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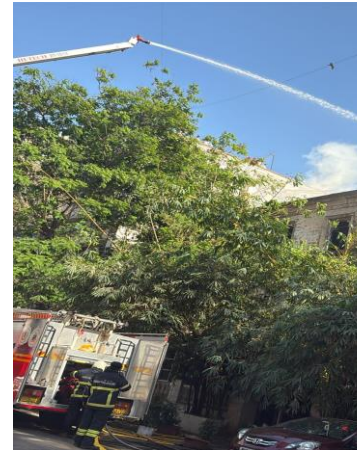
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DEVASTATION



Raging Inferno Unleashed a Trail of Destruction

On February 15, 2025, a catastrophic blaze engulfed the 129-year-old Freemasons' Hall at Mumbai. The raging blaze, which reportedly began around 2.00 p.m., quickly spiralled out of control and in a matter of minutes, escalated into an uncontrollable inferno, consuming two Masonic Temples in its path and leaving behind a trail of destruction and despair. The Lodge room on the second floor and the Chapter room on the first floor were reduced to soot and glass.

Firefighters battled relentlessly against the monstrous flames, but the sheer intensity of the inferno proved overwhelming. One young fireman, in his line of duty, was badly injured and hospitalised, running the risk of having his hand amputated, which risk was, however, averted due to the large-heartedness of brethren. The flooring of the Lodge room on the second floor caved in on to the Chapter room below, and the entire Masonic furniture and implements were charred to ashes, making the task of salvaging through smouldering debris an exercise in futility.

Such was the intensity of the fire that what was left of all the fans in both the Masonic temples were only the central rotary motors with the blades completely melted by the flames. The once-thriving Masonic building resembled a war zone, littered with twisted metal and ash-covered remnants of what used to be a hub of Masonic rituals.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire, with early reports suggesting it may have been triggered by an electrical fault. Meanwhile, a few grief-stricken brethren gathered outside at emergency shelters, their Masonic reminiscence reduced to mere memories scarred and buried beneath the ashes. As the smoke settled and the embers cooled, the haunting reality of the disaster set in: The remorse on their facial expressions denoting the damage as irreparable—both physically and emotionally.



EDITORIAL

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

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In my opinion, the Office of the Director of Ceremonies is of the utmost importance in a Lodge, considering the invaluable chores and duties he is required to perform, both in the Ceremonial and Ritual aspects of the working. All eyes on the floor of the Lodge rest upon the Director of Ceremonies who should be well versed in all the rituals, have a good knowledge of the Rules and Constitution as also the Bye-laws of the Lodge and should see his prime role as one who is entrusted to ensure continued compliance with the accepted ritual and established workings.

Yet, he should not be autocratic, arrogant and dominating, but instead, be a guide and mentor for the Brethren as he is required to ensure that the Ceremonies and rituals are carried out with dignity, decorum, and expedition. It is for the DOC to ensure that the ceremonials and ritual workings are not compromised. His knowledge of protocol, both within the lodge and at the Festive Board, is also of equal importance.

At the District level, the District Grand Director of Ceremonies supervises the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the District Grand Lodge and shall also assume charge of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to District Grand Lodge. Similarly, in daughter Lodges, the Director of Ceremonies performs duties parallel to that of District Grand Director of Ceremonies wherever applicable.

In view of the very nature of the duties performed, the Director of Ceremonies should preferably be a Past Master. His voice should be loud with clarity of diction, yet he should not be overbearing. He ought to be a Senior Brother who relates well with his Brethren, and possesses the criteria of tact and leadership. He ought to be authoritative without being either rude or crass, he should be respected by his brethren and with a penchant towards observing the Masonic protocol and not permitting any rite or ceremony subversive of the Order. Whenever salutations are given they should be expedited according to the rank and order of seniority of the visitor present.

Under normal circumstances, the Director of Ceremonies, may at times, be called upon to advise the Right Worshipful Master but his contribution to the smooth functioning of the Lodge during the Inner workings on the floor of the Temple is paramount. The ideal Director of Ceremonies is one who controls without perhaps more than a glance or a slight movement of the head.

As a Master is given his Mallet/Gavel and the Deacons have their Wands, so also the Director of Ceremonies has his Wand. It is essential that he should be proficient in performing his duties whilst holding his wand, thus maintaining the decorum and expertise which the Brethren expect from him.

