

# WORCESTERSHIRE SECOND RISINGS

Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch I Province of Worcestershire

## Welcome

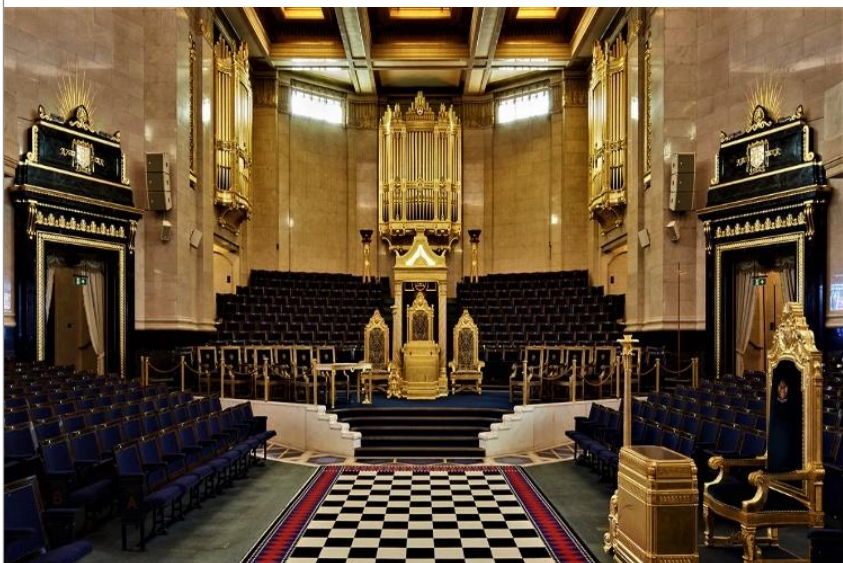


**The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent Companions, it is found! “What?” you might ask. The glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel!**

With the publication of the Government’s “Roadmap” to ease the Covid-19 restrictions, we can now anticipate a gradual return to our Royal Arch convocations in the coming weeks. Our Provincial GSE – Brian Harper – has written to all Chapter Scribes E with guidance and information about the resumption of our activities and asking each Chapter to submit a chart of their forthcoming convocations along with the ceremonies to be performed. This will help us plan our time so that we can provide as much support, on the ground, to each Chapter as possible.

This is your province companions and we are here to help you! I very much look forward to being in your company again in the not too distant future.

## Supreme Grand Chapter



### News of Supreme Grand Chapter Appointments in Worcestershire

**It is with delight that we announce that the following Companions have been Appointed or Promoted in Supreme Grand Chapter:**

- ⊗ E. Comp. Timothy M Wooldridge ~ Vernon Chapter No. 560 ~ Past Grand Standard Bearer
- ⊗ E. Comp. Howard G Wilson ~ Worcestershire Installed First Principals’ Chapter No. 6889 ~ Past Grand Standard Bearer
- ⊗ E. Comp. A. John Yeates, Provincial Second Grand Principal ~ Past Assistant Grand Sojourner.

Our congratulations to these Companions on their well-deserved Honours, which are due to be conferred on Thursday 29th April.

This Communication is for distribution by the Chapter Scribe E to all Chapter members, either by email or by post.

## Provincial Grand Chapter

The Provincial Executive continues to hold the necessary Virtual Business Meetings to conduct all the necessary administrative tasks required, including the 3R's Committee (Recruitment, Retention and Recovery) and to plan for the recommencement of activity and the future strategy required for the development of our Order.

As part of the drive to ensure the maintenance of communications with all the Companions in the Province the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent instigated the Virtual Monthly Friday Night "Get togethers" which have proved extremely successful, particularly the meeting held on Friday 19th March when the Province had the privilege of welcoming the Third Grand Principal, Most Excellent Companion Gareth Jones, O.B.E. (right).



raised - was extremely refreshing and he pointed out that the requirement for Rulers of any kind must be to ensure they were approachable.

He gave details of his own Masonic Career, having been Initiated in 1984 and Exalted in 1987 and, rising through the ranks in both Craft and the Royal Arch, he was Appointed Provincial Grand Master of South Wales in 2013, with responsibility for 164 Lodges. In accordance with the old adage of "give a job to a busy man", he was Appointed Third Grand Principal in 2016, a role in which he has proved extremely effective.

His enlightening talk on the duties of the Third Grand Principal - and his very candid answers to the various questions

Another feature of the MEGS' Monthly Meetings is his well-known and now infamous Quiz.

He has so far managed to outwit all those taking part!

### Provincial Appointments and Promotions

We send our congratulations to all those who have been Appointed to - or Promoted in - Provincial Grand Chapter. It is with regret that our Annual Convocation, due to be held in April has had to be postponed, however to those so appointed or promoted their ranks will be effective from 17th April.



There is however good news on the horizon, subject to the lockdown roadmap fulfilling its current development.

### Annual Convocation 2021

Plans are in place and reservations have been made for the Annual Convocation 2021 to take place on **Wednesday 1st September** at our now established venue, Kings School College Hall, Worcester. This will be followed by lunch at the Guildhall.

## Chapter News

Many of our Chapters are looking forward to resuming activity, given they have both Installations to conduct and Candidates for Exaltation patiently waiting in the wings.

Some of our Masonic Halls are offering the opportunity for units that meet there to hold free meetings during the Summer months, following the current 21<sup>st</sup> June date announced by the Government to end restrictions currently imposed.

At this stage however we do not know if the Rule of 6, the wearing of Face coverings or Social distancing will still be required.



## In Conclusion

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and the Executive are very much aware of the effects the pandemic and the long lockdown are having, not only on our normal daily lives but also on the social camaraderie for which our Order is so well renowned.

He wishes to encourage every Chapter to retain its communication links - whether by Media Meetings, email, or telephone - with all its members and not to rely solely on the hard work that our Almoners are conducting.

This should encompass the whole age profile, whether it be our older members or our newest members, in trying to ensure we provide such encouragement and support as may be required.



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