

The Worcestershire Second Risings



Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire

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1) Introduction

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

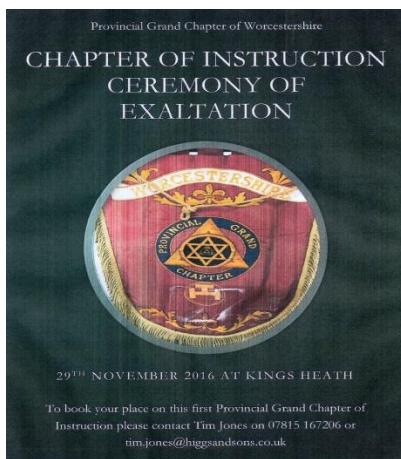
*Companions,
Our Autumn Edition contained the Notice published by UGLE in their April Quarterly Communications regarding Membership of Royal Arch Chapters by Unattached Craft Masons.*

We regret that our interpretation was incorrect given that this ruling is not retrospective.

"Therefore a Companion who is currently a subscribing member of a Royal Arch Chapter but not of a Craft Lodge will not be affected by this change".

May we apologise for any distress or inconvenience caused.

2) Provincial Grand Chapter of Instruction ~ 29th November 2016



On behalf of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent please find attached a poster promoting a new Provincial initiative. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent has for some while been keen to promote training and education within the Province of Worcestershire. To this end the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent wishes to hold the first Provincial Grand Chapter of Instruction at Kings Heath on Tuesday 29th November 2016 Opening at 6.00pm.

The meeting will demonstrate the Ceremony of Exaltation. The Officers of the evening will be the acting Provincial Officers of the year, with Ex Comp Jeremy Mallin acting as Z, Ex Comp John Yeates acting as H and Ex Comp Ian Fothergill acting as J. We will be joining Wigornia Chapter on the evening with a festive board to end what will be a memorable event. The cost of the Festive Board will be circa £20.00 – to be confirmed.

I would be most grateful if you would circulate this email to the Companions of your Chapter and encourage them to attend.

Please contact the Prov Grand DC Tim Jones to book your place – tim.jones@higgsandsons.co.uk or 07815 167206 or Cliff Johnson, Scribe E for Wigornia Chapter: cliffjohnsonhome@yahoo.co.uk or 0121 707 0130

It is hoped that all Chapters will send representatives to observe this Ceremony as, whilst certain Chapters have their own ritual there

are elements of the Ceremony 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.

3) Provincial Job Vacancy

Volunteer wanted for Adelphi database

In conjunction with United Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Chapter Administration at Bromsgrove maintains a database containing details of Companions in the Province including their appointments in Chapter and in Provincial Grand Chapter. The database, called "Adelphi" also contains details of appointments in the Craft and is also accessed by Provincial Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge maintains the system for all its membership records.

Because the system was set up by Grand Lodge, a detailed knowledge of its capabilities is not available to the PGC Administration in Bromsgrove.

In order to help develop a knowledge base, the MEGS wishes to appoint a volunteer who is a member of the Royal Arch in the Province of Worcestershire to identify how the database can be used to provide meaningful reports and information to him and his Executive and to train and support the Administration to produce such reports.

Applicants are invited from subscribing Companions of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire who consider they have and can demonstrate the necessary skills to undertake this role on a voluntary basis. It is anticipated that the role will only take a few hours a week and, whilst some of that time may be spent at home, attendance at the Provincial Office at Bromsgrove during normal office hours will be required particularly when training and support is required.

If you feel you have the necessary skills, can afford the time and are able to deal with what may be sensitive data confidentially, the MEGS invites you to apply by email to the Provincial Grand Scribe E Cec Cariss at cecil@worcestershirepgl.org.uk titling your email "Confidential Adelphi Volunteer"

Editors Footnote:

Companions, to be successful any communications media needs to be two-way. Please forward any information that you believe would be helpful to the Provincial Information Officer:

E. Comp. Ian Fothergill

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