



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND & WESTMORLAND of Royal Arch Masons of England

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THE TRAVELLING PEDESTAL

Dear Companion Scribe E,

Will you please make it known to all the members of your Chapter that:

In an endeavour to encourage more visiting between Royal Arch Chapters in the Province this superb 12" high model of the Pedestal, the central feature in every Royal Arch Chapter (see photo above), will be presented to the MEZ of the Chapter with the greatest number of members attending and dining at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter.

The Chapter receiving the 'Pedestal' must, within 2 months of receiving it, arrange a party of a minimum of 6 Companions (including one or more of the Principals) to visit another Chapter, preferably in another locality within the Province, to support their meeting and present the pedestal to them, using a small piece of ritual (supplied). The Chapter receiving the pedestal must then make arrangements to visit another Chapter, again, preferably in another locality, to support their meeting and present the pedestal to them and so on, so that it moves around the Province.

A logbook will accompany the pedestal into which the Names and Numbers of the presenting and receiving Chapters are entered along with the names and ranks of the Companions of the presenting Chapter accompanying the pedestal to the receiving Chapter, thus a record of the presentations and the number of Companions (as visitors) from the presenting Chapters are maintained.

The Pedestal should proceed from one Chapter to another at some period within every two months, except during the summer recess when the Chapter holding the Pedestal should make arrangements to visit another Chapter as soon as possible after the recess.

The Chapter holding the Pedestal at the date of the next Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter will (with a suitable escort party – preferably the MEZ and at least 5 other members) deliver it to the Grand Superintendent, at the Dinner following the Provincial meeting. The Grand Superintendent will announce details of the visits made and the number of Companions who have accompanied the Pedestal during its travels. He will then present it to the MEZ of the Chapter with the greatest number of members attending and dining at the current meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter and the whole process starts again.

I hope that your Chapter will support this initiative to promote more inter-Chapter visiting throughout the Province.

More information will follow, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me.

Every good wish to you and all the members of your Chapter for the coming year.

Keep up the good work.

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