

A Founding Member, but never a First Principal – until now!

Around 50 Companions, including 19 Acting Provincial Officers were present at the Vale of White Horse Chapter Meeting at Faringdon on the 10th October 2018, to witness the ME Grand Superintendent, E Comp Ian Hopgood installing his Companion Uncle, E Comp Malcolm Hopgood, in the First Principals Chair. E Comp Malcolm had never gone through the Chairs until this time, despite his having been a Founder Member of the Chapter when Consecrated in 1984.



E Comp Malcolm had never felt the urge to progress until persuaded by his nephew, and only agreed on the condition that E Comp Ian would conduct the Installation Ceremony. The resultant Ceremony, a climax of a very successful progression for E Comp Malcolm as he passed through the Third and Second principals Chairs, was conducted in a confident and sincere manner by our Grand Superintendent, to the great satisfaction of all present.



Afterwards the Companions retired to an excellent and most hospitable Festive Board laid on by the Chapter at the nearby Corn Exchange in Faringdon. Where all present were able to express their warmest best wishes to E Comp Malcolm, his Co Principals, E Comp Peter Bint, 2nd Principal and E Comp Rod Clifton, 3rd Principal, and the Officers of the Chapter, for a happy and successful year ahead.