The Director of Ceremonies should possess the indomitable trait of diplomacy, particularly when dealing with the other Officers of the Lodge, and be a good communicator and man-manager able to recognise the strengths and weaknesses of Officers, and assisting where necessary to maximise their potential to the benefit of the Lodge. An example of this is the judicious placing of competent Past Masters next to the Wardens or Deacons to assist with discreet prompts if necessary.

He should also be able to act as a mentor to the younger members of the Lodge offering advice, support and encouragement to attend meetings and when the situation prevails, offer them the opportunity of becoming actively involved in ceremonies and lectures. It is important to remember that it is mostly by observation that a new member becomes actively involved in Freemasonry. If unfortunately, he should witness an acrimonious atmosphere, the impact on him of that situation might well affect his future attendances and possible future involvement in the affairs of the Lodge.

A good Director of Ceremonies should therefore start his duties and responsibilities as soon as he arrives prior to the opening of the Lodge. Firstly, he should arrive at the meeting in good time and satisfy himself that:

- The temple has been laid out correctly and all the elements required for the particular meeting or ceremony are in place and that Collars and Aprons are laid out in order, so that Brethren are properly clothed as per their position.

- The necessary Wands for the Deacons as well as himself are in proper position for entry into the Lodge.
- The Warrant and banner should be prominently displayed as also the Book of Constitution and the Bye-laws of the Lodge be placed on the Master's pedestal.
- The Volume of the Sacred Law is placed on the Altar together with the Square and Compasses.
- According to the Ritual in use, the Director of Ceremonies should ensure that the Ballot Box and/or Charity Bag are in their appropriate places.
- Lighting of the Lodge should be tested and in proper working condition.
- The Tracing Boards should be put in proper order for easy turning and kneeling stools placed appropriately.
- In case a Brother is inappropriately dressed, a polite and tactful word from the Director of Ceremonies can save an embarrassing situation.

It is also the duty of the Director of Ceremonies (in consultation with the Master) to appoint qualified Brethren to deputise for those Officers of the Lodge who may from time to time be absent.

The examination of a Visitor is the responsibility of the Master, although he may delegate such duties to the Senior Warden, Junior Warden or a Past Master. In practice, however, the Worshipful Master will often seek the assistance of the Director of Ceremonies in proving a Visitor.

The Director of Ceremonies conducts the procession of District Grand Officers or Deputations from Sister Constitutions into the Lodge as well as their recession therefrom after the Lodge is closed.

The Director of Ceremonies' responsibilities as stated before, start before the Lodge is formally opened and continue after the Lodge is formally closed. As a consequence, at the Festive Board the Director of Ceremonies should also see that protocol is adhered to in the seating arrangements.

A DOC who is unapproachable, autocratic, dogmatic and inflexible can often do more harm than good to the lodge and the appointment to the DOC's Office of such a person is undesirable. Situations often occur within a lodge at the last minute and the DOC who remains level headed and is not thrown into a panic is a great asset! There really is no such thing as a problem, just a solution which, if dealt with in a quiet and controlled manner, can make the difference to the meeting being a great success or a failure.

The DOC directs the ceremony on behalf of the WM and at all times should set an example to the Brethren regarding dress, manner and behaviour. He should discreetly advise the Brethren of any infringement of etiquette. The person who should prompt during the ceremony is preferably the IPM but if he is unable, then the DOC should possibly be responsible. Traditionally, open ritual books have been discouraged in the Lodge. However, we have to recognise that we live in a changing society and modern lifestyles do not always allow for the brethren to spend as much time learning ritual. It is better that the brother prompting should have an open book than that the ceremony grinds to a halt if an officer dries up. If a book is used it should be done so as discreetly as possible. However, the DOC himself should never have his nose in a ritual book as he needs to keep a constant eye on the movement in the lodge.

During the ceremony he should be anywhere and everywhere. He should know the strengths and weaknesses of the Lodge officers and arrange appropriate support from the ADC or others. The wand of office gives the Director of Ceremonies the right to move about the Lodge freely and excuses him from squaring the lodge or saluting. At an Installation Meeting he could assist by collecting and handing to the Wor. Master each collar as required, together with the columns and gavels for the Wardens and the wands for the Deacons if appropriate.

