



WILLIAM DROGO MONTAGU, 7TH DUKE OF MANCHESTER.

During his long period of association with the Order of St. John, Sir Edmund was most closely working with the 7th Duke of Manchester, who was Grand Prior in the period from 1861 to 1888. His long period of office was one of great progress in the activities of the Order. He was followed into office by His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales K. G., who subsequently became King Edward the 7th.

William Drogo Montagu 7th Duke of Manchester was born on the 15th of October 1823. He was educated at Sandhurst and became a Captain in the Grenadier Guards. He succeeded to the title in 1855 but prior to that up to 1843 he was known in styled as Lord Kimbolton and subsequently for one year as Viscount Mandeville. He was Conservative member of the Parliament for Bewdley from 1847 to 1852 and for Huntingdon from 1852 to 1855. On the 3rd of March 1877 he was created K. P.

His Masonic History is as follows -

1. 1856 28 May Initiated Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 S. W. 1858, Orator 1859. Resigned 1863.
2. 1859 Appointed Grand Steward representing No. 2 Lodge of Antiquity.
3. 1860 7 October J. M. Socrates Lodge No. 373, Huntingdon. W. M. 1861.
4. 1863 24 October appointed Prov. G. M., Northants. & Hunts. INstalled 1 June 1854. Resigned 1887.
5. 1870 21 November Exalted Northampton Chapter No. 360, Northampton.
6. 1875 Founder St. Peter's Chapter No. 442, Peterborough.  
1875 Founder and 1st Z. Montagu Chapter No. 466, Stamford.
7. 1880 10 March appointed Grand Superintendent, Northants. & Hunts. (the first to hold that office).

He died whilst abroad at Naples on the 22nd of March 1890.