



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF BERKSHIRE

Presentation of 50 Year Certificate to
E.Comp. David Lloyd-Langston PProvGSN

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At Downshire Chapter No. 2437 - Zoom

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Most Excellent, Excellent Companions and Companions – it is my great pleasure to present the next item.

Let me first introduce to you, Excellent Companion David Lloyd-Langston <give us a wave>. Excellent Companion David was born on 16-August-1938 and celebrated his 82nd birthday back in the summer! Companions, for those who don't know, Excellent Companion David is a retired Civil Engineer who I understand spent many years working for the Guildford County Council. But I also know he often turned his skills to many a DIY project. In fact, I have it on good authority that you were a master with stone and brick-built fireplaces! Moreover, I also believe you built your own house! You are happily married to Pat and enjoy a close family life with your daughter, son and grand-children when you are not involved in your life-long hobby for canal long-boats.

Excellent Companion David, I know I speak for us ALL on this zoom meeting when I say we are absolutely delighted to be with you (albeit virtually) to mark this very auspicious occasion and tremendous 'mile-stone' in your Masonic career.

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Companions let me enlighten you with a few factual and historical details about this very distinguished Freemason.

- Shortly before his 30th birthday, David was Initiated into the Downshire Lodge No. 2437, in the county of Berkshire on 8-April-1968.
- As a Craft Mason, his Lodge memberships span into our neighbouring Province of Surrey where David became a Founder member of Fearnhamme Lodge in 1985 and served as Worshipful Master first in 1997 and again in 2018. David also had joining memberships with South West Surrey Masters Lodge and Richard Earl of Shannon Lodge.
- Here in Berkshire David progressed through the offices of Downshire Lodge to become Worshipful Master in 1980 and continued to serve the Lodge as Treasurer for 4 years, Mentor for 2 years and currently as Chaplain since 2017.
 - David received his first Provincial honours from Berkshire in 1996 as ProvGSuptWks and subsequently promoted to PProvJGW in 2003 and again to PProvGSW in 2015. All of these honours duplicated in Surrey I might add.
 - In 2018, David was presented with a Certificate of Service to Masonry for 50 years – I understand this was presented by your long-time friend W.Bro Geoff Herron!

But Companions, we are here tonight to celebrate his outstanding achievement in the Holy Royal Arch. Excellent Companion David's distinguished Royal Arch career began exactly 50 years ago to-the-day, when on 1-Dec-1970, Brother David (as he was at the time) was exalted into the Downshire Chapter No. 2437 in the Province of Berkshire (applause). You worked through the offices and served as MEZ first in 1985 and again in 2010. And you have continued your valuable support for Downshire Chapter as Assistant Director of Ceremonies and Almoner since that time – thank you on behalf of the Province.

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You received your first Provincial honours in Berkshire in June 2006 when you were appointed PProvGSwdB – in recognition of your achievement as Most Excellent Zerubbabel. You received promotion to PProvGReg in 2013 and again this year to PProvGSN – the highest non-Executive office in the Province. Congratulations.

Excellent Companion David, I am absolutely delighted to be holding this Zoom meeting tonight to be part of this celebration. I have the greatest respect and admiration for you as a Man and as a Freemason. Your support to Berkshire Royal Arch and Downshire Chapter in particular, stand as an inspiration to us all. And on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry in Berkshire, thank you for everything you have done.

Excellent Companion David, as Grand Superintendent for this Province and on behalf of the Provincial Executive (Past & Present), the Companions of Berkshire and the Companions here tonight, it is my absolute privilege to

- Congratulate you on attaining 50 years in Royal Arch Freemasonry
- And to virtually present you with this framed certificate to mark this very auspicious occasion – the frames version will be delivered to you in the next day or two
- We also present you with this attractive lapel pin to advertise and promote your achievement – please wear it with pride!

Companions – Excellent Companion David Lloyd-Langston



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