S. Cardwell
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	W. Bro. P. Johnson
Provincial Grand Almoner	W. Bro. C. Ward
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain	W. Bro. P.A. Edwards
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	W. Bro. R.C. Davis
Provincial Deputy Grand DC	W. Bro. P.B. Farrell
Provincial Deputy Sup. of Works	W. Bro. J. Sangster
Provincial Deputy Grand Swd. B.	W. Bro. G.T. Wren
Provincial Deputy Grand Almoner	W. Bro. D. James
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. J. Magnussen
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. J.S. Roberts
Provincial Assistant Grand Treasurer	Bro. D.B. Somerset
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	W. Bro. S. Pereira Behm
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	W. Bro. F. Stewart
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. J. Beavis
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. K.A. Vaage
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. P. de Graaf
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. G.T. Sharley
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. R. Alchin
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. M.J. Wyatt
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. I.R. Raistrick
Provincial Grand Organist	W. Bro. K.F. Cornforth
Provincial Assistant Grand Char. Stwd.	Bro. D.M. Clarke
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W. Bro. S.A. Robertson
Provincial Assistant Grand Std. B.	W. Bro. J.P. McGuire
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	W. Bro. R.S. Pico-Corbi
Provincial Grand Tyler	W. Bro. V.A. Robins (elected Feb. 2023)
Provincial Grand Steward	W. Bro. G.S. Hustler
Provincial Grand Steward	W. Bro. K. Hamilton
Provincial Grand Steward	W. Bro. K.A. Vaage
Provincial Grand Steward	W. Bro. R.R. Carter
Provincial Grand Steward	W. Bro. I.A. Makin
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. G. Winchester
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. R. Parker
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. A.A. Lopez Martinez
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. M.A. Vidal Bellon
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. J.R. Lovell
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. M. Guillén Mazón
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro. Laurent Capo

Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Valencia 2024-25

Rank	Name	Lodge
PPAGSec	W. Bro. J. Edwards	Las Salinas
PPJGD	W. Bro. G. Jones	Armonia de Ifach
PPJGD	W. Bro. A. Krogstad	Dovre
PPGAch	W. Bro. J. Chandler	Las Salinas
PPDGAlm	W. Bro. R. Guise-Smith	Javea
PPGAlm	W. Bro. W. Lloyd	Arenal/Deportiva
PPSGW	W. Bro. D. Beale	Old Tower
PPGStdB	W. Bro. A. Hardy	White River
PPAGStdB	W. Bro. C. Follows	Caledonia

Past Provincial Stewards 2024-25

Rank	Name
ProvGTres	W. Bro. I. Brown
ProvGOR	W. Bro. J. de Valle
ProvAGDC	W. Bro. J. Beavis Bro. A. Satari

Minutes of last Provincial Grand Assembly

At 11:00hrs., the Provincial Director of Ceremonies (ProvGDC) W. Bro. P. Nicholls formed an escort party to receive Grand Lodge Representatives, and Distinguished Visitors.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Valencia, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, accompanied by his Provincial Grand Officers, were escorted into the assembly hall in due form.

The opening hymn was sung by the Brethren present.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requested all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to retire from the assembly hall for a short while.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then resumed the Provincial Grand Lodge in the first degree. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts were re-admitted.

Salutations with seven were given to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Valencia, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, who replied suitably.

The ProvGDC formed an escort party and retired from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, was escorted into Provincial Grand Lodge in due and solemn form.

Salutations with nine were given to the R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, who replied suitably.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then welcomed the visitors and distinguished guests to the 29th annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia.

The Lodge Banner Bearers paraded around the assembly hall in single file and took their places.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, read out the roll call of the Valencian Lodges and their members rose in turn to announce their presence with gusto.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read out a roll call of the Active Provincial Grand Officers and announced that all were present except for five Officers, who had sent apologies for their unavoidable absence.

The Provincial Grand Secretary informed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master that the minutes of the 28th Provincial Annual Assembly held on Saturday 25th February 2023, had been posted on the Provincial Website and sent to all attendees prior to this meeting. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden proposed, and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden seconded the acceptance of those minutes. The minutes were then approved and signed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, V.W. Bro. Fredrick Miller, stated that the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report and the Provincial Accounts are posted on the Provincial Website and included in the Provincial Report Booklet. He then gave a short explanation of the present financial situation, which was repeated in Spanish by Bro. Sergio Pereira.

The Provincial Auditor, V.W. Bro. W. Russell and W. Bro. Ian Gibson, confirmed that they had examined the 2022 accounts, found them to be an accurate record and had signed them as such. He recommended that the accounts be accepted. V.W. Bro. W. Russell informed the Assembly that he will not be putting his name forward for Provincial Auditor for the ensuing year, he thanked the PGM also saying it has been an honour to serve as one of the Provincial Auditors. The ProvSGW proposed, and the ProvJGW seconded, that the accounts for the year 2022 be adopted. The proposition was carried.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the Budget for 2023. The ProvSGW proposed, and the ProvJGW seconded, the acceptance of the budget for the year 2023. The proposition was carried.

To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer (ProvGTres) for the ensuing year. There was only one candidate for the position of ProvGTres, W. Bro. Ian Brown. The ProvSGW proposed, and the ProvJGW seconded his election as ProvGTres for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Ian Brown was approved as the ProvGTres for the ensuing year.

