



# Royal Arch Reps Newsletter #2

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## Words of Wisdom from the ME Pro First Grand Principal Peter Lowndes

The following quote comes from an address by the ME Pro First Grand Principal delivered at Supreme Grand Chapter on 14 November 2018.

*"I have often wondered, and, indeed, spoken about why quite so many masons, after their third degree, fail to seek those further explanations offered by the Holy Royal Arch, yet it appears that many still do not. We should not be shy about explaining to those who are not yet our Companions the benefit of ensuring that they have as complete a picture as possible of the masonic journey."*

As Royal Arch Representatives we have to be pro-active in talking and discussing our membership of the Royal Arch with those Master Masons and Past Masters who are not yet members.

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## Children at Christmas

Chippenham Masonic Hall was full of Christmas cheer on Sunday 29 November 2018 as members of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire gathered for the Children at Christmas Fundraising Lunch.

In 2015 the Provincial Grand Chapter launched its first Children at Christmas appeal. Since which the Grand Superintendent, John Reid, on behalf of the Companions of the Province has donated gifts to children's charities throughout Wiltshire. This year saw the return of the popular fundraising lunch, with the emphasis on FUN!

A number of competitions, raffles and prize draws took place, including the Grand Superintendent's Prize Draw, the £50 Lucky Key Draw and a 'guess who' competition featuring childhood pictures of members of the Provincial Team.

Throughout the fun, the Companions and their partners enjoyed a fantastic Sunday lunch prepared by the caterers at the Chippenham Masonic Hall, to whom we must make a special mention as they kindly donated some of their costs to the fundraising. The management committee of Chippenham Masonic Hall provided the excellent bar staff and made no charge for the hire of the Hall.

At the end of lunch, John Reid thanked everyone for attending and announced the lunch had raised over £2,000. In addition another £2500 had been raised previously and several Chapters in the Province had made pledges of donations. In total this would bring the amount raised this year close to £5000 - a fantastic achievement and one the Companions of the Province can be proud of.

## The Royal Arch Breast Jewel

**"The Jewel you wear incorporates the Seal of Solomon enclosed within the circle which has such importance in this Order. You must always wear this Jewel in your Craft Lodge as a visible sign of the indissoluble link between Royal Arch and Craft Masonry."**

The Jewel of the Order is that which a candidate is invested at his Exaltation. It is obligatory for a Member of the Order to wear this jewel when attending any Royal Arch convocation. When worn in a Craft lodge the Jewel of the Order takes precedence before all other jewels.

In your Craft lodge, the wearing of the breast jewel not only identifies you as a member of the Royal Arch to other Companions but Brethren who are not members, and on seeing your jewel, may enquire about the Royal Arch and how to become members of the Order.