

# The Worcestershire Second Risings



## Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire Winter 2017/18

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### Introduction

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

*Companions I wish you, your families and connections a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. I do hope that you will support the various initiatives running in the Province and that we can have a enjoyable and successful 2018.*

### 1) Supreme Grand Chapter

You may recall in the last Edition that mention was made of the celebration of the **50th anniversary** of our **First Grand Principal, HRH The Duke of Kent** being installed and that, in recognition of this milestone, he wished to award a number of extra Grand Ranks.

To this end the Province were awarded 1 Promotion and 1 First Appointment and therefore at the Supreme Grand Chapter Convocation on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November E. Comp. W A B (Bill) Sherlock, PGStB, was promoted to the the rank of PAGSoj, and E. Comp. Alan Robertson appointed to the rank of PGStB. Both recipients thoroughly deserving of these honours.

### 2) Provincial Grand Chapter

**Worcestershire Installed First Principals  
Chapter No. 6889**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Armistice Day, saw some 57 Installed First Principals and Guests assemble at The Masonic Centre, Rainbow Hill,

Worcester to witness the Installation of **E. Comp. Colin Verdun Young, PGStB** by , **E. Comp. Robert C Vaughan, PDepGSwdB**, in an excellent ceremony.

Having Opened the Chapter early the Companions stood to Order at the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour in Remembrance of all those who have given their lives in the protection of this country.

On completion of its normal business the Chapter was Closed and then received a most poignant and exceptionally well delivered talk from E. Comp. Revd. Dr. John R H Railton, **PGSwdB, Past DepGS, (Wilts)** on "The Unknown Warrior."



On completion of the Convocation 43 Companions enjoyed an excellent Festive Board and, as is his wont the **Most Excellent Grand Superintendent** made his usual announcements.

This year however was quite a revelation when he gave details of the changes taking place in the Provincial Executive to be effective from

**the Provincial AGM to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018..**

**E. Comp. Michael G Taylor, PGSwdB, DepGS,** is to retire as the Deputy Grand Superintendent. Michael will have served as Deputy for 4 years but has been involved with the Executive since being made Provincial Third Principal in 2005 and Second Principal from 2009 to 2014. The MEGS proffered his sincere thanks to Michael for all his excellent work and support.

His replacement will be the current Second Provincial Grand Principal, **E. Comp. John M Phenix, PAGSoj,** and he will be replaced by **E. Comp. A John Yeates, PGStB, PPrGJ.**

The assembled company having absorbed that news then learnt that **E. Comp. Revd. Justin Parker PPrAGSoj,** will be Invested and Appointed as the Provincial Third Principal.

In conclusion the MEGS encouraged all the Companions present to support the

**Provincial Initiative, “Talking Heads.”**

**designed to encourage Master Masons to complete their journey through the 3 Degrees of Ancient Freemasonry as stated in the Book of Constitutions.**

Currently there are **780 Master Masons in the Province who have as yet to complete that task and there are 450 Unattached Companions.**

## **New Initiative & Training**

**“Talking Heads”**

The first Presentation took place at

L377 The Lodge of Hope and Charity on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

and there is now a list of these Presentations:

21<sup>st</sup> Nov L6082, St. Kenelm Lodge, Stourbridge

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov L4495 Bordesley Abbey Lodge, Redditch

12<sup>th</sup> Feb L2034 Masefield Lodge, Kings Heath

22<sup>nd</sup>Feb L7932 Hagley and Holy Wells Halesowen

12<sup>th</sup>Mar L3569 Avon Lodge Evesham

Lodge RA Representatives are encouraged to promote these Presentations to the Master Masons and Past Masters in their Lodges who have as yet to complete the journey through Ancient Freemasonry

## **Provincial Chapter of Improvement**

The team are conducting a Presentation of the Installation Ceremony in accordance with our Worcestershire Workings.

**This is taking place at Wigornia Chapter on 29<sup>th</sup> November. There is still time to Book in with E. Comp. Robert Johnson;**

**dofe2009@live.com**

Those approaching the Chairs and those Passing through the Chairs are urged to attend this important Presentation.

## **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.

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.

## **3) Chapter News**

### **Recruiting**

By the Second week in December over 50% of the Chapters in the Province will have conducted their Installation Convocations. To all those who have taken Principals Chairs, whether newly Installed or Re-cycled, you are wished a very happy and healthy year in office and, knowing we have some 1230 potential members of the Holy Royal Arch, it would be wonderful if by the Chapters own efforts or/and with the help of the “Talking Heads” Presentations we could convert 5% (62) of them to join us in our various Chapters during the coming year.

## A Milestone at Perseverance Chapter

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November some 10 Grand Officers and an assembled company of 32, including the Provincial Team and 10 other Grand Officers, met at Perseverance Chapter not only for their Installation Convocation but to see the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent present a 50 Year Certificate to E. Comp. Charles E S. Harris, PGSwdB, Past DepGS,. Charles became the Third Provincial Grand Principal in 1995 and Appointed to the rank of PGStB in the same year. He served as Provincial Second Principal in 2003-2004 and then became the Deputy Grand Superintendent in 2004. He was then promoted to the Rank of PGSwdB in 2005.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent paid tribute to Charles' long and distinguished service in the Province and then invited the Past Grand Superintendent, E. Comp. Richard B W Price, under whom Charles served, to pay further tribute to him.



## Festive Greetings

# Merry Christmas



To all our Readers may you enjoy the Festive Season and have a Very Happy Masonic and Healthy New Year

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