To elect a Provincial Grand Tyler (ProvGT) for the ensuing year. There was only one candidate for the position of ProvGT, W. Bro. Victor Anthony Robins. The ProvSGW proposed, and the ProvJGW seconded his election as ProvGT for the ensuing year. W. Bro. Victor Anthony Robins was approved as the as ProvGT for the ensuing year.

To elect two Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year. There were only two candidates for this position, R.W. Bro. Norman Lesley Wheatley, and W. Bro. Ian Gibson. The ProvSGW proposed and the ProvJGW seconded their nomination as Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year. They were approved as Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year.

R.W. Bro. Rodney Stuart Hales was re-appointed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the year 2023- 2024. Salutations with five were given to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rodney Stuart Hales.

R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Steven Hyde was re-appointed as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the year 2023- 2024.

Salutations with seven were given to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Jeffrey Steven Hyde.

W. Bro. Jorge Prieto Cueto was appointed, obligated, and invested as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the year 2023-2024.

Salutations with three were given to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Jorge Prieto Cueto.

W. Bro. David Michael Beale was re-appointed as the Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Valencia for the ensuing year.

W. Bro. Frank Hogg Wallace was re-appointed as the Provincial Junior Grand Warden of the Province of Valencia for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Stewards for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The current Worshipful Masters of the Valencian Lodges were presented to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the names of those members of the Provincial Committees, that had been nominated by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the results of those members of the Grand Conclave election. The Follow names were elected:

R. W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw

W. Bro. Jorge Prieto

W. Bro. David Beale

W. Bro. Matthew James

W. Bro. Frank Wallace

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presented Long Service Certificates (40 years) to W. Bro. Frank Wallace, W. Bro. Keith Alcock, W. Bro. William Lloyd, and W. Bro. Ian Crawford. (50 years) and W. Bro. John Sangster.

R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell presented the PGM, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell with a Long Service Certificate for 40 years.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Alms, in the sum of 501.02 € were then collected in the cause of Charity.

The Provincial Director of Ceremonies formed an escort party and the R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, then retired from Provincial Grand Lodge in due and solemn form.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requested all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft to retire from Provincial Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then closed Provincial Grand Lodge in due form and solemn prayer at 13:45hrs.

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts re-entered the assembly hall and the closing hymn was sung.

The Provincial Director of Ceremonies formed an escort party and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Valencia, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, accompanied by his Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, retired from the assembly hall.

A list of Apologies will be entered separately.

W. Bro. Matthew James - Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Secretary's Annual Report 2023-24

The Honour of taking over the role of Provincial Grand Secretary has proved to be challenging as well as fulfilling. 2023 has shown beyond doubt to be a whirlwind of a year, seeing a lot of Brethren working tirelessly to make it successful in so many ways.

Thanks to our IT support R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, we now have a brand-new website. The website is full of information which every Brother should make the time to take advantage of this superb Masonic tool. Apart from the huge amount of data the website contains, you will also find an education programme, which has been headed up by the Learning and Development Committee, enabling newer Brethren of the Province to obtain that much needed assistance with their Masonic journey.

The 2026 Festival is now officially on its way to raising funds for a permanent base for the many lodges in the Javea area. This will give those lodges and progressive orders, a chance of a bright and stable future for years to come.

The Provincial Ladies night was another success which the Province can boast about, with over 220 attending this prestigious annual event. People forget how important Ladies' Nights are, giving the Brethren of the Province to honour their ladies. The extremely enjoyable night commenced with a Cava reception, followed by a fire work display. To add the icing on the cake, the procession of the Provincial Grand Master and his Lady was accompanied by Scottish pipers.

The Provincial Lodge of Instruction was hosted by Hiram Abif Lodge No.80, giving everyone an insight into the dramatic ceremonies of the Scottish rite. I congratulate the members of Hiram Abif No.80, who showed how dedicated they are to their Lodge and the Province.

As we all know, a bid was put in for the Grand Assembly for the 9th March 2024, which was successfully awarded to the Province. This is a great honour for Valencian Freemasonry, giving all its members a chance to visit Grand Lodge locally. I would also like to thank all of those who assisted with the project.

I give my sincere thanks to the Provincial Secretariat, as their hard work and assistance throughout the year has proven to be invaluable.

I look forward to the next Masonic season, and the challenges that it will bring.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew James
Provincial Grand Secretary

Amended Provincial Bye-laws (only the articles to be amended are shown)

This is necessary to comply with the new GLE Constitution.

All of the articles in the Provincial Bye-laws can be downloaded here:

<https://glpvalencia.com/by-laws> after logging in to the Provincial Website:

<https://glpvalencia.com>.

4. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

The Provincial Grand Lodge will meet at the hour and in the place designated by the Provincial Grand Master and in it, elect (if necessary), appoint, and invest as necessary the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The date for the ordinary Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting will be the fourth Saturday of February. The Provincial Grand Lodge may be convened in extraordinary session at any time by mandate of the Provincial Grand Master. Brethren who are not members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia may attend Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings with the express authorisation of the Provincial Grand Master, being Master Masons and members of a Lodge belonging to an Obedience recognised by the Grand Lodge of Spain, without being allowed to vote on any matter nor speak without the previous agreement of the Provincial Grand Master. All subjects and matters which a member wishes to be submitted for the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodge Assembly must be communicated to the Provincial Grand Secretary, in writing, 60 days in advance of the Grand Assembly of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master has the authority to accept or reject the mentioned subject. Only those matters which appear in the Order of Business and that are duly proposed and accepted may be debated in the Provincial Grand Lodge unless with the express permission of the Provincial Grand Master, who is the only one entitled to include, without previous notice, any item or motion in the Agenda that he considers to be a matter of urgency.

