

**Summary of the Address of the ME Grand Superintendent  
at Provincial Grand Chapter  
at King George's Hall, Blackburn  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

1. Since our last Annual Meeting in March 2018 we have seen a further increase in the number of exaltations in our Chapters. The largest number we have seen for years.
2. Given that we have seen a significant increase in the number of new Initiates joining the Craft, this success in the Royal Arch should not surprise us.
3. A number of new initiatives have developed over the last year:
  - a. First, we have launched an increased number of presentations and lectures on our website which are online with hard copies sent to all Scribe Es and DC's.
  - b. If Chapters do not have an Exaltation Ceremony to perform, I would ask that they consider delivering one of those presentations; 'Solomon' is a superb resource for these also
  - c. Secondly, we have rolled out a new version of "Talking Heads" which has been well received and non-Royal Arch members should try to attend
  - d. Thirdly, we have continued to run workshops for Royal Arch Representatives in our Craft Lodges emphasising the importance of their role and the support we all need to be giving them.
4. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master Peter Geoffrey Lowndes, emphasised the vital importance of selecting the right person to be the Royal Arch Representative in our Lodges. This he did at the Quarterly Meeting of Grand Lodge in December
5. In conjunction with our sister Province of West Lancashire, we have formed a University Scheme Chapter named Palatine Chapter and the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in West Lancashire, Tony Harrison is delighted to support it, now and in the future.
6. The Royal Arch Newsletter has been very well received. It is important that as many Brethren who are not yet Companions read this interesting and informative resource.
7. A number of other ideas should be considered. Many Lodges and Chapters do many of these things already, but quite a number don't:
  - a. Identifying those members of a Craft Lodges who are Royal Arch Masons can be done by a simple symbol after their name on the Lodge Summons. (*A template for this is now on the Provincial website Secretariat pages*)
  - b. We should be encouraging Royal Arch materials in the form of papers on our website to be used for education in Craft Lodges.
  - c. All Royal Arch Representatives should be identified on all Craft Summonses.
  - d. All Royal Arch representatives should have a platform in the Lodge meeting at least once a year to address their members about their role and what they have been doing
  - e. Some Lodges at their Installations take wine with those in the Royal Arch provided that the Worshipful Master has given permission.
  - f. Inviting possible future Exaltees to attend the Social Board of Chapters.

The ME Grand Superintendent commended all these ideas to the meeting.