The DOC ought to be smart in appearance, setting a good example to other Brethren of the standards of dress required. He ought to be courteous in demeanour, easy of address but firm and steady in Principle. All in all, it is my humble opinion that a Director of Ceremonies can either make or break a Lodge. If I have to define a DOC in one phrase, it would be **"MASTER OF MOMENTS, ARCHITECT OF FLOW!"**

A TAPESTRY OF TOGETHERNESS: THE GRAND CONVERGENCE OF KINDRED SPIRITS

Like rivers rushing to meet the boundless sea, they came—an unyielding tide of fervour and anticipation. From the sun-drenched hinterland and bustling metropolises to the mist-kissed sea-side resort amid the quiet hamlets of Alibag across the harbour from Mumbai. Our Masonic Brethren and Companions, some with their spouses set forth with hearts alight and spirits soaring on a journey to attend the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of India and the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter U.S.R.A.F.I.C.



They arrived on 7th March 2025 at the Fountainhead Resort, some by road, few by hired vehicles, most by loading their cars on an hour-long ferry service from Mumbai to Alibag. Each soul carried a story, a purpose, and a shared longing to partake in this grand spectacle organised by the Scottish District. Yet, more than the sheer numbers, it was the spirit of the people that transformed this gathering into something extraordinary.

Fuelled by an unbreakable zeal, they arrived—not merely as spectators, but as torchbearers of passion and unity. Hope gleamed in their eyes, determination steeled their resolve, and an unspoken kinship bound them together. They braved long journeys, defied distances, and set aside their burdens, propelled only by a collective dream that pulsed in every heartbeat.



As the venue stood poised in expectant grace, waves of attendees poured in, a kaleidoscope of faces painted in joy, excitement, and unshakable resolve. Their voices wove together in a crescendo of unity, a hymn of brotherhood and camaraderie that resonated in every corner. The air crackled with an electric energy, charged by the dreams and aspirations of all who had gathered.

This was not merely an event—it was a living, breathing testament to the power of Masonic connection, a convergence of minds and hearts drawn from every corner of the nation. It was the spirit of the people—unyielding, passionate, and resolute—that turned this gathering into a moment of history. And as the stage awaited its heralds and the grounds brimmed with life, one truth shone clear: this was not just a meeting of individuals, but the forging of a legacy, shaped by the unwavering will of those who had journeyed far and wide to stand together as one.



The air at the sea-side resort carried a salty freshness, mingled with the faint perfume of blooming coastal flora. Towering coconut groves cast long dappled shadows over serene pathways, while hammocks swayed lazily between their trunks, inviting weary travellers to surrender to the lull of nature. The sea, a mesmerizing palette of azure and emerald, mirrored the ever-changing moods of the sky, reflecting hues of fiery amber at dusk and a silvery luminescence under the moon's soft glow.

Fountainhead Resort in Alibag seamlessly blended luxury with nature's splendour. Elegant accommodation adorned with rustic yet sophisticated décor, opened up to private balconies that offered uninterrupted view where the sun melted into the greenery of the foliage

The massive dining area loaded with a large variety of liquid refreshments and culinary experiences was patronized by all amid laughter and good cheer with strengthening Masonic bondage. Whether indulging in freshly caught seafood, partaking in exchange of pleasantries, enjoying the social and cultural side-activities dished out by the ever-buoyant and exuberant Mrs. Zarine Commissariat and Bro. P. Venkatraman or simply basking in the tranquillity of an ocean breeze, the sojourn offered an experience that lingers like the soft imprint of footprints on the shore—fading yet unforgettable.

Apart from the Masonic rituals during the Annual meetings, the resort came alive with the symphony of blended laughter of brethren and their spouses revelling in the serenity of their retreat and enjoying the non-masonic extra-curricular activities and games organised .

LODGE PERSEVERANCE NO. 338 MUMBAI

On the evening of Tuesday, 14th January 2025, the Masonic Temple at Mumbai was transformed into a sanctuary of tradition, dignity, and reverence, as an extraordinary Installation Ceremony unfolded before the gathered brethren. The event, rich with the symbolism and ritual that define Freemasonry, was an impressive demonstration of both solemnity and brotherhood. It not only marked the installation of new officers but also reflected the deep-rooted values and ideals that bind the members of the Lodge.