It shall be the duty of all Provincial Grand Lodge Members to attend the Assemblies, unless they are unable to do so due to exceptional circumstances. In the Provincial Grand Assembly, the Spanish Flag, together with the Provincial Masonic Banner, must preside over the work.

5. RIGHT TO VOTE

At the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting all Master Masons from the Lodges with a minimum of three uninterrupted years of seniority in the GLE have the right to vote. The Provincial Grand Master may authorise votation rights to the rest of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge without distinction of their degree whenever he considers it necessary. The attendance at the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Assembly is a personal responsibility and therefore the representative or delegation vote is not admitted.

12. PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK

Both appointment and cessation of all the Provincial Grand Officers, are at the sole discretion of the Provincial Grand Master, with the exception of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Orador and Provincial Grand Tyler, who will be elected at the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting and will be elected for a period of three years. The remainder of the Provincial Grand Officers are appointed for a period of one year and may be reappointed or promoted without any time limit; they will all be invested in their respective ranks at the Annual Assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The right of Past Provincial Grand Officer is acquired by those Provincial Grand Officers of the Province

who hold the office for four years, and it must be sanctioned by a Provincial Decree. However, in addition, a Past Provincial Grand Officer can continue to be designated by the Provincial Grand Master, in the normal manner.

No Brother may be appointed as a Provincial Grand Lodge Officer without having been previously installed as a Worshipful Master in a Regular Lodge at least two years before his appointment, except to the Office of Provincial Grand Steward which could be held by a Master Mason. The Provincial Grand Master, after serious consideration, could, as an extremely exceptional case, issue a special dispensation to Brethren who do not fulfil these requirements.

In the case of a Provincial Grand Office becoming vacant for any reason, the Provincial Grand Master may appoint another Brother for that Office; that appointment will have the character of pro tempore in relationship with the elected offices until the next election to be taken at the next Provincial Grand Assembly.

The Provincial Grand Master may designate or promote those Brethren who have given distinguished service to the Order with the Rank of Past Provincial Grand Officer and they will enjoy the same Rights and Privileges as their respective active Rank.

If the Provincial Grand Master is dissatisfied with the conduct of any Provincial Grand Officer he may remove him from his Office and Provincial Rank with the prior authorisation of the Provincial Executive Committee; this also applies to the Past Provincial Grand Officer ranks.

13. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Province is composed of the Provincial Grand Master, Past Provincial Grand Masters of the Province, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Inspectors, Provincial Grand Wardens, Provincial Grand Registrar, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and a member of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge selected by the Provincial Grand Master following the suggestion of that Lodge. The Executive Committee has the capacity to order payments of accounts and make other payments.

The Committee shall meet, at least once year, on the dates and in the place decided by the Provincial Grand Master or, in his absence the Deputy Provincial Grand Master or, in the absence of both, the most senior Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master may invite to the meetings any Brother he considers appropriate although that Brother will not have the right to vote at the meeting.

15. COMMITTEES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Committees that meet under the jurisdiction of the General Purposes Committee are: Membership Committee, Learning and Development Committee, Provincial Events Committee, Provincial Charity Committee, Provincial Fund Raising Committee, Almoners Fund Committee, Funeral Plan Committee. All these Committees will present their reports to the General Purpose Committee, to which they depend, for their debate and adoption. Their members will be elected at the Annual Assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge for a period of one year and they could be re-elected.

NOTE: In all cases of dispute reference must be made to the original Spanish version of these Bye-Laws.

Annual Report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer 2023

The Province of Valencia is one of eight Provinces, which cover the area controlled by the Grand Lodge of Spain. The other provinces are Andalucía, Baleares, Canarias, Castilla, Cataluña, Madrid and Murcia.

MEMBERSHIP OF VALENCIA

	Members	Lodges
End of 2021	420	20
End of 2022	418	20
2023		
First Quarter	421	20
Second Quarter	433	20
Third Quarter	432	20
Fourth Quarter	428	20
End of 2023	430	20

The Table above shows that after a net increase in our Membership in the first half of the year numbers have remained fairly stable with losses offset by new Initiates and Joining Members.

At the end of the 2023 there were 20 Lodges in the Province of Valencia.

BANK ACCOUNTS

The Province operates with three bank accounts in Banco Sabadell:

The General Account

The Benevolent/Charity Fund

The Almoner's Fund

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The costs of running the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia are detailed on the Income and Expenditure Account. Comparative figures for the year 2022 are included.

Total Income amounted to € 21,030.00 (Line 8). Capitulations Received (Line 2) showed a significant increase on the previous 12-month period, boosted by the increase in numbers as well as ceremony and joining fees. The figure of € 640 for Other Income (Line 6) relates to Grand Lodge Degree Fees income.

Total Expenditure amounted to € 15,018.59 (Line 20). This has resulted in a surplus for the year of € 6,011.41 (Line 21).

The Grand Lodge Capitulations and Building Fund levies were paid upon receipt of the appropriate invoices from Grand Lodge during 2023. The figure shown for Capitulations Received relates to the €2 each Brother pays to the Province every month to enable us to fund the various activities during the year. There were 72 Brethren over the age of 80 years at the end of December 2023 and they continue to be exempt from payment of Grand Lodge capitation fees.

