



Royal Arch Newsletter #6

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HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER

- Attend as many meetings & rehearsals as you can
 - Support & participate
- Be prepared; make an effort to learn and perform some ritual
- Volunteer rather than waiting to be asked
- Speak to as many Companions as possible
- Be proactive and speak about the Royal Arch to your Craft Brethren. If they show interest, invite them to join
- If you cannot take office, think about how else you can contribute
 - Pay your subscription on time
 - Respond to the summons



Sp Adobe Spark

We are on Instagram . . .

The Province already has a busy Twitter account which has over 1300 followers. However, we have also taken the decision to enter the world of Instagram!

If you are on 'Insta' feel free to search for 'pgcwiltshire' and give us a follow!



Instagram

Recruitment & Retention: We All Play A Role

All Royal Arch Companions have a key role to play in the recruitment and retention of members. To keep the Royal Arch vibrant we all have to play our part.

The Stages of Recruitment:

1. Be visible – be proud of the Royal Arch and wear your Chapter Jewel, tie and lapel badge. Take the opportunity to update your Craft Lodge about the latest developments in the Province and at Supreme Grand Chapter. Suggest the 'Talking Heads' presentation if you don't have a ceremony.
2. The Private Conversation – talk to Brothers who are not yet members and gauge their interest.
3. Know your audience – follow up the private conversation as appropriate. Revisit it on a regular basis and see if anything has changed.
4. Be Honest – be clear about commitments and cost. Ensure you recommend the right Chapter for the individual (it might not be the one attached to your Lodge).

Retention starts as soon as an individual is Exalted into a Chapter and has five clear stages.

The Stages of Retention:

1. Support – encourage Lodge members who are RA Masons to attend the Exaltation ceremony.
2. Explain – take time to talk through what happened with the new Companion and discuss how they felt. Many are impressed by the colour, but confused by the ritual – put in into context for them.
3. Visit – arrange a visit to another Chapter to see another Exaltation to help the new Companion understand and feel a sense of belonging.
4. The Wider Picture – encourage attendance at Provincial Convocation.
5. Keep Contact – check in on a regular basis and let them know you are interested in their journey in the Holy Royal Arch.



Regulation 66B – An Important Message

Regulation 66B came into effect on 31 December 2016 and clarifies the status of a Royal Arch Companion who resigns totally from the Craft, that is, he no longer has a formal association with a Craft Lodge either as a subscribing or Honorary member. A Companion who has at any time been a subscribing member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England who shall have ceased by reason of an event occurring on or after the aforementioned date to be a subscribing member of every such Lodge to which he belongs shall, unless he is (a) an Honorary Member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England or (b) a subscribing member of a Lodge under a recognised Grand Lodge, cease also on the date or dates mentioned below (“the effective date(s)”) to be a subscribing member of each Chapter to which he belongs, unless in the meantime he shall have again become a subscribing member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England. In the case of each such Chapter he shall be treated as though he has resigned from that Chapter, unless at the effective date he is indebted to that Chapter, in which case he shall be treated as though he has been excluded under Regulation 71.



The effective date shall be the end of the next subscription year (he will effectively be removed from the Annual Return) after he ceases to be a subscribing member of every Lodge to which he belongs under the United Grand Lodge of England.

<https://www.pglwilts.org.uk/media/files/1485959802pglnewsletter-2017-x9feb.pdf>



**THE FEELING
YOU GET
WHEN YOU JOIN
THE ROYAL
ARCH!**



What is the Royal Arch all about?

In the three degrees of Craft masonry, a candidate is taught to address his worldly attributes - the moral code by which we conduct ourselves, our relationship with our fellow man and society at large, the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves and a code of conduct throughout life based on the five points of fellowship and the three great principals by which we live - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. In the Royal Arch, we are invited to reflect and contemplate on our own spiritual wellbeing - our relationship with God in whatever form our Supreme Being presents himself to us.

In the Craft degrees, we illustrate our teachings through the re-enactment of the building of King Solomon's Temple. In the Royal Arch, we adorn that edifice with spiritual awareness and meaning.



