

The Worcestershire Second Risings



Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire Autumn 2016

This Second Raising Communication is for distribution by the Chapter Scribe E to all chapter members either by email or sent as hard copy by post.

Introduction

**Most Excellent Grand Superintendent
E Comp Colin P. T. Brown.**

*Companions,
As we are about to commence a "New" Season let us move forward with renewed vigour and intent in seeking to expand our Order and ensuring that we retain those we already have. I look forward with sojourning with you and enjoying the Companionship this Supreme Order is renowned for.*

1) Supreme Grand Chapter ~ Who's Who



**HRH THE DUKE OF KENT, KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC
FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL**

Prince Edward George Nicholas Paul Patrick, born in 1935. Educated at Eton and Le Rosey, Switzerland. He is a cousin both of the Queen and of the Duke of Edinburgh. His father, who was Grand Master 1939–42, was the fourth son of King George V, and his mother, Princess Marina, was the daughter of Prince Nicholas of Greece. He has been the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England since he was first elected in 1967. Next year marking his 50 years as First Grand Principal.

Membership of Royal Arch Chapters by Unattached Craft Masons.

The Committee of General Purposes has decreed that:

- a) In future no candidate shall be Exalted into the Royal Arch or admitted as a Joining or Re-joining Member unless he is a **subscribing Member** of a Lodge under UGLE unless he is a recognised Honorary Member
- b) That as from 31st December 2016 any Companion who has at any time been a **subscribing Member** of a Lodge under UGLE – unless he is an Honorary Member, or unless he is a subscribing Member of a Lodge under a recognised Grand Lodge, should have a period of grace within which to join or re-join a Lodge under UGLE, at the end of which, if he fails to do so, his membership of his Royal Arch Chapter or Chapters will be automatically terminated..

Explanatory Note: Basically unless you have been elected as an Honorary Member of a Lodge you must be a subscribing Member of a Lodge to gain or retain your Membership of the Holy Royal Arch.

2) Provincial Grand Chapter

The MEGS 3 Initiatives for this Masonic Year:

- 1. Re-appraisal of the Provincial Chapter Representatives Role.**
- 2. Closing the Chapter ~ To accompany the act of "Returning our Secrets to the Safety of Darkness" a new ritual has been introduced and it is requested that all Chapters consider adopting this.**

Where Chapters have yet to introduce the “Illumination of the Pedestal” at the Opening it is again requested that this should also be considered.

Copies of the Ritual are on the Provincial Website.

3. Training ~ It is intended that during the Autumn a Provincial Chapter of Rehearsal will be established where on separate occasions both the Exaltation and Installation Ceremonies will be demonstrated. It is hoped that all Chapters will send representatives to observe these as, whilst certain Chapters have their own ritual there are elements of the Ceremonies that must be carried out by all and therefore all would benefit from reviewing whether their deviations are actually as a result of their different ritual.

The First of these demonstrations will be of the Exaltation Ceremony to be held at Moseley Masonic Hall at a date to be confirmed in November.

On Saturday 12th November at the Installed First Principals Chapter Convocation the Metropolitan Grand Chapter Team will be presenting the new “Talking Heads” lecture.

This is open to all Companions of whatever rank. If you wish to attend please contact the Provincial Office.

As is customary the MEGS and Executive have had their usual busy year travelling to many Provinces for their Annual Convocations and having a full team deployed to every Chapter Installation.

3) Local News

On Tuesday 6th September **White Ensign Chapter** held its 1st Convocation of the new Masonic Season and what an excellent meeting it turned out to be. .

For the second year running they had the excellent and unique opportunity of Exalting 2 Candidates on the same day, Bros Carter and Moore. Each of the Candidates being conducted through the 1st part of the Ceremony independently and then coming together with the Principal Sojourner for the 2nd part.

Six of our Chapters commence the new season with their Installation Convocations:

13th September ~ Hope & Charity

15th September ~ Bromsgrove ~ Now firmly ensconced in Kidderminster.

15th September ~ Campbell,

16th September ~ Vernon

21st September ~ Kings Heath.

22nd September ~ Abbot Lichfield

These will be followed by a further 15 Chapters holding their Installations in the following two months.

Anniversary Celebrations

On 10th November Woodlands will not only conduct their Installation but will also be celebrating their 50th year Birthday.

As has become standard practice, it is to be hoped that the Acting Officers Appointed last April will seek to attend as many of these meeting as possible, , in support of the MEGS request,

Editors Footnote:

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