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George Vere Arundell Monckton-Arundell, was born 1882, the only son of the Irish Peer George Edmund Milnes Monckton-Arundell and the descendant of a distinguished family whose origins go back to Richard de Vere 1st Earl of Oxford. He was the 8th Viscount Galway and succeeded to the title on the death of his father in 1931. He was educated at Eton, 1895-1900, and Christ Church College, Oxford, 1900-1904 where he studied modern history. In 1922 he married the Honourable Lucia White, youngest daughter of the 3rd Baron Annaly; they had one son and three daughters. Viscount Galway had a distinguished career as a soldier, administrator, contributor to public works, and Freemason.

His distinguished military career commenced at the age of 18 with a commission in the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry. In 1904 he joined the 1st Life Guards; appointed Adjutant in 1908 and Captain in 1911. During WW1 he served in France and was the first British Officer to land in that sphere of operations and was awarded the DSO 1917, and OBE 1919. He held the appointments of Staff Captain 4th Cavalry Brigade 1914-15, AA and QMG to the 2nd Cavalry Division 1917-1919 when he was appointed brevet Lieutenant Colonel. An accomplished horseman, he achieved considerable success early in his career winning the 1st Life Guards Regimental Race in 1907 and the Army Heavy Weight Point to Point in 1913. His military career culminated in his appointments as Colonel Commandant of the Life Guards 1925-29; followed by the Royal Artillery Company and Robin Hoods 1933-35.

Following the family tradition, Viscount Galway played a prominent part in public life. He stood as a Conservative Candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Scarborough in 1910 but was not elected. Within the county of Nottinghamshire he was active in local politics and served on various public bodies including President of Nottingham General Hospital, and President of the Retford RSPCA. In 1921 he was appointed a JP and later became Chairman of the Retford Bench of Magistrates. He served as a member of the County Council, becoming Vice Chairman in 1933 and elected as an Alderman in 1941. As a major landowner in the north of the county, he was an enthusiastic chairman of the Grove Hunt; a pastime he did not consider incongruous with

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his position as a JP and supporter of the RSPCA. From 1935-41 Viscount Galway served as Governor-General of New Zealand where he was a most able and popular administrator. On his return from New Zealand he served as Deputy Lord Lieutenant of the County 1941-43.

Viscount Galway continued his family links with the Royal Family officiating at the Coronation of King George V in 1911 as Silver Stick, and in 1912 he represented the King at the funeral of the Prince Regent of Bavaria. Viscount Galway's wedding was attended by Queen Alexandra, the Princess Royal, and Princess Maud.

Viscount Galway's career in Freemasonry began in 1908 with his Initiation into the Household Brigade Lodge N^o 2614; becoming WM in that Lodge in 1919. In 1925 he was appointed Junior Warden in Grand Lodge. A very eminent Mason, in 1927 he accompanied Lord Cornwallis on a tour of inspection of Freemasonry in India and in 1930 headed a deputation to Canada to attend the 75th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. In 1932 he accompanied Lord Ampthill on a deputation to Stockholm to visit the Grand Lodge of Sweden. In 1932 he was Installed the Very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior for Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. On 24th May, 1933 he was the Consecrating Officer of Galway Lodge N^o 5408, which was named after his family. The same year he was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire, but resigned in 1934 to take up his duties as Governor-General of New Zealand, 1935-41. Whilst in New Zealand, he continued his Masonic involvement and was appointed MW Grand Master and ME First Grand Principle of New Zealand. Following his return to England he was Installed as the 9th Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire on the 10th July 1941 by the MW Grand Master the Earl of Harewood. Unfortunately, following a riding accident in New Zealand he suffered from ill health, and died 24th March 1943.

Masonic Career

Craft

- Initiated into The Household Brigade Lodge N^o 2614, London on 29th June 1908
- Joined member of Leopold Lodge N^o 1760, Scarborough on 14th November 1911
- Installed as WM in The Household Brigade Lodge in 1919
- Joined United Service Lodge of Nottinghamshire N^o 4068 on 27th September 1920
- Joined Vernon Lodge N^o 1802 on 14th November 1921
- Appointed Junior Grand Warden in 1925
- Appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in December 1925
- Joined Notts. Installed Masters Lodge N^o 3595 on 10th March 1927
- Installed as WM of Vernon Lodge in 1928
- Founder member and first Worshipful Master of London Nottinghamshire Lodge N^o 5133, London in August 1929
- Installed as WM of Notts. Installed Masters Lodge in 1930
- Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire 1933-35
- Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire 1941-43

Royal Arch Chapter

- Exalted in Old Globe Chapter N^o 200, Scarborough on 10th January 1913
- Joined United Chapter N^o 1629, London on 21st May 1913
- Joined Train Bands Chapter N^o 2524, London on 9th February 1920
- Appointed Grand Scribe N in 1925
- Joined Royal Sussex Chapter N^o 402 on 9th February 1926
- Appointed Provincial Second Grand Principal in 1927
- Founder member of New Zealand Chapter N^o 5175, London in August 1939
- Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Nottinghamshire 1941-43

Mark

- Founder member of Bassetlaw Mark Lodge N^o 810 in 1924
- Installed as Worshipful Master of Bassetlaw Mark Lodge
- Appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1924
- Appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1925

Rose Croix

- Founder member of Galway Chapter Rose Croix N^o 254 in 1926
- Enthroned as Most Wise Sovereign of Galway Chapter Rose Croix in 1927
- Conferred 33^o Ancient & Accepted Rite
- Grand Chancellor of Supreme Council

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- Joined Abbey Preceptory Letter A in 1929
- Appointed Provincial Prior for Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire in 1932
- Appointed First Great Constable in 1933
- Appointed KCT in 1935