

**The Masonic Order of Athelstan
in England, Wales and its Provinces Overseas**

The Province of Wessex 'Travelling' Beehive

The Rules of the Travelling Beehive

- The Beehive can only be held by a Court within the Province of Wessex and retained in safe custody on behalf the Provincial Grand Master of Wessex.
- The Beehive should be on 'prominent' display at each Court meeting of the 'holding' Court, but not replacing any of the required Court furnishings.
- A minimum of 5 Members' of the visiting Court must be present in order to acquire the Beehive.
- Should 5 or more Members' from two or more Courts' of the Province attend the holding Court's meeting, the Court with most Members' present acquires the Beehive

In the event of the same number of Members visiting from two or more Courts' of the Province, the successful Court will be decided on a points system as below;

Worshipful Master	5 points
Warden	4 points
Eminent Prior	3 points
Deacon	2 points
Any other Member	1 point

Obviously the first four must be the current, active post holders, all other's including Provincial and Grand Officers count (each) as 1 point only.

If the above requirements are met, the Court holding the Beehive passes it to the visiting Court, who take it back to their Court, fully expecting a visit from another Court, who again, if they successfully meet the requirements, will then take the Beehive back to their Court, and so on.

[Should there still be an equal number of points then the holding Court Secretary will declare a 'draw' and retain the Beehive, for a Court to attend another time to try and acquire the Beehive]

The 'Travelling' Beehive promotes fellowship and social interaction between Courts', each of whom 'compete' to see how long they can retain the Beehive.

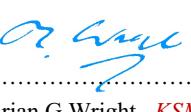
On any Beehive matter not covered by the above, the Provincial Grand Master's decision is final.

Signed:

R.W.Bro. Malcolm J Burns, *GCSM*

Dated : 5th. September 2014

Provincial Grand Master

Signed:

V.W.Bro. Brian G Wright, *KSM*
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Signed:

W.Bro. Mervyn S. Western, *KSM*
Provincial Grand Secretary