



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE

September Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the second Newsletter supporting Companions of the Royal Arch, providing information on initiatives and events within the Province.

Foreword, from The Deputy Grand Superintendent



*EComp Paul MA Rose PGSwdB
Deputy Grand Superintendent*

Welcome to the September Newsletter which will bring you up to date with what has been happening in the Royal Arch since February and what is happening over the forthcoming months.

I am particularly pleased to announce that the Royal Arch is now to have its own Provincial Communications Officer, EComp Leigh Rickett has agreed to take on this role. Leigh will be well known to those in the Western Area as the District Communications Officer and I am sure that with his appointment we will see much better communications within the Royal Arch. Whilst Leigh will be responsible for seeing that the website content is kept up to date he will also be responsible for promoting the Royal Arch on Social Media.

Recruitment and retention are always at the forefront of our objectives to promote the Royal Arch. We will be rolling out Talking Heads both in the Lodges and amongst other interested groups so that we will not confine these presentations to formal lodges but will also be presenting informally so that we can show more of the Royal Arch than we can within the confines of a Lodge meeting. We will also be promoting the Royal Arch alongside recruitment for the Craft.

It is very important to the long-term success of the Royal Arch that we have strong Chapters and the best way to recruit and retain is to ensure that meetings are interesting and that as many

Companions as possible, who want to have the opportunity of participating in our ceremonies, may do so. I therefore urge all Chapters to share the work amongst all those who wish to participate and to make use of all the available material such as the Janitors Card and the various additional explanations of the Exaltation ceremony which are available either on the Provincial Website or from your APGP or Royal Arch District Officer (RADO).

I am going around the Province presenting Supreme Grand Chapter Certificates if any chapter would like me to do that for them or for a group of chapters I would be willing to do that, subject to availability. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I think it is beneficial for all Chapters every so often to step back and give itself a health check and consider how it sees its future development and consider what changes it can make for the better. There is a very helpful guide on the Provincial website for any Chapters that are unsure as to their future which I recommend for their consideration.

I hope you all have a happy and interesting year and I look forward meeting as many Companions as possible over the coming months.

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Provincial Grand Chapter

The Provincial Meeting took place at Blackburn on the 16th March 2017 and was well supported by the Companions of the Province along with many Senior Companions in the Royal Arch from other Provinces and Heads of other Orders. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent Sir David Tripper was in attendance to conduct the meeting and in his address paid warm and sincere tributes to EComp David Thompson, the outgoing Second Provincial Grand Principal, EComp Harvey Basger was installed as the new Second Provincial Grand Principal.



“Great Friends and Good Companions”, David Thompson handing over to Harvey Basger.

EComp Paul Aspinall, the outgoing Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals for the Northern Area was highly praised by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent for his sterling contribution and who is now replaced by EComp Brian J Carter.



Brian J Carter APGP Northern Area

A full report and copies of the address by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent can be viewed on the Royal Arch pages on the Provincial Website.

The Next Step

In our last Newsletter reference was made to the important role of the Royal Arch Representatives in Craft Lodges and the need to support those Companions in developing and encouraging Craft Masons to continue the Masonic journey in to the Royal Arch.

As a part of that support the first Talking Heads Presentation took place on Wednesday 3rd May 2017, when Borough and Ashlar Lodge No 4858, in the Burnley and Pendle District, hosted a Provincial Team who presented "Talking Heads – The Next Step – In to the Royal Arch".

The presentation covered numerous areas from the history of the Royal Arch to basics of costs and commitment. Seventy brethren were in attendance and the question and answer session thereafter stimulated several questions which were answered by EComp Paul M A Rose, Deputy Grand Superintendent, VWBro Derek N Thornhill, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and EComp Brian Carter, Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals Northern Area.



Like Burnley FC we played well and scored another four for the Royal Arch with one off the bench

Four new recruits and one retrieval

EComp Len Hayes the Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, who is responsible for the co-ordination of 'Talking Heads' presentations intends to continue touring the Province with his team full details of the dates and venues will be available in due course through the website.

Please check the Provincial Calendar and the Scribes Section within the Companions Forum for up to date details.

Companions Forum

The Companions Forum has been in place for over a year now and provides a platform in which questions related to the Royal Arch can be submitted and responded to. In addition, your thoughts and ideas can be submitted through the Forum allowing the Executive to develop the fraternity relevant to current times. Submissions will receive prompt attention and will be responded to.

Within the Companions Forum, a Scribes section exists which allows the Chapter Scribes to detail dates and times of forthcoming meetings but just as important it can show the programme of events throughout the year. The benefit of such functionality provides a meeting search which identifies events such as Exaltations, Presentations, Lectures et cetera.

