

Major Ian Bruce TD DL Past Provincial Grand Master

It was, with great sadness that we all received the news that Past Provincial Grand Master Ian Bruce was called to the Grand Lodge above on Friday 1st July 2022.

Ian was a highly regarded and inspirational man both within Freemasonry and in his professional and private life.

He was initiated into our great fraternity on the **3rd February 1960** and seven years later was Exalted into the Holy Royal Arch. A service to the craft of **62 years** and was just recently presented by our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent with his **55 years** service certificate, in the Holy Royal Arch.

Ian was a natural leader of men, who served in many offices within craft masonry. He gave his time over the years as Provincial Grand Registrar, Provincial Grand Junior Warden, Deputy Provincial Master and finally as our **Provincial Grand Master and Most Excellent Grand Superintendent**. He was also in 1994 the active **Grand Sword Bearer** of the United Grand Lodge of England.

His term of Office as Norfolk Provincial Grand Master from 1995 to 2005 saw many changes within the craft and he was always willing to support and encourage Lodges and Norfolk Masons to adapt and improve.

Many across the Province will mourn the man who served this province so well and he is indeed a grand example of someone who lived respected and has died regretted.

Ian was Born 4th October 1930

Ian Joined the Old FRamlinghamians' Lodge in 1971

And was made an Honorary member in April 2019

He became Worshipful Master of United Friends 313 in 1970.

There was after his term as PGM the Ian Bruce Lodge 9797 in Norfolk was consecrated.

Ian attended the College 1943-1948 in Garret House.

A Memorial Service for Maj. Ian D. Bruce took place at 3.00 pm on Thursday 4th August 2022 at The Minster, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.