The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as the members, both seasoned and newly initiated, gathered for the Installation of Bro. Richard Mehta as the RWM. The air was thick with respect and admiration for the tradition that had been passed down through generations. As Bro. Arafat Irani, the young but high-spirited outgoing and installing Master of the Lodge, called the meeting to order, the Lodge fell into a reverent silence, signaling the start of the sacred ceremony. The Master, accompanied by the Wardens and other officers, took their places, dressed in the formal regalia that marked the occasion, signifying their roles in the ritual that was to unfold.

The ceremony was preceded by a deputation from the District Grand Lodge of India led by Bro Noshir G. Pagdiwalla – Past Depute DGM and D.G. Secretary being escorted, greeted and seated together with a procession of District officers. The candidate for installation Bro. Richard stood proudly before the altar, his face reflecting both humility and honor as he prepared to assume the weighty responsibilities of his office. The installation itself was carried out by Bro Arafat Irani with utmost precision, each act performed with careful reverence to Masonic tradition.

The masonic symbols, representing the moral and ethical guidelines by which Masons live, were placed before the newly appointed officers, reinforcing the solemn oaths they were about to take. The pledges taken by the incoming officers were filled with sincere promises to uphold the ideals of Freemasonry, further emphasizing the importance of integrity, charity, and brotherly love in their new roles.

The installation was not only an impressive spectacle of ritual but also a moment of great significance for the Lodge as a whole. The ceremony was a reminder of the unwavering commitment of each brother to the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry: to aid in the personal development of each member, to promote moral uprightness, and to serve the greater good of society. The smooth progression of the evening, from the solemn installation to the powerful words of encouragement offered by the outgoing officers, spoke of the enduring strength and unity of the Lodge.

As is his wont, the dynamism of the newly appointed Master of the Lodge – Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Mehta – was reflected in his deliverance of an inspiring address. His words echoed with both gratitude for the trust placed in him and a profound understanding of the responsibilities he now bore.

In summary, the Installation Ceremony of Lodge Perseverance 14th January 2025 was a truly remarkable occasion, executed flawlessly in both its ritual and its spirit. It exemplified the deep-rooted principles of Freemasonry—brotherly love, relief, and truth—and served as a fitting reminder of the Lodge’s ongoing commitment to those ideals. The evening’s proceedings left an indelible mark on all present, reinforcing the bonds of unity and shared purpose that are the hallmark of the Masonic fraternity.

THE RAM’S HEAD



Having often visited Lodge Perseverance at its Annual Installation meeting, one cannot but excogitate over the prominent display of a Ram’s Head in its possession at the Banquet table. The Ram’s Head is a symbol rich in meaning, often associated with various attributes in Masonic tradition. It is not one of the most widely recognized symbols like the Square and Compass, but it carries its own unique significance within the Craft.

The Ram, with its strong, determined nature and its ability to lead a herd, often symbolizes leadership, power, and guidance. In the context of Freemasonry, the Ram’s Head may represent the strength and determination required of Masonic leaders or the strength of the Lodge itself. Just as the ram leads its flock, the Lodge leaders, such as the Worshipful Master and the Wardens, are expected to guide their brethren with wisdom and fortitude.

In some interpretations, the Ram’s Head is associated with sacrifice. In the ancient world, rams were often sacrificed in religious ceremonies as a symbol of devotion or appeasement. In Masonic terms, this may symbolize the willingness to make personal sacrifices for the greater good of the Lodge, the fraternity, and society. This notion is aligned with Freemasonry’s emphasis on selflessness, charity, and service.

The Ram’s Head also carries historical significance. In ancient Egyptian symbolism, the ram was often associated with the deity Amun-Ra, the god of the sun and creation. In Hebrew traditions, the ram is significant in the story of Abraham and Isaac, where a ram was sacrificed in place of Isaac. This narrative is often referenced in Masonic teachings, particularly in the context of moral lessons about faith, sacrifice, and divine providence.

Perhaps the Ram’s Head may also embody courage, a necessary quality for Masons as they embark on the journey of self-improvement and enlightenment. The Ram’s bold and unyielding nature is symbolic of the courage Freemasons must demonstrate when faced with challenges in their path. Additionally, some interpretations of the Ram’s Head relate to the challenges faced during initiation rituals, signifying the overcoming of personal obstacles to reach a higher state of understanding.

While not universally employed in all Masonic rituals, the Ram’s Head might appear to signify the noble qualities of leadership, service, and dedication.