£500 Donation

At the recent Installation meeting of Thynne Chapter, the Three Principals presented the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp John Reid with a cheque for £500 for the Provincial Charity Fund.

Dates for the Diary
Installation Convocations in Red

Tue 5 Nov 2019	Stonehenge	6114	Salisbury
Fri 8 Nov 2019	Harmony	663	Devizes
Tue 12 Nov 2019	Agriculture	9090	Corsham
Wed 20 Nov 2019	Elias de Derham	586	Salisbury
Wed 20 Nov 2019	Friendship & Unity	1271	Bradford on Avon
Thu 21 Nov 2019	Gooch	1295	Swindon
Mon 25 Nov 2019	Lansdowne	626	Chippenham
Mon 25 Nov 2019	Concord	632	Trowbridge
Thu 28 Nov 2019	Tynne	1478	Warminster
Tues 3 Dec 2019	St Aldhelm	2888	Malmesbury
Thu 5 Dec 2019	St Edmund	4714	Calne
Tue 10 Dec 2019	Methuen	1533	Marlborough
Wed 11 Dec 2019	Wiltshire	355	Swindon
Thu 9 Jan 2020	Border	3129	Ludgershall
Fri 10 Jan 2020	Harmony	663	Devizes
Tue 14 Jan 2020	Agriculture	9090	Corsham
Wed 15 Jan 2020	Elias de Derham	586	Salisbury
Wed 15 Jan 2020	Friendship & Unity	1271	Bradford on Avon
Thu 16 Jan 2020	Gooch	1295	Swindon
Fri 24 Jan 2020	Highworth	9009	Swindon

Your Scribe E will receive a summons for each of the meetings above. If you would like to visit any of the Chapters just follow the instructions on the summons for booking in and dining. You can guarantee you will be made to feel welcome and have a great time, and there is bound to be someone you know!

NOTICE: Events You May Wish To Support

05 March 2020	Royal Arch in Camera at St Edmund Chapter No. 4714 – a presentation to explain to the Royal Arch which is very useful for recent Exaltees
17 April 2020	Talking Heads at Lodge of Fidelity No. 663 – a presentation on the Royal Arch for Master Masons

Chapter of Harmony No. 663 - 150 years and still going strong!



On 15 September, 150 years ago the Chapter of Harmony 663 was consecrated. The fantastic milestone was celebrated with a lunch at the Town Hall and present members of the Chapter presented a ceremonial Tantalus. The crystal decanters have been engraved with the chapter banner and the casing has a brass plate with all current members of the chapter engraved on it.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Excellent Companion John Reid and numerous Provincial Officers joined members of the Chapter and enjoyed a lovely three course roast lunch.

After lunch those attending then headed to the Masonic Hall in Morris Lane. On Saturday 14 September the Hall was open to the public and all the displays were available to view. These included some old Chapter minute books and various historical curiosities. The Tantalus with filled with port and accompanied by stilton, the heath of the Chapter was toasted. The Tantalus will be used at all future Installation meetings where port and cheese will be served!

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Chapter Elias de Derham No. 586

There was a full Agenda for the September Convocation of Chapter Elias de Derham No. 586 at Salisbury on Wednesday evening. Bro Ian Phillips of Stonehenge Lodge No 6114 was Exalted in an exemplary fashion with contributions from a number of the Companions of the Chapter and, especially, the three Sojourners who shared the work between them.

Following on from the Exaltation, the Chapter's new Altar was dedicated by the Provincial Executive led by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp. John Reid. The Altar had been constructed by E Comp. Geoff Grant of Chapter of Harmony who was present to see it dedicated and was thanked by the Companions for his exceptional craftsmanship. Thanks were also given to Shelagh Lound, wife of E Comp Maurice Lound, who had made the new Altar cloth.

E Comp. Colin Cheshire, Deputy Grand Superintendent, then gave an explanation of the Supreme Grand Chapter Certificate which provided a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge to a number of the Companions.

The picture shows the three Principals of the Chapter with the Provincial Executive and the new Altar and cloth.



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