Regarding the items of Expenditure for 2023:

- A) The decrease in Provincial Assembly Expenses (Line 10) reflected on the one hand the reduction against the two meetings held during 2022 but on the other an under-recovery of costs through the dining fees charged.
- B) Stationery and Printing costs (Line 13) were lower because the previous year included the re-printing of the Valencian ritual books.
- C) Internet Expenses in 2023 (Line 15) were mainly incurred for an upgrade of capacity for services associated with our website and our Zoom subscription.
- D) Other Expenses (Line 18) included €387.20 for an 8-week advertisement placed in Euro Weekly News to attract new members.

BALANCE SHEET

Detailed notes are attached to the Balance Sheet to explain the various balances shown in the accounts.

DEBTORS

The bulk of the debtors figure (Line 4) represents invoices issued in December, which have been paid after the year-end.

GENERAL FUND:

The General Fund represents the net balance of monies held by the Province. If all monies due were collected and all debts paid, we would be left with a sum in the Bank Account equal to the General Fund.

Brought forward balance at 1 January 2022	€ 45,535.72
Add: Surplus in 2022	€ 2,051.22
Balance at 1 January 2023	€ 47,586.94
dd: Surplus in 2023	€ 6,011.41
Balance at 31 December 2023	€ 53,598.35

The General Fund of € 53,598.35 (Line 9) provides the Province with financial stability and represents about 124 Euros per member. This Fund is required for our ongoing cash flow and enables us to pay Capitation Fees to Grand Lodge whilst waiting for individual Lodges to remit their payments to the Province. It also allows us to purchase books and other Masonic items for resale, as well as support activities for the general good of the members.

LIABILITIES

BENEVOLENT/CHARITY FUND

The balance at the year-end in the Benevolent/Charity Fund amounted to € 8,594.22. Line 21 on the Notes to the Accounts shows the total funds raised during the year, which included the Annual Draw ticket monies for 2023, and donations received from a number of fundraising events held throughout the Province during the year. Line 22 details the amount paid out by the Province in respect to charitable donations, whilst line 23 represents the sum paid out in prizes relating to the various events.

ALMONER'S FUND

The balance at the year-end in this Fund amounted to € 13,150.87.

Line 26 contains the detail of donations made to the Fund by lodges, Line 27 shows the total of the charity purse money raised at the Provincial Lodge of Instruction held in 2023,

while Line 28 shows the monies made available to assist Brethren during the year. Line 29 details the application of the donation received in 2022.

FEES RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Line 12 represents Honour Fees received of €590 relating to 2024 and an overpayment of capitations by one lodge of €63.

PAYMENTS TO GRAND LODGE

The following payments were remitted to Grand Lodge during 2023 on behalf of our members:

Capitation Fees:	€ 43,100
Building Fund Levy:	€ 10,470
Initiation Fees:	€ 4,600
Passing Fees:	€ 320
Raising Fees:	€ 800
Joining and Reincorporation fees:	€ 1,280

Grand Lodge charge Capitation Fees and the Building Fund Levy based on the Grand Lodge census and not the census of the Province or that of an Individual Lodge. It is therefore in all our interests to ensure that Grand Lodge records are correct and up to date.

The accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia for the year 2023 have been prepared and audited accordingly. A certificate of the Auditors is included in the Balance Sheet.

RECOMMENDATION

The Accounts for the year 2023 are now before you and are for your consideration and approval.

W. Bro. I. Brown
Provincial Grand Treasurer

Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2023

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1	Assets		
2	Bank Accounts	58,551.87	94,292.17
3	Provincial Stock	5,353.57	6,933.57
4	Debtors- Capitations, etc.	13,110.00	2,556.00
5	Total Assets	<u>77,015.44</u>	<u>103,781.74</u>
6	Liabilities		
7	General Fund	47,586.94	45,535.72
8	Surplus (+) deficit (-)	<u>6,011.41</u>	<u>2,051.22</u>
9	General Fund 31st December	53,598.35	47,586.94
10	Benevolent/Charity Fund	8,594.22	9,983.69
11	Almoner's Fund	13,150.87	43,062.11
12	Fees Received in Advance	653.00	1,530.00
13	Grand Lodge - Degree Fees	1,019.00	1,619.00
14	Total Liabilities	<u>77,015.44</u>	<u>103,781.74</u>

W. Bro. I Brown
Provincial Grand Treasurer

AUDITORS REPORT

We, the undersigned, having been appointed as Auditors, report that we have examined the books and other records maintained by the Treasurer, and confirm that the Accounts as presented agree therewith.

Signed R.W. Bro. N. Wheatley (Oliva La Safor) and W. Bro. Ian Gibson (White River)

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Bank Accounts

15	General Account Sabadell	36,806.78
16	Benevolent Fund	8,594.22
17	Almoner's Fund	<u>13,150.87</u>
		<u>58,551.87</u>

Note 2: Other Assets

18	Provincial Stock	5,353.57
19	Capitation Fees Not Received	<u>13,110.00</u>
		<u>18,463.57</u>

Note 3: Benevolent/Charity Fund

20	Balance 1 January 2023	9,983.69
21	Fund Raising - General	12,610.20
	Total Available	22,593.89
22	Charity Donations	-10,856.27
23	Other Outgoings- Prizes, etc.	-3,020.00
24	Bank Charges	-123.40

