

The Worcestershire Second Risings



Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire Winter 2016/17

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Introduction

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

Companions,

As we are about to enter the Festive Season and whilst all Scribe E's have received the Greetings from the Province may I take another opportunity on behalf of my Executive Team and their families to wish each and everyone of you and your families a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

1) Supreme Grand Chapter

In his Christmas Message the MEGS also announced the date of the Annual Provincial Coach Trip to Supreme Grand Chapter on Thursday 27th April, which is priced at £40 and is inclusive of the Coach and a 3 Course Meal on the Return journey. This has always proved to be a great day out with the opportunity for all Companions to see the panoply and splendour of a Supreme Grand Chapter Meeting in the Grand Temple at Great Queen Street.

2) Provincial Grand Chapter

On Saturday 12th November the Worcestershire Installed First Principals Chapter were honoured to receive the Third Grand Principal, E. Comp. Gareth Jones.



The Chapter also welcomed the Metropolitan Grand Chapter Demonstration Team who presented their "Talking Heads" initiative which is aimed at Master Masons and why they should join the Holy Royal Arch.

This theme was continued when the Third Grand Principal addressed the Convocation and stated his personal view, which is followed in London and certain Provinces, that London and Provincial Grand Rank in the Craft is only conferred on those Past Masters who have completed the journey through Antient Freemasonry by joining the Holy Royal Arch.

It left the Companions to ponder on what is a very divisive topic.

On completion of the Meeting the assembled Company retired to enjoy a very pleasant Festive Board where, as always, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent announced that one of his Initiatives commenced in April 2015 has now come to fruition in the issue of a new document entitled "Setting the Scene" which provides an explanation and far better understanding to the Exalte of the 3 parts of his Exaltation in describing Where he has come from, Who and What he is, the tasks set and discovery made.

The usage and advantage of this document was shown at the Provincial Grand Chapter of Improvement/Instruction Meeting demonstrating the Exaltation Ceremony in accordance with the Worcestershire Workings, that took place at Kings Heath on Tuesday 29th November and the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent requested that it is used by all Chapters throughout the Province for all future Exaltation Ceremonies.

This particular meeting was very well received by an excellent turn out and it is hoped that a 2nd Presentation will be made covering the Installation Ceremony in the New Year.

He also mentioned and congratulated E. Comp. John Crowther on his Appointment to Third Provincial Grand Principal which will be conferred at Provincial Grand Chapter on Saturday 8th April 2017.



As is customary the MEGS and Executive have continued their usual busy year travelling to many Provinces for their Annual Convocations and having a full team deployed to every one of the 22 Chapter Installations that have taken place since the start of the New Season in September.

3) Local News

New Year's Resolution for all Lodge Royal Arch Chapter Representatives.

Companions we would urge you all to set the Resolution outlined below as your way of providing information, encouragement, promotion and recruitment for and to our Order and please, please refrain from standing up at any Lodge Meeting, when asked to give a report, and say "Nothing to Report!!"
Companions there is **always** something to report.

This Newsletter provides you with ample scope and the Provincial Web Site always has something of interest.

Please therefore set your New Year Resolution to ensure that you always have something to report and let's promote our wonderful Order to its full advantage.

As has become a firm request of the MEGS it is to be hoped that the Acting Officers Appointed last April will seek to attend as many of the Chapter Installation meetings.

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