Though the **Ram’s Head** may not be one of the most prominent symbols in Freemasonry, it still carries a profound message. It is a symbol of strength, leadership, sacrifice, courage, and moral fortitude — qualities that every Freemason strives to embody. Its significance enhances the spiritual and moral lessons found within Masonic teachings, encouraging members to lead with integrity, serve with humility, and approach life’s challenges with resilience and resolve.

CHAPTER RISING STAR OF WESTERN INDIA NO. 124 MUMBAI

On the evening of February 12, 2025 marked the installation of the new officers in Chapter Rising Star of Western India for the ensuing term. The event was an embodiment of Masonic values and a reminder of the ongoing dedication to the principles that guide Royal Arch Freemasonry. The Masonic Chapter was filled with a profound sense of tradition, reverence, and brotherhood as it hosted a memorable Chapter Installation Ceremony. This significant occasion was attended by members and guests alike.



The atmosphere was rich with the sounds of respectful conversation, the quiet rustle of regalia, and the gentle murmurs of men of integrity gathered in fellowship. The Temple, adorned with the sacred symbols of the Craft, served as a fitting backdrop for the ceremony that was about to unfold. It was not just a ceremony of succession, but a reaffirmation of the shared principles of brotherhood, charity, and wisdom that bind the members of the Chapter together.

The Ceremony began promptly and with quiet reverence and MEC Limathwalla -Grand Superintendent – himself assumed the mantle of Director of Ceremonies with MEC Noshir Paghdwalla, MEC Venkatraman and MEC Vispi Marolia acting as the Installing Officers of the three Principals, a task carried out with precision and reverence. Each officer, as they took their oath, pledged to uphold the moral and ethical standards of the Order. The ritual was executed with the utmost respect for tradition, each movement deliberate and symbolic.

The evening's events left an indelible mark on those who attended, as it was a reminder of the timeless nature of the Masonic journey—one that seeks to elevate the individual, strengthen the Lodge, and serve humanity.

LODGE CATARACT NO. 909, BELGAUM

Lodge Cataract No. 909 S.C., located at Belgaum not only boasts of the highest membership amongst all Scottish Lodges in India, but is one of the best Lodges as far as the performance of rituals is concerned. It is also one of the foremost Lodges in so far as Charitable activities are concerned.

The performance of the Scottish Masonic Craft at Lodge Cataract, with its rich traditions and profound symbolism, has long stood as a beacon of moral excellence, personal development, and fraternal unity.

Through its unique blend of ritual, philosophy, and communal engagement, the Lodge treads on a path of enlightenment that has guided countless individuals in their quest for self-improvement, wisdom, and service to others.

What makes their Masonic working truly remarkable is not only highlighting the depth of its teachings but the way in which it brings together men from all walks of life, uniting them under a common banner of brotherhood, truth, and charity. Each meeting, each ritual, and each shared experience is an opportunity for personal growth, a collective journey towards a higher understanding of the moral principles that govern our actions and decisions.

It was a pleasure for Bro. Noshir Paghdwalla to lead a deputation of the District to Belgaum on 7th December 2024 to witness their Installation Ceremony when Rt. Wor. Bro. Rajesh Shingamakki assumed the Eastern Chair. Bro Gautam H. from Pune and Bro. Mohan Deshpande and Bro. Shirish Dantkale very graciously accepted to join the Deputation and as the first rays of twilight bathed the Lodge in a serene glow, the assembled brethren took their places, each contributing to the grand tapestry of the evening. The atmosphere was one of quiet anticipation, with murmurs of admiration and respect as the members, adorned in their ceremonial regalia, stood poised to honor the initiation of new leadership within the Lodge. The dignity of the occasion was apparent, for the installation of officers



is no mere formality, but a profound ritual that speaks to the very heart of the Masonic journey — one of enlightenment, self-improvement, and service to humanity.

The formalities of the ritual were executed with precision and grace, each gesture imbued with centuries of Masonic tradition. The candidates, who were to take on the mantle of leadership, stood before the altar, bathed in the soft glow of light, their faces a study in both humility and determination.

What truly distinguished this Installation Meeting, however, was the palpable sense of unity that enveloped the room. It was evident that the bond of brotherhood, forged in the fires of mutual respect and shared ideals, was stronger than ever. The members, from the most senior to the newly initiated, stood as one, bound by a common purpose — the advancement of moral integrity, the pursuit of knowledge, and the betterment of society. The energy within the room was electric, a testament to the enduring power of the Masonic ideals.

BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY

Lodge St. Andrew in the East No. 343, operating at Pune – in all fairness - re-elected Bro Gautam H. as its Rt. Wor. Master on 22nd January 2025 which is an apparent culmination of appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Scottish Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in general and to that Lodge in particular.

At the heart of Masonic working lies a system of ritual and symbolism that is both timeless and universal and it would not be an exaggeration to state that Bro Gautam and his Bro. Devesh have always been at the forefront whenever the District has called upon them.



The beauty of Masonic working lies in its ability to transcend the ordinary and guide the brotherhood to a deeper understanding of themselves and the world and that is what Bro. Gautam is adept at. His emphasis on the use of allegory and symbolism encourages each Mason to find personal meaning in the rituals and teachings, thereby enabling them to make connections between the ancient wisdom of the Craft and the challenges faced in their daily lives. Rightly is it said that

Masonic working provides a space where men of different backgrounds and professions can come together as equals, united by their commitment to the core values of Freemasonry. This sense of unity goes beyond the physical structure of the Lodge; it extends into the lives of the members, creating a network of support, encouragement, and friendship. The spirit of brotherhood that is cultivated through Masonic working is one of compassion, mutual aid, and the desire to improve the lives of others—values that extend far beyond the Lodge room.

SCOTTISH MASONRY AT MUNNAR

A memorable visit – alike others in the past - has been imbedded in the minds of Bro./MEC Kersi Limathwalla (DGM/Gr. Suptdt.) and Bro./MEC Noshir Paghdwalla (DGS/Gr. Scribe E) from the District office when they attended the installation meetings of Lodge Heather No. 928 and Chapter Camellia No. 871 on 21st & 22nd February, 2025.



Nestled in the Western Ghats of Kerala, Munnar is a breathtaking hill station known for its lush greenery, sprawling tea plantations, and misty landscapes. It is a paradise for nature lovers, adventure seekers, and those looking to escape the chaos of urban life. Munnar's charm lies in its rolling hills blanketed with endless tea gardens. The tea estates offer mesmerizing views of emerald-green plantations stretching as far as the eye can see. Unlike the sultry and scorching climate of Mumbai, the climate of Munnar adds to its allure, with cool temperatures throughout the year. The misty mornings and crisp air create a dreamlike atmosphere, making it a perfect destination for solitude as well as peace and tranquillity seekers alike.

The High Range Club, a historic colonial-era club in Munnar, adds to the town's old-world charm. Established during the British period, it offers a glimpse into Munnar's colonial past while providing visitors with recreational facilities and a serene ambiance. The club is a favourite among travellers looking for a refined retreat amidst the natural beauty of Munnar. The visitors from Mumbai participated in many ceremonies like the induction of Brethren as Excellent Masters, Exaltation in Royal Arch Degrees, Installation of the Rt. Wor. Master and the three Principals of the Royal Arch Chapter.

Munnar provides visitors a glimpse into the vibrant local culture and it captivates visitors with its enchanting landscapes and serene ambiance. Whether it's walking through endless tea gardens, trekking through misty hills, or simply soaking in the tranquillity, Munnar offers an unforgettable experience, making it a true jewel of South India.

SCOTTISH REPRESENTATIVES AT THE IRISH ANNUAL MEETINGS



At the Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India held on Saturday, 15th March 2025 at the Sandhurst Temple in Mumbai, the visiting Deputation from the District Grand Lodge of India – Scottish Constitution – was led by Wor. Bro. Zubin Amaria – Depute DGM and comprising of Bro. Gautam H., Bro. Sanjay Velankar, Bro. Manohar Jagdale, Bro. F. Santoke.

The Communication was presided over by Rt. Wor. Bro. Rummy Phiroze Khan -Provincial Grand Master of the

Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India but originally a Scottish Brother.

Incidentally, this was the first meeting to be held at the Sandhurst Temple at Freemasons' Hall, Mumbai which has survived the unfortunate fire incident that has ravaged the Lodge room and the Chapter Room.

The Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter of Ireland in India was held earlier on the same day when the Grand Chapter of United Scottish Freemasonry in India was represented by a Deputation led by MEC Gautam H. -Depute Grand Superintendent.



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