



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

A Happy, Healthy, and Successful New Year to all our brethren and their families.

As Freemasons we enter 2017 with thoughts of the Tercentenary and the enormous opportunities which this great occasion will present for our Lodges.

Our Province ends 2016 with positive growth of 2.11% which compares with the negative 0.08% which is the average of all other Provinces. Our brethren should be proud of this achievement and I have no doubt that our percentage growth will increase during 2017 as we benefit from the events planned by Grand Lodge and by the Provinces which will create great interest amongst the general public.

Our brethren should be prepared for this and be able to talk openly about our organisation which has stood as a force for good for three centuries. Throughout that period Freemasonry has adapted to the changes in Society – but has not always kept pace. We have been through good times and bad times. The last few years have been good times for this Province – 2017 will be even better.

We have just completed a highly successful Festival for the RMTGB. I would like our Lodges, during 2017, to focus on supporting local non-Masonic Charities and ensure that all presentations are made or acknowledged at the Area Charity Presentation evenings which will benefit not only the Lodge, but the charities themselves.

Enjoy your Freemasonry brethren – take advantage of all the benefits which arise out of the Area structure. Enjoy all that 2017 has to offer.

Building Great Friendships - Making a Difference

