

The Worcestershire Second Risings



Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Province of Worcestershire Autumn 2018

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Introduction

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

A Message of Farewell

Companions

It has been a great honour and pleasure to have been your Grand Superintendent for the last 8 years. Unfortunately a combination of time and gravity has overtaken me and reluctantly I am relinquishing my office at the end of the year.

I have greatly enjoyed visiting all the Chapters in the Province and thank all the Companions for their support and the warmth of their reception.

I strongly urge you to continue to enjoy your Royal Arch Masonry and to support our new Grand Superintendent.

Sincerely and fraternally

Colin Brown

1) Supreme Grand Chapter



With a relatively quite Summer season the main impetus from Supreme Grand Chapter are the 3 R's, Recruitment, Retention and Re-Joining, something which our MEGS and Provincial Team are very much in favour of and seeking to ensure that the Companions of Worcestershire are encouraging all those qualified Master Masons and those Companions who are unattached to consider taking that 4th valuable step or to reconsider their Membership

2) Provincial Grand Chapter



- 1. Launch of new Provincial Grand Chapter Website ~ Every Companion should have received a copy of the STOP PRESS Second Risings relating to our Launch on Monday 1st October.**

What we now need of course is for you to Subscribe so that you can be kept up to date with all Events due to Happen and News on What has happened in the Province. +We believe it is a very important communications medium and urge you to make full use of it.



2.

The Provincial Demonstration Team under the guidance of our Provincial DC are presenting the Ceremony of Exaltation in accordance with the established "Worcestershire Workings," at Wigornia Chapter on Thursday 29th November. Please make every effort to ensure that any newly Exalted Companion and those going into the Chapter Chairs for the first time are encouraged to attend. The details for Booking In are:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u2X6B1szNxQfWD43>

by clicking on this link you will be able to electronically book in. If in doubt contact Wigornia Chapter Scribe E on:

dofe2009@live.com

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent looks forward to seeing Number One Lodge Room at Kings Heath filled to capacity.



3.

Campbell Chapter No. 3643 are celebrating their Centenary at a Special Convocation to be held on Thursday 15th November. Details of this Centenary Meeting will be published on the Web Site in due course.

Bromsgrove Chapter No. 5414 are holding their 300th Meeting on the same date. If you are unable to attend Kings Heath please consider supporting the Companions of Bromsgrove Chapter who now meet in the beautiful surroundings of the newest Temple in the Province in Kidderminster. Please contact Scribe E for details.

Provincial Royal Arch Charity

Acts of Kindness – Redditch Foodbank,



On an exceptional warm October afternoon a visit to St Stephen's Church in Redditch was the destination for the presentation of a grant from the Provincial Grand Chapter Charity Fund of £500.00 to the "Acts of Kindness" at Redditch Foodbank.

Although the foodbank, which is under the Administrative umbrella of the Trussell Trust, they get no funding from them and are totally reliant on the support & goodwill of local people. It is staffed & run by volunteers who are distributing on average 40 Food Parcels a week. Each food parcel contains 3 days worth of tins and packet food; with a value of £25 approx; given with the assistance of Tesco & Asda by the public, along with a menu planner that shows suggestions for meals each day. However, as explained by Clare, one of the long serving volunteers, one of the biggest challenges for the Foodbank comes at Christmas time when many more crisis families come for help and they struggle to get sufficient supplies to cope. Also they do like to provide a voucher for a Children's present from "Santa".

E.Comp. Ian Fothergill, who proposed the "Acts of Kindness" to receive the grant, made the presentation to Laura Kyte, manager at the Redditch Foodbank.

CC Saving Heads Foundation – Redditch



Travelling back from a holiday break and listening to BBC Hereford & Worcs radio my wife and I heard an interview with someone who had just lost the family's third child, Carrick, to a sudden death syndrome (VEDS). They told the interviewer about the charity they had set up, in memory of two of their other children, Charlotte & Craig, who had also both died suddenly, which set out to provide lifesaving defibrillators into local schools, community halls and public venues around the Redditch & Bromsgrove areas – called the "Charlotte & Craig Saving Hearts Foundation."

Then just a short time later, as Provincial Charity Steward, I was sent, by an E.Companion's wife, a newspaper copy of the continuing work done by the CCSHF, to be put to our Charity Fund's Trustees as a possible recipient of a grant.

As a result of this E.Comp Ian Fothergill and E.Comp John Wright met with Rob Underwood, father and co-founder of the charity to present a cheque for £500.

