



WYP Monthly Newsletter

Staffordshire Freemasons Digital News



Promotions Special



Provincial Grand Masters Address

Ladies Gentlemen and Brethren good morning/or afternoon and welcome to this meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. We're continuing to break new ground with our annual meetings, by separating the appointments and re appointments to active rank in Provincial Grand Lodge from those being promoted. This is the promotions meeting for 2025 with family and friends, wives and girlfriends' who are not masons invited to be present and to watch the proceedings.

Some of you may be wondering how it's possible for non-masons to attend a meeting such as this so ask your partners how it's done. Our membership nationally faces the numbers issue, and our own numbers are not growing as fast as we would like but quality not quantity should always be paramount. Under our membership development team, we are embarking on building together the new strategy membership plan rolled out by Grand Lodge. This we hope will start to reverse the trend. We remain good at initiating good men into freemasonry, but we are losing good men through resignations. The investment in new masons must not be wasted, we must look after them, get them involved with all aspects of our lodges. Encourage them to build their confidence on the lodge floor. Engage with them in social and fun events outside the Lodge, this is where our partners can become involved. The yet untapped talents of our new members are the future; they are our tomorrow. Look after the older members too and contact those who keep sending apologies which if left unchecked turn into resignations. Our focus in our community remains high as demonstrated last Thursday with our support of the armed forces Not Forgotten Charity and last year's announcement of the £1.8 million for the 2024 festival. We have recently been awarded the gold standard in our support of the armed forces covenant and I'm proud to say again this province was the first to sign back in September 2021. We continue to enjoy a great relationship with the Air

Ambulance and the Blood Bikes, both leaders in bringing vital health care to those in need. With our support to both masonic and non-masonic platforms, this is our opportunity to invite those who admire us for what we do to consider being a part of us, and to share what we hold dear. I wish to thank the Staffordshire masonic Family for your support enabling us to support these and other worthy causes.

Congratulations also to all those who have been promoted in Provincial Grand Lodge today, this is in recognition for the work you do in promoting and supporting freemasonry.

To our provincial team leaders and their team members some of whom are non-collared, thank you for all you do to make the province tick.

And now to all who have made today possible, to those who have set up our venue here in Burton and for looking after us, from our Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Matt Adderley and his team, to our Provincial Grand Secretary Chris Priestley and his team including Debby Bryan our office administrator who is on duty today and the Provincial Grand Stewards for all they do in the province. As we look forward to an exciting new year in the life of our wonderful Province, I thank you all for coming today. I hope you have enjoyed the day so far and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at lunch. It's a privilege to serve you as Provincial Grand Master and we can all be proud of being freemasons. Thank you all for your support throughout my tenure as Provincial Grand Master as this will be my last promotions meeting as I hand over to my successor next year. I know you will show him the warmth of your welcome and support around the province as you have shown me, enjoy your freemasonry and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and those you love.



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