Both the Forum and the Scribes sections provide a dynamic reference point and will continue to do so. Its development, for the benefit of all, will only be as good as the content that is provided by the Companions. To use it with your questions, answers and details of your meetings will enhance our knowledge and enjoyment of the Order.

Memory Sticks

We have now issued all newly Exalted Companions with a Royal Arch memory stick containing various documents related to the Royal Arch including the Guide to Newly Exalted Companions. The stick itself has a substantial memory and will allow other personal documents/information to be stored thereon. Should there be any Newly Exalted Companion, who has not received one, they should contact the Royal Arch Representative in the Lodge or the Patch Royal Arch District Officer who will arrange for one to be delivered.

Welcome.....to newly exalted Companions

A very warm welcome from the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and The Deputy Grand Superintendent to the following Companions who have been Exalted into the Royal Arch in this period, since the last Newsletter. We wish them well and hope they will continue to enjoy their onward journey in Freemasonry.

Darryl Counsell exalted into Horizon Chapter No. 8948 on 20th February 2017, Northern Area

Gordon Cornthwaite exalted into Hutchinson Chapter No. 381 on 1st March 2017, Northern Area

Craig Calder exalted into Cathedral Chapter No. 7814 on 27th March 2017, Northern Area

Peter Style exalted into Ashlar Chapter No. 4858 on 10th April 2017, Northern Area

Graham Peel exalted into Hutchinson Chapter No. 381 on 14th June 2017, Northern Area

Bradley John Savidge exalted into Fairfield Chapter No. 7224 20th February 2017 Southern Area

Kenneth Unsworth exalted into Probity and Freedom Chapter No. 367 on 13th February 2017, Eastern Area

Michael Sutton exalted into Probity and Freedom Chapter No. 367 on 13th February 2017, Eastern Area

Derek Kelshaw exalted into Imperial George Chapter No 78 on 25th April 2017, Eastern Area

Samuel Lee Turlington exalted into Chapter of Unity No. 42 on 28th February 2017 Western Area

Jack Hall exalted into Darley Chapter No. 6531 on 8th March 2017 Western Area

Peter James James-Robinson exalted into Chapter of Beauty No. 344 on 19th April 2017 Western Area

John Paul Fleming exalted into Derby Chapter No. 1055 on 10th May 2017 Western Area

Oliver Basger exalted into Ark and Menorah Chapter No. 6594 on 14th February 2017, Manchester & Salford Area

Georges-Gustave Makosso exalted into Lord Stanley Chapter No. 2891 on 17th February 2017, Manchester & Salford Area

Graham Massey exalted into Lord Stanley Chapter No. 2891 on 17th February 2017, Manchester & Salford Area

Sergio Prezioso exalted into Townley Parker Chapter No. 1083 on 6th April 2017, Manchester & Salford Area

Thomas Yates exalted into Renaissance Chapter No. 1219 on 12th April 2017, Manchester & Salford Area

We also hope that the number of Exaltees will increase in the forthcoming year, as Royal Arch Masons we should be confident in approaching Master Masons explaining the beauty of the Royal Arch and its fulfilment of the journey started within the Craft. Master Masons should be joining the Royal Arch as soon as possible and when they are comfortably established in their Lodge and feel confident about their decision they made to become a Freemason. The RW Provincial Grand Master fully endorses that policy and urges that they should only consider joining other Orders after they have joined the Royal Arch.

A new feature on the newsletter is to congratulate Companions for their years of membership in the Royal Arch and who have celebrated their anniversary since the last Newsletter.

Congratulations by the Decade.....

Companions Celebrating **10 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

Mark Pickup, Abbey Chapter No. 2529
Nick Bellas, Chapter of Remembrance No. 3787
James Caygill, Chapter of Unity No. 2341
William Caygill, Chapter of Unity No. 2341
Thomas Joseph Galvin, Chapter of Benevolence No. 226
Glenn Jackson, Tudor Chapter No. 277
Wayne Heywood, Werneth Chapter No. 6163
Charles Julian Fisher, Ben Brierley Chapter No. 3317
Harvey Taylor, Albert Chapter No. 854
Neil Bostock, Tudor Chapter No. 277
David Lees Clayton, Imperial George Chapter No. 78
Hurryduth Beedaysee, Prince Edwin's Chapter No. 128
Anthony James Smith, Prince Edwin's Chapter No. 128
Paul O'Carroll, Palatine Chapter No. 2447
Darren Kennedy, Cornucopia Chapter No. 4553

Companions Celebrating **20 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