Balance at 31st December 2023 **8,594.22**

Note 4: Almoner's Fund

25	Balance 1 January 2023	43,062.11
26	Donations Received	1,000.00
27	Provincial Charity Collections	237.16
	Total Available	44,299.27
28	Assistance to Brethren	-1,000.00
29	Donation to Provincial Charities	-30,000.00
30	Bank Charges	-148.40

Balance at 31st December 2023 **13,150.87**

Note 5: Other Liabilities

Income received in advance for 2024:

31	Honours Fees	590.00
32	Lodge invoice overpayment	63.00
		<u>653.00</u>

Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia Income and Expenses Statement 2023

1	Income	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2	Capitations Received	10,920.00	7,941.00
3	Prov. Assembly Income	6,845.00	6,515.00
4	Honours Fees	1,045.00	935.00
5	Sales of Masonic Items	1,580.00	0.00
6	Other Income	640.00	1,950.00
7	Profit on Sale of Stock	0.00	95.60
8	Total Income	<u>21,030.00</u>	<u>17,436.60</u>
9	Expenditure	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
10	Provincial Assembly Expenses	7,599.55	8,282.88
11	Regalia and Equipment	280.00	230.00
12	Cost of Sales	1,580.00	0.00
13	Stationery and Printing	1,193.15	1,754.93
14	Postage	273.11	656.31
15	Internet Expenses	958.63	1,556.94
16	Travel and Visits	1,302.72	1,381.80
17	Provincial Grand Master's Hospitality	1,063.65	508.53
18	Other Expenses	669.38	940.59
19	Bank Charges	98.40	73.40
20	Total Expenditure	<u>15,018.59</u>	<u>15,385.38</u>
21	Deficit (-) Surplus (+)	<u>6,011.41</u>	<u>2,051.22</u>

Income & Expenditure Estimates for 2024

INCOME:		2024	2023
		BUDGET	ACTUAL
1	Capitations & Other Fees - 430 Brothers	11,000	10,920
2	Provincial Assembly Income	7,000	6,845
3	Honour Fees	1,000	1,045
4	Sale of Masonic Items	1,000	1,580
5	Other Income	800	640
6	TOTAL INCOME	20,800	21,030
EXPENSES:			
7	Provincial Assembly Expenses	8,250	7,600
8	Regalia and Equipment	0	280
9	Cost of Sales	1,000	1,580
10	Stationery and Printing	1,400	1,193
11	Postage	300	273
12	Internet Expenses	1,200	959
13	Travel and Visits **	3,200	1,303
14	Provincial Grand Master's Hospitality	1,200	1,064
15	Other Expenses	800	669
16	Bank Charges	150	98
17	TOTAL EXPENSES	17,500	15,019
18	SURPLUS (+) / DEFICIT (-)	3,300	6,011

** Includes costs incurred for coach to Extraordinary Grand Assembly in Fuengirola

Provincial Festival Committee Report

This year saw the launch of the **Provincial 2026 Festival**, a 3-year festival with the specific aim of raising sufficient monies to purchase a second Masonic Centre, this time in the Ondara area of our very long Province.

Accordingly, a Festival ‘organising committee,’ headed by R.W. Bro. Rod Hales, was set up and has been actively pursuing initiatives such as the procurement of specially designed Festival Ties and Collarettes, the introduction of Personal and Lodge Patronage schemes, and organising fund raising events around the Province.

You can obtain a copy of the ‘Pledge Form’ and more details of the Donation schemes by logging onto the Provincial Website: <https://glpvalencia.com>.

It should be noted that the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, has agreed that Festival Ties and Collarettes can be worn for the duration of, and after, the Festival ends.

Various social events, such as Late Summer Garden Parties, with the sole aim of raising funds for the Festival, have already taken place, and been very successful. The next event will be a ABBA Tribute Gala Ball at the Denia Marriot, La Sella, on the 6th April 2024. Please make a note in your diaries of this prestigious event, and we look forward to meeting you there.

Financial

The total funds currently held in Provincial accounts for the 2026 Festival amount to 38,768 Euros, as at 31st December 2023. This figure takes into account the expenditure of some 3,100 Euros relating to the purchase of Festival ties and Collarettes, and Legal fees incurred to date.

We have received a number of donations from individual Lodges, and also from Brethren who have made one-off donations, as well as those who have committed to a regular monthly payment. To date we have sold over half the Festival ties originally purchased and received funds from the various events held within the Province throughout the year.

There are also a number of pledges in the pipeline, which will increase our funds further in 2024.

Administrative

A new registered charitable association, in the name of ‘Asociación Luz’ has been constituted with R.W. Bro. Norman Wheatley as Chairman, V.W. Bro. William Russell as Treasurer, W. Bro. Angel Poveda as Secretary, and R.W. Bro. David Wynn as a member. This Association will be responsible for purchasing the property once sufficient funds have been raised.

As you can see, the Provincial 2026 Festival project is off to a very good start, but for this enterprise to be a success, we need the support of every member of our Province. To that end, we will always be pleased to receive your suggestions and fund-raising ideas at any time. You can contact the committee on festivalcomm@glpvalencia.com or W. Bro. Peter Johnson, PGCharStwd, at pgcs@glpvalencia.com

W. Bro. Ivan Beckett - Festival Committee Secretary

Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Report

I wish to thank all the Charity Stewards for the continued support they have provided to the Province and their Lodges to help the poor, hungry, and distressed. Increasingly, our efforts have also included raising funds for our wider Masonic priorities including the 2026 Festival and the Provincial Almoners Fund.

