



**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL**

**APPOINTMENTS TO, AND PROMOTIONS IN**

**ACTIVE AND PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND RANKS PROCESS**

It is NOT an ‘automatic right’ to receive an Appointment to, or Promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. It is for the Provincial Grand Master to confer Appointments and Promotions at his discretion, according to **Rule 70** in the Craft Book of Constitution (A Provincial Grand Master may annually promote Provincial Grand Officers at his discretion to any acting office or past rank that he is entitled to confer under **Rule 68 (a)**, with the assistance of his Honours Committee, if he so pleases.

The number of appointments which can be made to Active Provincial Grand Rank each year is limited by the Book of Constitutions **Rule 68a**. The conferment of Provincial Grand Rank is the prerogative of the Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master holds an Honours Committee meeting during November each year to consider Appointments and Promotions. The Committee includes the following Officers:

Deputy Provincial Grand Master | Assistant Provincial Grand Masters | Provincial Grand Secretary  
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies | Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary

**FIRST APPOINTMENTS** - The Lodge Secretary should convene a meeting of PMs (or a nominated Appointments/Promotions Committee, to include the Visiting Grand Officer), of and within the Lodge to consider the merits and suitability of the PM/MM in question or to nominate any other Lodge member as a special case.

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ACTIVE OR PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK**

All subscribing Past Masters are considered for appointment **7 years** after their year as Worshipful Master. For example, Past Masters who were Masters in 2019 will be considered for a Provincial Honours in 2026/27, as shown below:

Year in The Chair	To be considered from Appointment in	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Appointment, to be Considered for Promotion in
2019	2026/27	2033/34
2020	2027/28	2034/35
2021	2028/29	2035/36
2022	2029/30	2036/37
2023	2030/31	2037/38
2024	2031/32	2038/39
2025	2032/33	2039/40

**CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK FOR BROTHERS WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE CHAIR** - Brothers, who of the opinion of the Lodge

Appointments/Promotions committee to include the Visiting Grand Officer, may be nominated for a Past Provincial Grand Rank, after 14 years of continuous service, within the Lodge. It is the Provincial Grand Master's prerogative to award Past Provincial Grand Ranks and not a right of the Brother. Other than by special honour awarded by the Provincial Grand Master, the highest Past Provincial Rank possible is Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (PPAGDC).

**ACTIVE RANK** The number of Active Ranks available is governed by the number of subscribing Brethren in the Province (see schedule of **Rule 68a** below). The Provincial Grand Master will choose and appoint the following Officers annually, to his Provincial Executive:

Treasurer | Registrar | Secretary | Director of Ceremonies  
Deputy Secretary | Almoner | Charity Steward  
Membership Officer | Communications Officer | Mentor  
Learning & Development Officer | Assistant Secretary

In addition to the above Officers, a Chaplain and Tyler are also chosen by the Provincial Grand Master, together with his selected Provincial Grand Stewards.

At the annual PGL Committee meeting, held annually during the last week in January, the Provincial Grand Master will announce his personal appointment to the following offices.

Provincial Senior Grand Warden  
Provincial Junior Grand Warden  
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer  
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works

A suitable Candidate for Active Rank should have good Masonic abilities, good bearing and be able to regularly attend and support Lodge Installation meetings and Formal Provincial meetings, such as Certificate Presentations, Provincial Workings, Provincial Lunches and other Provincial events that may occur throughout the year, without detriment to his family and business commitments. It should also be borne in mind that a successful nomination for Active Rank could result in the Brother being offered an appointment junior to a direct past rank.

**PAST RANK** - The Lodge Secretary should convene a meeting of PMs (or a nominated Appointments/Promotions Committee, to include the Visiting Grand Officer), of and within the Lodge, to consider the merits and suitability of the PM/MM in question or to nominate any other Lodge member as a special case.

**CONSIDERATION FOR PROMOTIONS IN PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL** - Past Masters are considered for Promotion **7 years** following their first Provincial Rank and every **7 years** thereafter.

Brethren who receive an Active Appointment below the rank of a Senior Deacon will be considered for promotion 12 months following their Active year. For example, a Provincial Officer who was Active in 2024/25 will be considered for a Provincial promotion to the rank of PPSGD in 2026/27.

The Provincial Grand Master and his Honours Committee may consider Promotions for other Past Active Officers 12 months following their Active Year.

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Pertinent rules relating to Promotions and Appointments

**68. (a)** A Provincial or District Grand Master is also empowered to appoint annually such acting Provincial or District Grand Officers as are specified in that column of the **schedule** to this Rule which is appropriate to the number of Freemasons in his Province or District registered in the books of the Grand Lodge on 1 September of the preceding year and in addition to make appointments to any past Provincial or District Grand Rank which he is empowered to confer as an acting office, except that of a Past Deputy or Past Assistant Provincial or District Grand Master; but so that the aggregate number of first appointments to acting offices and past ranks shall not in any one year exceed the number of Lodges in his Province or District registered on 1 September of the preceding year, subject only to the proviso that no Provincial or District Grand Master shall be prevented thereby from appointing the number of acting ranks indicated in the relevant column of the schedule.