Squire Lavin, Brough & Thursby Chapter No. 1064
David Smith, Bank Terrace Chapter No. 462
Norman Stancliffe, Cathedral Chapter No. 7814
Mark W Davis, Tonge Hall Chapter No. 8763
Roderick J Geeson, Chapter of Faith No. 210
Leonard Davies, Chapter of Union No. 268
Douglas Denton, Tudor Chapter No. 277
Willian Sharp, Albert Chapter No. 854
Graham Newton, Chapter of Hope No. 54
David Price, Naphtali Chapter No. 266
Anthony F Talbot, Naphtali Chapter No. 266
Peter Ronald Hawksworth, Hollingworth Chapter No. 2701
Ronald Lord, Albert Chapter No. 854
Philip Price, Tonge Hall Chapter No. 8767
David John Rainsbury, Blair Chapter No. 815
Terrence L Carter, Prince Edwin's Chapter No. 128
William John Wright Lyall, Chapter of Unanimity No. 4130
Ronald Buckley, (Constitution Chapter No. 3392 now closed) Renaissance Chapter No. 1219
Martin McKinley, (Chapter of Good Report No. 7370 now closed) Renaissance Chapter No. 1219

Companions Celebrating **30 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

Roy Taylor, Bank Terrace Chapter No. 462
Harry Lord, Cana Chapter No. 116
Colin Royle, Hutchinson Chapter No. 381
Norman T Jackson, Reddish Chapter No. 3615
David J Hundleby, Unanimity Chapter No. 4130
David H Jellings, Chapter of Faith No. 210
Thomas Smith, Chapter of Union No. 268
Keith Malcolm Ashton Walker, Chapter of Hope No. 54
William James Bruce, Chapter of Unanimity No. 4130
Peter McGiffen, (Chapter of Good Report No. 7370 now closed) Renaissance Chapter No. 1219
Philip Clarke, (Semper Peratus Chapter No. 3440 now closed) Trillium Chapter No. 204
Keith Drummond-Smith, West-Salford Chapter No. 3867
William John Ramm, Probity and Freedom Chapter No. 367

Companions Celebrating **40 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

Christopher J Bolton, Ardwick Chapter No. 2185
John M Cockcroft, Loyal Todmorden Chapter No. 219
John Higginbottom, Loyal Todmorden Chapter No. 219
John Snape, Alexandra Chapter No. 993
William Sharpe, Albert Chapter No. 854

Companions Celebrating **50 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

John Jackson, Tudor Chapter No. 277

Companions Celebrating **60 Years** as a member of the Royal Arch

Philip J Westwood, Waverley Chapter No. 1322

For The Diary

Reference should always be made to the Provincial Calendar in the event of changes that may have occurred post the aforementioned events

During the next twelve months, the following Joint Convocations will take place in all the Provincial Areas.

Northern:

17th October 2017 - Sincerity Chapter - Clayton le Moors. (Deputy Grand Superintendent in attendance).

Manchester/Salford:

22nd January 2018 - Blair Chapter - Salford. (Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in attendance).

Eastern:

22nd March 2018 - Rochdale Installed First Principals Chapter - Rochdale. (Deputy Grand Superintendent in attendance).

Western:

8th October 2018 - Concorde Deane Chapter - Bolton. (Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in attendance).

Southern:

28th November 2018 – Ardwick Chapter – Audenshaw. (Deputy Grand Superintendent in attendance).

Royal Arch Presentation Team

‘CRAFTY COMPANIONS’ Clayton Masonic Hall on the 3rd October 2017 hosted by Amity with Rossendale Forest Lodge.

‘CRAFTY COMPANIONS’ Mossley Masonic Hall on the 26th October hosted by ADLIM Lodge.

‘DOUBLE EXALTATION’ Audenshaw Masonic Hall on the 27th October 2017 hosted by Chapter of Friendship 44.

‘CRAFTIER COMPANIONS’ (New Presentation) Salford Masonic Hall on the 22nd January 2018 hosted by Blair Chapter at the Salford Joint Convocation.

Provincial Calendar Dates

Tercentenary Cathedral Service Sunday 17th September 2017 Manchester Cathedral, Victoria St, Manchester M3 1SX.

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers Chapter No 3747 [Installation] Monday, 23rd October 2017.

300 Years of Freemasonry and Music, King Georges Hall, Blackburn 28th October 2017.

Supreme Grand Chapter, London, Wednesday, 8th November 2017.

East Lancashire Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No 8408 Monday 4th December 2017, Middleton Masonic Hall.

Carol Service to be held at St Ann's Church, Manchester, Sunday, 10th December 2017.

Provincial Grand Chapter to be held at King George's Hall, Blackburn, Thursday, 15 March 2018.