My personal priorities for the year have been:

- Supporting the organisation of Provincial fundraising events
- Supporting local Charity Stewards
- Improving publicity, before and after events
- Monitoring what lodges have done and sharing good practices
- Keeping aware of what lodges are planning to do, so that I can support them

There is a clear link between the work of local Charity Stewards, the recruitment of new members, and improving the retention of existing members. My message to Charity Stewards has therefore been:

- run enjoyable events
- which raise money for good causes
- show Masonry in a good light
- and are always publicised well, before and after the event in order to support these priorities, I have:
 - held 3 monthly meetings with Charity Stewards, spreading best practices and developing a more professional approach
 - introduced a quarterly online return giving details of events and funds raised
 - provided guidance on writing press articles
 - clarified the dress code for the presentation of donations
 - introduced the display of recruitment banners at public events

Supporting Poor, Hungry, and Distressed

The Provincial Grand Master canvassed lodges and initially identified four Charities he wished to support:

- 'San Gabriel' – in Alicante
- 'Reach Out' – in Torrevieja
- 'Amigos de la Calle' – in the city of Valencia
- 'Ca La Mare' – in Catarroja (Valencia)

A fifth charity, 'Project 4 All', covering the homeless in the Benidorm to Gandia area, was added during the year.

From Provincial funds, more than 10,000€ has been allocated to these charities during 2023, supplemented by additional local Lodge fundraising by, for example, Hiram Abif 80, Old Tower 49, Javea 40, and Armonia de Ifach 46.

Provincial Events

The **Provincial Draw** and the **Annual Garden Party** at Los Arcos in Pedreguer raised nearly 3,000€ and everyone who contributed to these should be proud of their efforts.

The Provincial Golf Tournament continues to grow, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of the Bonalba Golf Resort at Mutxamel, Alicante. This year's tournament on the 15th of June 2023 raised nearly 7,500€ and attracted a record entry. This will hopefully be exceeded at next year's event on 20th June 2024.

Lodge Fundraising

Examples of the charities supported by so many lodges are the following:

- Caritas
- Elche Childrens Care Home
- Raquel Paya Special Needs School
- Save the Children (Ukraine)
- Association Autismo
- San Jose Orphanage (Summer Camp)
- Per Els
- Norwegian Churches (Villajoyosa, Albir, Torrevieja)
- H.E.L.P of Marina Alta

On behalf of myself, the Charity Stewards, and their many helpers, thank you for your support during the year.

W. Bro. Malcolm March - Provincial Grand Charity Steward - December 2023

Charities and Good Causes supported by Valencia Lodges in 2023

Food Banks

- San Gabriel – Alicante
- Reach Out – Torrevieja
- Amigos de la Calle – Valencia
- Ca La Mare – Catarroja (Valencia)
- Alfaz del Pi
- Caritas Javea
- Callosa

Other

- Cancer Care
- Todos Juntos Javea
- Project 4 All
- Norwegian Churches (Villajoyosa)
- Shoe Box Drive (Torrevieja)
- 2026 Festival

Childrens' and Young People

- Elche Children's Care Home
- El Preventorio Children's Home
- Raquel Paya Special Needs School
- Comunidad Nazaret - (Alicante)
- Butterfly Children's Charity
- Association Autismo - Javea
- Ukraine Children's Fund

Almoner's Fund Annual Report

The Provincial Almoner's Fund Committee was set up at the beginning of October 2022, by the Provincial Grand Master, with the specific aim of providing financial relief to masonic brothers, and their dependants in time of need. It has replaced the previous Brotherly Love and Care Fund, which was a mainly loan based fund.

The Almoner's fund has been called upon, since its inception, to provide some €3,000 euros of support to Brethren in the Province of Valencia, in the form of four separate petitions. In providing this support we have worked closely with the Provincial Grand Almoner and his team of Lodge Almoners. The help given has enabled those Brethren, or their dependants, to overcome some very difficult circumstances.

Funding for the Provincial Almoner's Fund is solely from donations received from Lodges and individual Brethren and it is vital that this funding is maintained. This year the fund has received donations of 500 Euros each, from two Lodges, Leukopolis Lodge No. 85 and Old Tower Lodge No. 49, plus the Charity purse of 237 Euro from the Provincial Lodge of Instruction held in December 2023.

The total balance in the fund at the end of the year amounted to 13,150 Euros.

Finally, my sincere thanks to my fellow committee members, V.W. Bro. Fred Miller, and W. Bro. Bill Lloyd for their invaluable help.

W. Bro. Ivan Beckett
Chairman Provincial Almoner's Fund Committee

Funeral Plan Annual Report

The Funeral Plan is a Pre-Paid Funeral Plan that operates in conjunction with Golden Leaves who are the providers of the actual funeral services.

It is pleasing to report that The Funeral Plan continues to flourish with a slow but steady increase in membership over the years. To those who have been unfortunate enough to have had to utilise its services, it has provided invaluable support and peace of mind during a time of great sadness and stress.

At the time of writing, there are 219 members and 67 unused plans available for immediate use by members. Since its inception in 2012, 43 funerals have been provided in both Spain and the UK.

The management team work hard at negotiating the costs of the funeral plans bought each year. We endeavour to negotiate the lowest purchase price possible, including as many “extras” as we can and to purchase as many plans as our finances allow. The price that we currently pay is approximately one thousand euros cheaper than private purchase costs. We can achieve such a favourable rate due to our administering the scheme ourselves, as much as possible. This means that the Team must be the first point of contact for loved ones who require to use the service and that in turn, it must be the Team who makes first contact with Golden Leaves. The Team will confirm that the deceased was a fully paid-up member of the scheme and will then grant the necessary authorisation to Golden Leaves so they in turn can make contact with the loved ones to organise the funeral arrangements.