The importance of quick action with defibrillators is well documented to being able to save many lives so their availability is paramount. So far CCSHF have provided nearly 300 to schools and communities in the area and made Defib training a major part of their responsibility as well, for when a sudden cardiac arrest occurs the casualty is usually relying on the ambulance service & first responders to try their best, having a Defibrillator close by can make all the difference between life and death.

Basement Project – Bromsgrove



North Worcestershire Basement Project is a charity that seeks to address and prevent homelessness amongst young people in Bromsgrove and the surrounding areas. The charity has a Basement Drop-In centre which is accessible to homeless and potentially homeless young people aged 16- 25 years.

It enables them to talk with someone in confidence about living independently and the volunteers will help them with form filling or obtaining benefits. The charity assists with employment and training opportunities, as well as the practical things of life such as laundry & washing facilities; help with getting a food parcel or hot meal. It's there to offer practical help such as budgeting their money or how to cook a meal on limited resources.

Above all they are not there to judge, just to help. They don't criticise, instead they will try to build confidence.

There is a national problem with homelessness at present, so to help support our young people to avoid "dropping out of society" the Basement Project manager Jackie Cooper was pleased to receive a grant of £500 from the Provincial Charity Fund at their drop-in house in Bromsgrove.

Grants agreed (Awaiting presentations)

Acorns Children's Hospice – Worcester
Rory the Robot – Prostrate Cancer Treatment – Worcester
AHT Diabetic Home Care Team – Birmingham Children's Hospital
Teenage Cancer Trust – Birmingham Children's Hospital
Sandwell Young Carers – Sandwell
Wyre Forest Young Voices – Kidderminster
First Responders – Herford & Worcs – Worcester
The Stonehouse Gang – Selly Oak, Birmingham
Wyre Forest Dial-a-Ride – Stourport & Kidderminster

Chapter Almoners are reminded that the Provincial Charity Fund will match up to £100 any donations a Chapter wishes to make to a local Charity. Contact the Prov. Grand Charity Steward for more information.

3) Chapter News

Recruiting, Retention, Re-Joining



Companions, most of us will be familiar with the educational criteria of the 3 R's ((R)ead, w(R)rite and a(R)ithmetic, but of course to us it means, as the heading suggests, Recruiting, Retention and Re-Joining.

All of us have an individual responsibility to promote our Order and to ensure that all Master Masons are fully aware of the 4 steps that are required to complete the journey in Pure Ancient Freemasonry.

To this end the Province have appointed a Lodge RA Representative in every Lodge and, Companions, make no mistake, this is not just a title it is perhaps the most important communication conduit we have between individual Craft Masons and Royal Arch Masonry.

Not only do we ask you to promote the Royal Arch at every Lodge Meeting, whether your name is on the Summons, you are asked to give a Report as part of the Agenda or perhaps you take the opportunity to raise the subject during the Third Risings, but we have now asked you to provide a report to your RA Coordinator. (There is at least one of these in every Masonic Building). You may recall we asked all Lodge Representatives to provide the Province, through their RA Coordinators the following details:

1. How many Members in the Lodge?
2. How many are RA Members?
3. How many are currently subscribing members of a Chapter?
4. How many Master Masons are in the Lodge and have yet to take the Final Step?

At the presentation of every Supreme Grand Chapter Certificate, the Provincial Officer carrying out the presentation will mention the "Indissoluble Link" between the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry and will further state that the Royal Arch really is the Foundation of the whole Masonic structure.

With this in mind let us therefore approach the new Masonic Year with an earnest intent to ensure that each and every one of us promotes the benefits of being a Member of the Order.

This matter of what we term the 3 R's, has become such an important matter that the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent has now appointed a 3 R's Team to seek to form a plan and strategy of how we can underline to those Master Masons and those Companions who have ceased membership the significant importance of taking that Fourth Regular Step.

Companions, you are the ones who can ensure our future success and, if you find that you have no work to do in your Lodge and to avoid the oft repeated Order of Business ~" To receive a talk of Masonic interest" encourage your Lodge to contact E. Comp. Geoff Weston:

g.weston699@btinternet.com and book the "Talking Heads" team. The next two presentations are at St. Nicolas Lodge No. 4846 at Kings Heath on 7th December and at Wyche Lodge No. 3638 at Worcester on 14th January.

Please look at these dates and locations and, if you know of Master Masons who have expressed interest or would like to attend, please ensure you invite them

To date the Presentation has not been given at Northfield, Malvern or Tenbury Wells Masonic Centres and the team are always on the look-out for booking opportunities. All that is asked is that you do all that is possible to maximise attendance by inviting other Lodges and Craft Masons to join you.

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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