

# The Worcestershire Second Risings



## Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire Autumn 2017

This Second Rising 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 of Worcestershire I hope you have all had a healthy and enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new Masonic season.*

*Recruitment into our Order is an important part of our responsibility as members. To this end, and to aid you in the promotion of our wonderful Order, the Province has put in place a Presentation entitled "Talking Heads" which is delivered in a Craft Lodge and takes the form of a conversation between a Past Master, who is a Companion, and a Master Mason who is interested in finding out more about the Royal Arch. It is a very different and interesting way to promote our Order and similar Presentations have proved very successful in other Provinces. I therefore urge you to encourage your Lodge to host this interesting Presentation.*

*I look forward to being with you in your Chapters and wish you a happy and successful 2017/18.*

### 1) Supreme Grand Chapter

**Significant Points made by Pro First Grand Principal Peter Lowndes in his April 2017 Address**



“..... You can be forgiven for thinking that this year is all about the Craft – it is its Tercentenary year – but I am sure you all recognise that, the more successful the Craft is in attracting new members, so the greater is our opportunity for capitalising on this success for the benefit of the Royal Arch. It is not all that long ago that we seemed satisfied with 30% of Craft masons joining the Royal Arch. This never seemed anywhere near sufficient and we should be aiming for nearer 50%. We are undoubtedly making progress in that respect. It is a unique opportunity so let us all enjoy the year and use it to promote our Order.

For us in the Royal Arch it is the **50th anniversary** of our **First Grand Principal, HRH The Duke of Kent** being installed as such and he has asked me to let you know that, in recognition of this milestone, he wishes to award a number of extra Grand Ranks. The details of how these will be awarded will be made known in due course but we very much hope that His Royal Highness will be able to carry out that Investiture in November this year.....”

### 2) Provincial Grand Chapter

*We were delighted to see the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent "Return to Duty" towards the end of the season following his fall*

One of his last duties of the 2016/17 Season was to preside at the Installation Meeting at Avon Chapter on 29<sup>th</sup> June.



## New Initiative & Training

As well as the new ritual in relation to the 3 addresses given to an Exalte during his Exaltation to provide a logical explanation of what is happening and the part he is playing, the Provincial Training/Presentation Team are ready to launch the new Presentation to Master Masons called “Talking Heads”

The first Presentation is due to take place

### **L377 The Lodge of Hope and Charity**

Are pleased to extend an open invitation to all Master Masons to attend their Regular Meeting **on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017** commencing at 6.00pm at Kidderminster Masonic Hall.

To witness this first demonstration. Please contact:

Martin Lawrence:

[martinlawrence2412@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martinlawrence2412@yahoo.co.uk)

## Provincial Chapter of Improvement

The team are also preparing to conduct a Presentation of the Installation Ceremony in accordance with our Worcestershire Workings.

This is scheduled to take place at Wigornia Chapter on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Further details will be published shortly.

## Provincial Royal Arch Charity

Chapters are reminded that, if they give in the **RED** Royal Arch Charity envelopes, Gift Aid at 25%

of the amount given will normally be added to their donation.

Whilst they can give via the Provincial Charity to a Registered Charity of their choice, donations for the Provincial Grand Chapter Charity Fund are really welcome.

The Charity’s Trustees meet a number of times during the year when, amongst other things, they agree donations to appropriate charities. At the last meeting donations were made to:-

Worcester Branch of MS Society £500

Cherry Oak Primary School – equipment for use by pupils with special needs £500

Fort Royal Community School - support for special needs pupils £500

The Trustees will meet again in October to consider further requests for funding.

Companions are reminded that, if they have a Charity which they wish the Province to support, they should contact E Comp John Wright, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, whose details are on page 280 of the Yearbook.

## Sad Loss of a Past Third Grand Principal



E. Comp.Derek Lewin, PAGSoj, and a former Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft from 1993 – 2000 sadly passed to the Grand Chapter above on Saturday 12th August.

Derek was Exalted into Bordesley Abbey Chapter in 1971 and became First Principal in 1983. He became Provincial Third Grand Principal in 1989 and was Appointed P.G.St.B. in the same year. He received Promotion to P.A.G.Soj. in 1999.

A totally committed, highly regarded Freemason and a great loss to Freemasonry in the Province of Worcestershire.

### **3) Chapter News**

#### **All Lodge Royal Arch Chapter Representatives.**

In order to improve the communication link(s) between the Lodge Royal Arch Representatives, the Royal Arch Coordinators and the Provincial Executive we have launched a Royal Arch Representatives Report Form which we ask all Representatives to complete and return to their Coordinator after every Lodge Meeting. In this way we are seeking to obtain as much information as we can and, where possible, seek to encourage those Master Masons who have not taken the "Next Step"

**Please therefore prior to your next Lodge Meeting ensure that you have something to report and not deliver that very easy message "Nothing to Report."**

**Let's promote our wonderful Order to its full advantage.**

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

#### **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:

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