<b>SCHEDULE TO RULE 68: NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS TO ACTING RANK</b>	
	<b>2000</b>
<b>Number of Craft Masons in Province</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>2999</b>
Provincial Senior Grand Warden	1
Provincial Junior Grand Warden	1
Provincial Grand Chaplain	1
Provincial Grand Treasurer (elected - <a href="#">Rule 68d</a> )	1
Provincial Grand Registrar	1
Provincial Grand Secretary	1
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	1
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	1
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	1
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain	-
Provincial Deputy Grand Registrar	-
Provincial Deputy Secretary *	-
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	2
Provincial Deputy Sword Bearer	-
Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works	-
Provincial Grand Almoner	1
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	1
Provincial Grand Membership Officer	1
Provincial Grand Communications Officer	1
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	3
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	3
Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain	-
Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar	-
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary *	1
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	3
Provincial Assistant Grand Sword Bearer	-
Provincial Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works	-
Provincial Grand Organist	1
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	2
Provincial Assistant Grand Standard Bearer	-
Provincial Deputy Organist	-
Provincial Grand Pursuivant	1
Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant	-
Provincial Grand Steward	6
Provincial Grand Tyler	1
	<b>36</b>
* Over 6000 Masons either a Deputy Grand Secretary or an Assistant Grand Secretary may be appointed, but not both; over 9000 Masons both may be appointed.	

**69. (a)** In addition to the entitlement under Rule 68, a Provincial or District Grand Master may, at his discretion, appoint to past Provincial or District Grand Ranks, Officers (present or past) of other Provincial or District Grand Lodges or holders of any Metropolitan or Overseas Grand Rank who have become members of their Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

**70.** A Provincial or District Grand Master may annually promote Provincial or District Grand Officers at his discretion to any acting office or past rank that he is entitled to confer under Rule 68 (a).

**78.** A Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Master shall hold an annual Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Lodge, at which the appointment of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Officers shall be made and shall also hold such other meetings of the Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Lodge as he shall consider necessary. All such meetings shall be held within the Metropolitan Area, Province or District, unless the Grand Master grants a dispensation.

**PROMOTION STRUCTURE**

Following promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, Brethren are considered for promotions every 7 years thereafter.

The following is a structure showing Promotions:

Provincial Rank	Possible Promotion to
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon Past Provincial Superintendent of Works Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer Past Provincial G Registrar	Past Provincial Superintendent of Works Past Provincial G Registrar Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden

**RECOMMENDING A BROTHER FOR APPOINTMENT TO OR PROMOTION IN PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.** In July, every year, the Provincial Office will send every Lodge Secretary a form to be completed to make Lodge recommendations for appointments and promotions.

The form is sent as both an online form with a link to fill in and a PDF that can be typed into, or printed and filled out (please see an example of the form below). When completed and signed appropriately, it is to be returned to the Provincial Office no later than the deadline, which will be the end of September. It is especially important to meet the deadline due to the large volume of paperwork and cross-checking with U.G.L.E systems.



## Ranks & Abbreviated Ranks

Full Active Rank	Abbreviated Active Rank	Abbreviated Past Rank
Provincial Grand Master	PGM	PPGM
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	DPGM	PDPGM
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	APGM	PAPGM
Provincial Senior Grand Warden	ProvSGW	PPSGW
Provincial Junior Grand Warden	ProvJGW	PPJGW
Provincial Grand Chaplain	ProvGChap	PPGChap
Provincial Grand Treasurer	ProvGTreas	PPGTreas
Provincial Grand Registrar	ProvGReg	PPGReg
Provincial Grand Secretary	ProvGSec	PPGSec
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	ProvGDC	PPGDC
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	ProvGSwdB	PPGSwdB
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	ProvGSuptWks	PPGSuptWks
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	ProvDGSec	PPDepGSec
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	ProvDepGDC	PPDepGDC
Provincial Grand Almoner	ProvGAlm	PPGAlm
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	ProvGChStwd	PPGChStwd
Provincial Grand Membership Officer	ProvGMO	PPGMO
Provincial Grand Communications Officer	ProvGCO	PPGCO
Provincial Grand Mentor	ProvGMen	PPGMen
Provincial Grand Learning & Development Officer	ProvGLDO	PPGLDO
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	ProvSGD	PPSGD
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	ProvJGD	PPJGD
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	ProvAGSec	PPAGSec
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	ProvAGDC	PPAGDC
Provincial Grand Organist	ProvGOrg	PPGOrg
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	ProvGStB	PPGStB
Provincial Grand Pursuivant	ProvGPur	PPGPur
Provincial Grand Steward	ProvGStwd	PPGStwd
Provincial Grand Tyler	ProvGTyler	PPGTyler

### Notes:

- When signing in as an Active Officer, always include your name followed by your Provincial Office (e.g., **ProvAGDC**).
- Do not use your Lodge name or number, as you are representing the province, not your lodge.
- Do not abbreviate "**Prov**" to "**P**" (e.g., **PAGDC**), as this denotes a Past Grand Rank.
- If your past rank is higher than your current active rank, sign your past rank first, followed by your active rank (e.g., **PPSGD, ProvGTyler**).
- After your active year, sign with your past rank, replacing "**Prov**" with "**PP**", and include your Lodge name and number.
- When signing as a Past Provincial Officer, do not abbreviate "**PP**" to "**P**", for the same reason as above.