The Funeral Plan runs from 1st October until 30th September of the following year. New applications to join the Scheme are accepted during September for the ensuing year. If you are interested in finding out more about the Funeral Plan or becoming a member, please contact your Lodge Almoner who has all the details.

Kindest regards

Barrie R Mansell

Rodney Bignell

**Brethren of Valencia
Who have Passed to the Grand Lodge Above
February 2023/February 2024**



Alan Waller
Jacob de Leest
Bjørn Lundburg
Gerald Kittleson

Dama de Elche Lodge No.163
Leukopolis Lodge No. 85
Dovre Lodge No.184
Oliva La Safor Lodge No. 112

Provincial Membership Committee: Annual Report

The membership committee has been working hard to establish plans for recruitment and retention. We have implemented an advertising campaign, to increase the profile, presence and encourage recruitment to Freemasonry within the Province of Valencia to the public in general. The Provincial Press Officer, along with IT support came up with a suitable 1/8-page advert which was negotiated with the Euro Weekly News to run for 8 consecutive weeks, 4 in the North of the Province and 4 in the South.

These have successfully run in the newspaper, with positive results. There have been several enquiries to various lodges in the region and has helped bring Freemasonry to the attention of potential new members and joining members from UK and other worldwide Lodge members who are resident within the Province. There has also been an increased awareness of Freemasonry with the general public and hits on various Lodge Facebook pages has increased.

The efforts of the Membership committee have proved to be successful, as 2023 is the first year, for many years, that the membership within the Province has increased. However, we cannot take all the credit for this, as it is also down to the enthusiasm and dedication we see from the Brethren of the Province.

Even though we have seen an increase of Membership in the Province, we cannot relax as we still need to work hard to keep this trend going forward.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew James, ProvGSec
Membership Committee Secretary

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Provincial Learning and Development Committee

The Provincial Education Programme has started being rolled-out in mid-summer 2023. It took better pace after the return of Masonic activities in the Province.

Brethren from 3 Lodges enrolled their members in this early stage and further 3 joined later in the year.

In summary, the Education Programme, as it stands today, consists of 3 Sections per Degree for all 3 degrees. It is a compilation of traditional texts and studies related to subjects of each degree. Brethren can study where and whenever they want, based on their own availability, as they are distributed in PDF format, accessible via a hyperlink submitted to enrolled Brethren, who can also access the documentation via the Provincial website, in the Miscellaneous menu, under Education & Training.

As of the end of December, we have 6 Lodges within the Province with members enrolled, with numbers of around 25 Junior Brethren undergoing the Education Programme.

W. Bro. Frederico Stewart, and Bro. Bob Lovell have produced full explanations of the Initiation, Passing, and Raising Degrees, not only regarding the aspects of each ceremony, but also information on the Officers of the Lodge, etiquette to be observed at the Festive Board, and other important information to help new Brethren to obtain a deeper and clearer understanding of their first steps in Freemasonry.

The Revised Valencian Installation Ritual – The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Spain recently issued a diktat that requires the inclusion of an additional portion of ritual in the Ceremony of Installation of every Worshipful Master. The L&D Committee are most grateful to W. Bro. Clifford Gingell, a Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who gave most generously of his time and experience to conduct a series of Lodges of Instruction on the revised Ceremony of Installation over four separate weekends to the Brethren of Installed Masters Lodge No. 144 at the Costa Nova Masonic Centre.

Guidance Notes for the W.M. and Wardens – Written and compiled by W. Bro. Chris Ward, and Bro. David Clarke, these notes do not focus on ritual, but on providing guidance on the duties of each of the Principal Offices; Protocols to be observed during Lodge meetings; and the responsibilities involved for the successive management of a Lodge and the business it undertakes. Pointing out some of the pitfalls and problems that may arise, along with some suggestions of how to avoid or deal with them.

With the exception of the revised Ceremony of Installation ritual, all other material can be found on the Provincial Website.

Additionally, presentation seminars are being planned in several places across the Province to offer the Brethren the opportunity to learn first-hand, ask questions, and discuss with the L&D team any aspect on which they need further help or clarification. -
W. Bro. Frank Wallace Provincial Learning & Development Team.

Committees

The committees below will now consist of the following members:

The Provincial Learning and Development Committee

R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, PGInsp , ProvGInsp	Chairman
W. Bro. Chris Ward, ProvAlm	
W. Bro. Frederico Stewart, ProvAGSec	
Bro. Bob Lovell, ProvGStwd	

Provincial Membership Committee

W. Bro. Frank Wallace, GSwdB , ProvSGW	Chairman
R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, PGInsp , ProvGInsp	
W. Bro. David James, ProvDGAlm	
W. Bro. Matthew James, ProvGSec	
W. Bro. Sergio Pereira, ProvAGSec	

Provincial Events Committee

R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, PGInsp , ProvGInsp	Chairman
W. Bro. Matthew James, ProvGSec	
W. Bro. Paul Nicholls, PGDC , ProvGDC	
W. Bro. Richard Davis, ProvDGSec	

