

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Salutations

- **How are salutations determined?**

Salutations follow Rule 6 of the Book of Constitutions, where the Senior Rank present is saluted first, regardless of the Presiding Officer.

### Saluting Provincial Wardens

- **Do Past Wardens stand to reply to the Warden's Salutation?**

No, only *Active Provincial Grand Wardens* of the Province of Cornwall should be saluted. Past Wardens remain seated during the salutes but stand when replying to general provincial salutations.

### Grand Officers

- **How should we refer to Grand Officers?**

Use "Grand Officers" rather than "Grand Lodge Officers." Similarly, we say "Provincial Grand Officers" instead of "Provincial Grand Lodge Officers."

### Master Elect

- **At what point should the Master Elect remove his gloves and collar?**

The Master Elect must remove his gloves and collar, regardless of rank, before taking or reciting the first obligation.

- **Can the WM replace his collar below the Master's collar after investiture?**

Yes, the WM may do so if he wishes.

### Seating

- **Who is seated next to the Worshipful Master (WM)?**

The Presiding Ruler is always seated next to the WM, even if a more senior officer is present. For instance, if an APGM is the Presiding Officer but the PGM is present, the APGM sits next to the WM.

### Lodge Collars for Active Officers

- **Can Active Provincial or Active Grand Officers wear a lodge collar?**

No, Active Provincial or Active Grand Officers should not wear a lodge collar over their active collar. Instead, the collar is placed over the right arm when being invested. However, if the active officer is WM of the lodge will continue to wear the Master's collar. This only applies to active Provincial and Active Grand Officers. Past Officers wear their lodge collars.

## **The Festive Board**

- **What is the seating plan for the Grand and Active Provincial Team?**

The seating starts from the WM's right and follows this order:

1. Presiding Officer
2. Active Rulers of the Province
3. Past Rulers of the Province
4. MEGS
5. Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Provincial Junior Grand Warden
6. Grand Officers (in order of seniority)
7. PGM of the Mark Degree
8. Holders of the PGM's Certificate of Service to Freemasonry
9. Active Provincial Grand Officers (in order of seniority)

The seniority "snakes" around the table, rather than placing senior officers at each head.

## **Toasts**

- **Do we need to list everyone on the preamble for toasts?**

No, after the toast to the Province, only the WM and Active Rulers need to be acknowledged by title. Example:

- Worshipful Master
- Provincial Grand Master
- Assistant Provincial Grand Master
- Distinguished Brethren
- Brethren All
- Gentlemen

## **Who responds to the toasts when the PGM is in attendance?**

- If the PGM is presiding, he replies to his toast and a Provincial Warden replies to the provincial toast.
- If the PGM is in attendance but not presiding he will reply to his toast, and the Presiding DPGM or APGM will reply to the provincial toast, and a Warden also replies.

## **Tyler's Toast**

- **What adjustments are made for the Tyler's Toast when gentlemen guests are present?**

The word "Masons" should be omitted from the first line of the Tyler's Toast in the presence of gentlemen guests.