Provincial Festival Committee

R.W. Bro. Rodney Hales, GInsp , DPGM	Chairman
R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, PGInsp , ProvGInsp	
R.W. Bro. David Wynn, GInsp , ProvGInsp	
V.W. Bro. Fred Miller, PGReg , ProvGInsp	
W. Bro. Ivan Beckett, PSGD , ProvGInsp	
R.W. Bro. Norman Wheatley, PGInsp , PPGM	
V.W. Bro. Bill Russell, PGDC , PDPGM	

Provincial Charities Committee

W. Bro. Peter Johnson, ProvGChStwd	Chairman
Bro. David Clarke, ProvAGChStwd	
All Lodge Charity Stewards	

Almoners Fund Committee

W. Bro. Ivan Beckett, PSGD , ProvGInsp	Chairman
V.W. Bro. Fred Miller, PGReg , ProvGInsp	
W. Bro. Chris Ward, ProvGAlm	
W. Bro. Philip Bowick, ProvChap	

Funeral Plan Committee

R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, AGM	Chairman
R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, PGM	
V.W. Bro. Fred Miller, PGReg , ProvGInsp	

IT Support – Provincial Website

The Provincial Website continues to be updated regularly and some salient points about its content are noted below: the URL is: <https://glpvalencia.com> and to obtain the maximum out of the Website you will need to login. Usernames and Passwords are available from itsupport@glpvalencia.com.

- Provincial News – details of events that have taken place with photos in a Slider
- Upcoming Charity Events – information with Flyers and photos on these events in a Slider
- Important Dates for your diary – A list of all the important dates in 2024:
 - Provincial Grand Assembly
 - Grand Assembly
 - Royal Arch Grand Assembly
 - Provincial Golf Tournament
 - Provincial Ladies' Night
 - Provincial Lodge of Instruction
 - Etc.
- Provincial Events – information about future events including the Provincial Calendar
- Lodges – Lodge locations, Summonses, and general information
- Secretarial – a plethora of information for Secretaries:
 - Toast List
 - Secretarial Guides
 - Administrative Forms & other useful documents
 - Provincial Bye-laws
- Ceremonial – Provincial D.C., Obligation to GLE etc.
- Almoner – Lodge Almoner, Lodge of Sorrows, Funeral Plan details etc.
- Provincial – Provincial Newsletters, list of Past & Present Provincial Officers
- Education & Training – a whole list of subjects to help Brethren advance their Masonic knowledge
- Other Masonic Orders – information about the other Progressive Orders available in Spain
- Webmail – Officers with dedicated Provincial e-mail addresses can logon to send and retrieve their e-mails
- A Contact Form – to allow Brethren, or the General Public to submit questions to the Secretariat

R.W. Bro. Phil Gibson-Daw, PGInsp, ProvGIInsp
IT Support

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 9th March 2024

Grand Assembly

Gran Hotel Bali, Benidorm

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Royal Arch Provincial Grand Assembly

Quesada

Saturday 6th April 2024

ABBA Tribute Gala Dinner

Denia Marriott, La Sella Golf Resort & Spa

Monday 20th June 2024

Provincial Golf Tournament

Bonalba Golf Course

Thursday 27th June 2024

Provincial Garden Party

Los Arcos, Pedreguer.

Saturday 2nd November 2024

Provincial Ladies' Night

Gran Hotel Bali, Benidorm

Saturday 30th November 2024

Provincial Lodge of Instruction

Hosted by Old Tower Lodge No. 49

Hotel Bonalba

Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia

Germanies N° 8

San Juan de España N° 28

Javea N° 40

Armonia de Ifach N° 46

Santa Faz N° 48

Old Tower N° 49

Euromason N° 55

Puerto de Xàbia N° 58

Genesis N° 61

Arenal Deportiva N° 65

Caledonia N° 68

Las Salinas N° 79

Hiram Abif N° 80

Leukopolis N° 85

Installed Masters N° 108

Oliva La Safor N° 112

Regeneración N° 132

Marina Alta N° 144

White River N° 153

Provincial Grand Stewards N° 154

Dama de Elche N° 163

De Triangel N° 169

Dovre N° 184



District Grand Lodge of Mark Masters Masons of Spain



Are you ready to make your mark?

If you are a Master Mason, but not yet a member of the Mark Degree, you will already have some knowledge of King Solomon's Temple. But have you considered how it was built and by whom and what of the problems that arose during its construction?

History of the Degree



The working of the Degree can be traced back to the 1700's, when the ceremony was included in a Craft ritual, which even today in Scotland and Ireland includes Royal Arch and Mark masonry in completing the credentials of Freemasons. The order has continue to grow and today there are more than 1,500 Mark Lodges and over 60,000 Mark Master Masons worldwide.

King Solomon's Temple

Working

The ceremony of the Degree is a simply story of operative Masons working in the construction of King Solomon's Temple, and is a dramatic piece which never fails to impress candidates, who are "Advanced" into the Degree. Most rightly consider it to be an advancement of knowledge obtained during the Fellow-Craft Degree.

Why it is called the Mark Degree

Marks have been found on stones used in Ancient Egypt and elsewhere, including castles, churches and in the cathedrals of Europe built from 1100 onwards. Stained glass windows, carvings and manuscripts give us some idea of the methods of the mediaeval stone masons. Masons carved stones for ordinary building blocks, and also for decoration. It became customary for stone masons to place marks upon stones in the quarries. These Marks identified the work of a particular mason for the payment of wages, and signified that the stone was acceptable for use. Other marks indicated where a particular stone might be placed within the structure.



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